



**Extended Opportunity Programs and Services/  
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Dear EOPS Student,

As you know, EOPS students are required to meet with their EOPS counselor three times during each semester (Fall/Spring), and one time during each intersession (Winter /Summer). This counseling contact requirement must be met regardless of student's registration status (i.e. being registered in less than 12 units), and student's academic standing (i.e. being on probation). Click on the [EOPS Counseling Contact Requirement](#) for specific spring 2010 contact deadlines.

**You are encouraged to use as many GCC student services as you need or referred to by your EOPS counselor, however, no visits with counselors outside of EOPS will count towards meeting the EOPS Counseling Contact requirement.**

**Here is how your EOPS Counseling Contact Requirement may be met:**

- Meet with your EOPS counselor on **APPOINTMENT** or **WALK-IN BASIS**
- Attend one of the **EOPS GROUP COUNSELING** sessions (see attached PDF document)
- **NOTE:** More group counseling sessions will be added. The [Group Counseling EOPS web page](#) will be updated next week to add spring 2010 information
- Attend one of the **FAFSA COMPLETION** workshops offered jointly by EOPS and Financial Aid offices (see schedule on [Workshops EOPS web page](#) and attached PDF document)
- **NOTE: No more than one contact will be counted for participating in EOPS Group Counseling sessions and EOPS FAFSA workshops**

In the upcoming semester EOPS and Financial Aid offices jointly, will be offering FAFSA Completion workshops to EOPS students to assist them with completing and submitting the 2010-2011 FAFSA on the spot. These workshops are enhanced with laptop computers.

Financial Aid "Renewals" for 2010-2011 will not be mailed to students. All students will need to fill out an on-line FAFSA. You may choose to fill out the application on your own, attend one of the FAFSA COMPLETION EOPS workshops (computer enhanced), get help from the Financial Aid Office (FAO), or attend one of the FAFSA workshops offered by the FAO available to all students. Click on the [FAO website](#) for helpful financial aid information, important deadlines and links to FAFSA and BOGW applications.

Please remember that the financial benefits you receive from the EOPS Office depend upon your eligibility for financial aid and, on whether your financial aid file has been processed or not. In order to complete the financial aid process, you not only need to submit your FAFSA, but also to follow up with the FAO to make sure that you submit all the documents that the Financial Aid Office requests in a timely manner.

Although there are different priority deadlines for state and federal financial aid, to ensure that your application is processed and that your financial aid award package is in place by the EOPS spring 2010 deadline of May 15, 2010 (for spring 2010 EOPS grant award and summer 2010/fall 2010 EOPS book voucher award), **complete the new 2010-2011 FAFSA application by March 2nd, 2010.**

Remember to visit [EOPS website](#) for additional information and helpful links.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for one of these group sessions, please stop by the EOPS Office Annex, or call us at (818)240-1000X6900.

Thank you,

EOPS Staff