

Citrus College

Position Description

Position: EOP&S/CARE Specialist	Position Number:
Department/Site:	FLSA: Non-exempt
Evaluated by:	Salary Range: 33

Summary

Promotes the enrollment and retention of economically disadvantaged students into the District. Plans, coordinates, and implements programs and activities that reach out to potential students using techniques such as speaking to community groups, organizing programs and events to enhance school readiness, and making direct contact with potential students.

Distinguishing Career Features

EOP&S/CARE is a state-sponsored program design to attract and retain economically and socially disadvantaged students into higher education. The EOP&S/CARE Specialist serves in a technical and outreach capacity to support a program. Advancement to and from this position would be based on compliance with the job qualifications.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Assists EOPS/CARE Supervisor with coordinating and performs a variety of specialized duties to support recruiting and retention of economically disadvantaged, minority and at-risk students.
- Assists with planning, organizing, and conducting outreach activities targeting economically disadvantaged students eligible for EOP&S/CARE financial assistance and/or services. Assists students with registration by inputting data onto student databases.
- Prepares and delivers advertisements, brochures, newsletters, and informational materials and consults with local print and other media to promote interest in the EOP&S/CARE program.
- Provides information to potential students regarding EOP&S/CARE application procedures and college registration, facilities, services, and the instructional program. Provides information on district policies and procedures.
- Collects and records statistical and demographic information about EOP&S/CARE students. Inputs data onto an automated information system using established data entry screens. Information is used for determining funding levels.
- Assist the director and supervisor with hiring, training and providing work direction to assigned student workers, peer counselors and volunteer staff. Completes performance evaluations and resolves performance issues as needed. Terminates student tutors and peer counselors as needed.
- Assists in planning, coordinating and implementing the Summer Bridge Program for

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EOP&S/CARE. Assists supervisor with monitoring and resolving issues and problems associated with the program. Prepares and distributes advertisements for the program. Calculates cost projections and provides to the director. Orders materials and supplies for the program as authorized. Verifies attendance of participants and instructors.

- Assists in providing guidance, support and assistance to students concerning class schedules, career goals, instructors, and academic progress. Assists students in resolving problems and in communicating effectively with others.
- Establishes and maintains records of student contact. Inputs student data and follow-up as needed with telephone calls and correspondence.
- Assist with preparing informational EOP&S/CARE materials including newsletter articles. Prepares and distributes statistics on EOP&S/CARE students and send to appropriate personnel for assessment.
- Refer students to various community employment and social service organizations such as the Hi-Desert Mental Health Department, Department of Social Services, employment/unemployment offices, and other local businesses.
- Assist in planning, organizing, and providing a variety of student support services and workshops, and advisory board meetings.
- Communicate with student services personnel, faculty and student body groups to exchange information and coordinate activities.
- Performs other duties as assigned that support the overall objective of the position.

Qualifications

▪ Knowledge and Skills

The position requires in-depth knowledge of state-funded programs and resources encompassing socially and economically disadvantaged students. Requires a working knowledge of higher education certificate and degree requirements that can accommodate disadvantaged students. Requires a working knowledge of Title V, EOP&S/CARE and other related state regulations. Requires knowledge of the social and cultural programs that can enhance student retention. Requires a working knowledge of funding sources and requirements, as well as the services that may be available to students from other agencies. Requires sufficient human relations skill to convey technical concepts to students, exercise patience, and make presentations secondary schools and outside agencies. Requires sufficient language and writing skills to prepare reports and correspondence. Requires working knowledge of common office productivity software such as student databases, word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation graphics. Requires math skills sufficient to maintain financial and statistical records.

▪ Abilities

Requires the ability to carry out all aspects of the position. Requires the ability to implement programs and services that enhance disadvantage student admission, retention, and outplacement into the job market. Requires the ability to demonstrate sensitivity to a diverse population of individuals. Requires the ability to determine student eligibility to

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participate in special-funded programs by interpreting rules and regulations. May require the ability to perform work assignments at all college locations and off-campus settings.

- **Physical Abilities**

Requires sufficient ambulatory ability to move to various work locations. Requires manual hand-eye-arm coordination to use a personal computer. Requires the ability to retrieve, lift, push, pull, and carry lightweight materials on an occasional basis. Requires sufficient hearing and auditory ability to carry on conversations in one-on-one and small group settings and deliver in-service type presentations. Requires near visual acuity to read printed materials.

- **Education and Experience**

The position requires graduation from high school or the equivalent, and four years of experience working with special populations. Associate's degree in a social science or education, preferred.

- **Licenses and Certificates**

May require a valid driver's license.

- **Working Conditions**

Work is performed indoors where minimal safety considerations exist.