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TO: EOPS Directors and CARE Coordinators
FROM: Rod Tarrer, Dean of Student Services 
SUBJECT: Title 5 Regulations - EOPS Eligibility and Provision of Services
for Special Academic and Vocational Majors

Synopsis: The intent of this memorandum is to provide clarification regarding Section 56226 of Title 5 regulations governing the administration of EOPS, which specifies limitations on student eligibility for EOPS. Section 56226 states:

A student who has met the EOPS eligibility requirements and who participates without term-to-term interruption, shall continue to be eligible until the student:
(a) *has completed 70 degree applicable credit units of instruction, or has completed consecutively six semester terms or nine quarter terms of enrollment. Time spent by the enrolled in remedial courses, including remedial level English as a Second Language courses, shall not be included when computing the requirements of this subsection. The EOPS director may waive this limitation only in cases where students are enrolled in programs which require more than 70 units, or which require prerequisites that would exceed the limitations.*
(b) *has failed to meet the terms, conditions, and follow-up provisions of the student education plan and/or the EOPS mutual responsibility contract.*

The Chancellor's Office has interpreted this regulation to mean that EOPS-CARE-eligible special majors may receive EOPS-CARE services for as long as they are enrolled in good academic standing in the program. Special academic and vocational majors include those students enrolled in programs, such as nursing, which require more than 70 degree-applicable units and six semesters or which require prerequisites that would exceed the limitations. This section does not and was never intended to apply to students who change their majors and/or educational goals.

It should also be noted that in accordance with Board of Governors policy all community college students are limited to no more than 30 units earned from all remedial education coursework as determined by the district/college. Remedial education coursework may include basic skills, remedial level English as a Second Language and non-degree-applicable coursework. This policy also applies to EOPS-CARE students who need remedial coursework and cannot be waived by the Chancellor's Office. The 30 units of remedial level coursework may be discounted from the evaluation of individual transcripts for the purpose of determining student eligibility for EOPS-CARE services and are therefore not applied toward the 70 units limitation.

Action Requested/Date of Response: Please implement these regulations and interpretation of policies immediately as they apply to eligible EOPS-CARE students.

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