

# California Community Colleges

## Comparison of CalWORKs, EOPS & CARE Programs

While there are similarities between the programs, they are distinctly different in the following ways:

	<u>CalWORKs</u>	<u>EOPS</u>	<u>CARE</u>
	California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act	Extended Opportunity Program & Services	Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
<b>Purpose</b>	Assist CalWORKs students to transition from public assistance to economic self-sufficiency (employment)	Assist EOPS students to achieve their educational goals through academic retention services	Promote the academic retention for the graduation and transfer of CARE eligible students
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-parent or single parent households</li> <li>• Parent(s) and child must be a CalWORKs /TANF recipient</li> <li>• No unit minimum – student can take credit or non-credit classes</li> <li>• Approved County Welfare to Work (WTW) plan</li> <li>• CalWORKs students must fulfill work participation requirements (20 – 35 hours per week) in order to remain in good standing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a California resident or AB 540 eligible</li> <li>• Must be eligible for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver (A or B)</li> <li>• Must enroll in minimum 12 credit units (Full-time status)</li> <li>• May not have completed more than 50 degree applicable units</li> <li>• Must be educational disadvantaged (e.g. non-high school graduate, low placement scores, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be eligible for EOPS</li> <li>• Be single-parent head of household</li> <li>• Parent or child must be a CalWORKs/TANF recipient</li> <li>• Must be at least 18 years old</li> <li>• Must have at least one child under the age of 14 at the time of acceptance</li> </ul>
<b>Services provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic, Career &amp; Personal Counseling</li> <li>• Priority Registration</li> <li>• Case management and tracking of student progress</li> <li>• Job Development and Work-Study Placement</li> <li>• Funds to provide child care to children of CalWORKs students</li> <li>• Funds to provide supporting services to students such as book vouchers, transportation and educational supplies</li> <li>• No Grants provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic, Career &amp; Personal Counseling</li> <li>• Priority Registration</li> <li>• University Application Fee Waivers</li> <li>• State funds are used to provide support services such as: book vouchers, tutoring &amp; graduation/ transfer/career activities</li> <li>• Grants when available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal vouchers</li> <li>• Bus tokens &amp; gas cards</li> <li>• Child care for sick children of CARE student(s) not provided by other resources (TLC)</li> <li>• Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law referrals</li> <li>• Supplemental grants</li> </ul>