



# EOPS & SSS Newsletter

College of the Siskiyous

## Special points of interest:

- \* Yreka orientation August 6
- \* Orientations begin August 10 in Weed
- \* Check page 2 for times and location of orientations
- \* Check out EOPS/CARE & SSS on the COS website



## Welcome back

We hope that you had a great summer and are ready for a new semester at College of the Siskiyous. We want you to have a successful semester. With that in mind, the staff in the EOPS/CARE & SSS office can help you, we are here for you! The staff as well as the student workers can help answer any questions or lead you in the right direction. Don't hesitate to ask us a question, give us a call, or just stop by the office to say Hi. We encourage alumni to keep in contact with us too!

Remember, there are a lot of resources and people on campus to help you succeed. If you want to join a club on campus, join the PTK, struggling in a class, need to drop a class, or have

personal issues, there is someone on campus that could help you—JUST ASK!!!

Start off the semester right— plan ahead for big assignments, plan for your upcoming week, plan a specific time to study each day, and plan time for yourself. Don't get behind. Plan on studying many hours a week in addition to attending class. Each class syllabus should have how many hours you are expected to study for that class.

Again, welcome back and we are looking forward to meeting our new students.

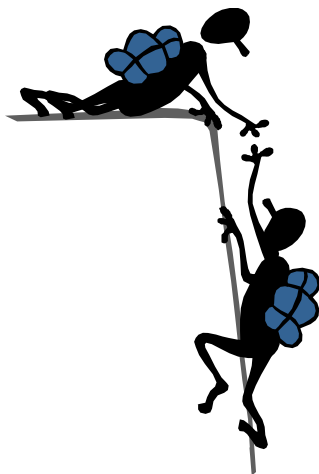
EOPS and SSS Staff



**Study Smart!**

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## Orientations

Since you have been accepted into EOPS and/or SSS, you must now attend an orientation for each program that you are a participant. There is a schedule of various times and dates of orientations. You must only attend one for each program that you are a participant.

You will receive your book voucher

and a goodie bag filled with a notebook, pen, pencil, highlighter, and office kit at the EOPS orientation. Attend an EOPS orientation early and you will be able to get your books to get ready for the semester. Take a look inside this newsletter for the dates, times, and location of the orientations.

**Orientations...**

**EOPS**



**SSS**



**Are you  
eligible for  
CARE?**

### EOPS Orientations

NEW EOPS students:

Yreka—August 6 at 10 to 11:30am  
(In Tech Center 1 & 2)

Weed—August 10 at 11am to 12:30pm

August 11 at 3 to 4:30pm

August 12 at 11am to 12:30pm

August 14 at 2 to 3:30pm

(All Weed dates are in Life Science 3)

CONTINUING EOPS students:

Yreka—August 6 at 11:30am to 1pm  
(In Tech Center 1 & 2)

Weed—August 10 at 2 to 3:30pm

August 11 at 10 to 11:30am

August 12 at 2 to 3:30pm

August 14 at 10 to 11:30am

More orientations if you can't make any of the other ones (for new or continuing students):

Weed—August 17 at 2 to 3:30pm

August 18 at 3 to 4:30pm

August 19 at 2:30 to 4pm

August 20 at 8 to 9:30am

(Orientation will begin promptly, so please be there on time and plan to stay for the entire 1 1/2 hours)

### SSS Orientations

NEW SSS students:

Yreka—August 6 at 9 to 10am  
(in Tech Center 1 & 2)

Weed—August 10 at 10 to 11am

August 11 at 2 to 3pm

August 12 at 10 to 11am

August 14 at 3:30 to 4:30pm

(All Weed dates are in Life Science 3)

CONTINUING SSS students:

Yreka—August 6 at 9 to 10am  
(In Tech Center 1 & 2)

Weed—August 10 at 1 to 2pm

August 11 at 9 to 10am

August 12 at 1 to 2pm

August 14 at 9 to 10am

More orientations if you can't make any of the other ones (for new or continuing students):

Weed—August 17 at 1 to 2pm

August 18 at 2 to 3pm

August 19 at 1:30 to 2:30pm

August 20 at 11am to 12pm

### CARE

If you are already in EOPS and you are:

- At least 18 years old.
- Single head of household
- Receiving benefits through CalWORKS or TANF program
- Have at least one child under 14 years old

Then you could be eligible for CARE.

