Post Baccalaureate Support Programs

**GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (GOP)**

To further expand educational opportunity and to promote graduate and professional study, tuition assistance is provided to students who are graduates of the Educational Opportunity Program or similar NYS access programs (i.e. HEOP, SEEK/CD). Funding support is contingent upon the availability of resources and attendance at a participating SUNY campus that awards graduate degrees. All students must first apply and be accepted into a graduate school prior to being considered for the Graduate Opportunity Program waiver. Students should inquire about the availability of GOP tuition waivers at the campus to which they are accepted.

**ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FIRST PROFESSIONAL STUDY (EDPS)**

Limited resources are available to economically disadvantaged NYS residents who are pursuing first professional study programs. Professional study may include: optometry, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and law. Qualified students should contact the campus graduate office for application instructions.
What is EOP?
The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) was signed into law in 1967 making it possible for students who have limited financial resources and are academically underprepared to pursue higher education.

Program Services
Students may receive academic and modest financial support. Academic support services include:
- Academic Advisement
- Skill development (e.g. time management, organizational and study skills)
- Individual and group counseling
- Laptop and scientific calculator loans for academic success

Academic Eligibility
To be eligible for admission to the EOP candidates must:
- Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent
- Meet the New York State residency requirements
- HS GPA 70-85; passing score on both Algebra 1 and ELA Regents exam with one score between 65-78
- Successfully complete the EOP Pre-Freshman Program

Economic Eligibility (Academic Year 2020-2021)

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* For families with more than 8 persons, add $8,288 for each additional person

INCOME GUIDELINES DO NOT APPLY IF:
- The student’s family is the recipient of Family Assistance or Safety Net payments through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; or through a county department of Social Services; or Family Day Care payments through NYS Office of Children and Family Assistance
- The student is in foster care as established by the court or a ward of state/county

Financial Aid
Apply for federal and state aid:
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application
- Most student financial packages may include grants; PELL, TAP, SEOG
Use NCC FAFSA code - 002873 and NCC TAP code - 2113

Foster Youth College Success Initiative
- Students who are foster youth, orphaned or wards of the court are eligible for additional services and funding

Pre-Freshman Summer Program
(Duration: 4 weeks; M-TH; 8:30am-3pm)
First-time EOP students are required to participate in the Summer Academic Institute geared towards:
- Improving student reading, writing, mathematical and critical thinking skills
- Strengthening study and organizational skills
- Preparing students for the academic, social, psychological and personal adjustments to college
- Pass/Fail grading implemented by college professors

Transfer Through EOP
- Transfer in to EOP at NCC if you have been enrolled in EOP, College Discovery, HEOP (Higher Education Opportunity Program), SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) at your previous institution
- EOP status may follow you if your new institution participates in EOP, HEOP, College Discovery, SEEK contingent upon space availability

NCC EOP Expectations
- Must be a first-time and full-time student (12+ credits)
- Meet with Education Advocate on a regular basis
- Attend all EOP events
- Abide by all rules and regulations set in the NCC EOP contract
- Adhere to all NCC policies and procedures

Interview may be required for admission