CARE can assist you with child care costs while attending school, gas vouchers, course required materials, and personal support and encouragement to succeed.

If you think you might be eligible, call or stop by the EOPS/CARE Office for a CARE application and Agency Certification form.

### Website



How to navigate through college...

You can find quite a bit on the College of the Siskiyous website! Check out the new website. The EOPS/CARE and SSS webpages have a lot of information about the programs. Check it out: [www.siskiyous.edu/eopscare](http://www.siskiyous.edu/eopscare) and [www.siskiyous.edu/ssscare](http://www.siskiyous.edu/ssscare).

## 6 Associate Degree Jobs that Earn Over 50K

(by Amelia Gray from [Encarta.degreesandtraining.com](http://Encarta.degreesandtraining.com))

### Dental Hygienist:

Working closely with dentists to perform clinical tasks, dental hygienists have their patients' comfort and safety in their hands. If you're interested in working in health care but worried about the educational commitment required, earning an associate degree in dental hygiene is one option. Hygienists are needed in dentist offices, clinics and research laboratories.

**Salary:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that dental hygienists saw mean annual wages of \$64,910 in 2007.

*Shasta College offers an AS in Dental Hygiene*

### Nurse:

Put your empathy to good use by training to become a nurse. An associate degree is one of three paths towards the profession, the other two being a bachelor's degree and a diploma. With the associate degree plus certification, you can become a registered nurse and practice in a range of health care backgrounds. **Salary:** The BLS notes that in 2007, nurses earned mean annual wages of \$62,480. With more education, specialization and even higher wages may be possible. *College of the Siskiyous offers a CNA, LVN & the LVN-RN Upgrade program.*

### Electrical Engineering Technician:

Think of working as an electrical engineering technician as having a true behind-the-scenes job. Wherever communication devices, computers, medical monitoring, and other electrical devices are being developed, maintained, and monitored, electrical engineering technicians are there. The work of technicians is more application-oriented than that of engineers, giving you a chance to really focus. **Salary:** Electrical engineering technicians saw mean average earnings of \$52,470 in 2007, the BLS reports. Go on to receive your bachelor's degree and enjoy even higher earnings. *Chabot College offers this degree in collaboration with Lawrence Livermore Labs*

### Fashion Designer:

Do you have a passion for fashion? Training to become a fashion designer gives you a chance to look closely at the industry you love. Courses in patternmaking, textiles, marketing and other aspects of the industry help you find focus in the field.

**Salary:** The BLS reports that fashion designers earned mean annual of \$71,170. Earnings vary greatly by position and location; be ready to work your way up the ladder. Santa Rosa Junior College and Cuesta College (among many others) offer an AA in Fashion Design.

### Paralegal:

Whether you're interested in eventually working your way into law school or you're simply fascinated by the criminal justice system and interested in working behind the scenes, a career as a paralegal may be right up your alley. An associate degree in paralegal studies give you the basic law instruction you'll need. **Salary:** BLS reports average earnings to be \$47,600. Shasta College and College of the Redwoods offer degrees in Paralegal Studies (among many other Community Colleges throughout California).

### Computer Support Specialists:

Working as a support specialist means you're the guru everyone goes to with their network and computer system questions. While some support careers may require a bachelor's degree, an associate degree is a common choice for many technical and support careers. **Salary:** In 2007 the mean annual wage for a computer support specialist was \$45,300. The College of the Siskiyous offers an AS and certificates in Computer Science, Game Design, PC Network/Hardware/Software and Web Design.

*Career facts by Kim Lopez*



## High Earning AA/AS Degrees at COS...

- *Administration of Justice (Police Officer/FBI)*
- *Accounting*
- *Emergency Medical Technology/ Paramedic*
- *Fire/Emergency Response Technology*
- *Welding*

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### Important Dates

- August 3** Counseling starts
- August 17** Fall semester begins
- September 7** Labor Day Holiday
- September 11** Last day to drop without posting "W" on record
- September 21 - October 2** First Progress Check In
- October 9** No classes
- October 19-30** Second Progress Check In
- November 2** Registration begins for Spring 2010
- November 11** Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 26 & 27** Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 1-17** End of Semester Check In
- December 17** Counseling ends/Fall semester ends



Be sure to meet with a counselor at least twice during the semester.