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HEOP
ARTHUR O. EVE
HIGHER EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

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COLLEGE

FOR THOSE WITH A PASSION TO GET AHEAD



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ARTHUR O. EVE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (HEOP)

The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) was created in 1969 by the New York State Legislature to help New York residents, with academic and financial need, gain access to the state's private colleges and universities. Students who meet the eligibility requirements are required to apply for New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Federal PELL Grant. The College may award additional funds to meet the cost of tuition and such personal expenses as books and transportation. The HEOP Program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. The goals of HEOP are to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and to facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next.

RECRUITMENT

PRE-FRESHMAN SUMMER PROGRAM

Entering students are required to take part in a pre-freshman summer program. The summer program is designed to orient students to college life, initiate a program of academic skills building and acquaint students with the services available through HEOP.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Eligible students are accepted for fall and spring only.

HEOP-SERVING MERCY COLLEGE STUDENTS SINCE 1969

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HEOP YOU MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Have been a resident of New York State for one year preceding your term of entry into HEOP.
2. Possess a high school diploma, a state-approved diploma or its equivalent. The equivalent of a general equivalency diploma is defined as being one of the following:
 - ▶ An Armed Forces Equivalency Diploma, with a minimum score of 40 on each test section and a minimum composite score of 225.
 - ▶ A level of knowledge and academic ability equal to the level required for entrance to the educational opportunity program at the institution to which the individual seeks admission.
3. Be educationally disadvantaged. An educationally disadvantaged student is a student who otherwise would not be accepted as a matriculated student under the institution's normal admissions standards in the degree program for which application is made. At open admissions institutions, an educationally disadvantaged student must meet one of the following criteria:
 - ▶ Possess a high school equivalency diploma
 - ▶ Possess the equivalent of a GED
 - ▶ Have no high school diploma
 - ▶ Meet other acceptable academic criteria, which differentiate the HEOP student from regularly admitted students (e.g., lower test scores, lower GED scores)
4. Have the potential and motivation for successful completion of college.
5. Be economically disadvantaged.
6. Have been in an approved opportunity program (if a transfer student).



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SERVICES PROVIDED

1. ACADEMIC ADVISING

- ▶ Assist students in selecting the proper courses necessary to satisfy academic requirements for the successful completion of a bachelor's degree. You will have the opportunity to take noncredit and credit developmental courses. These courses provide instruction in basic skills, reading, writing, vocabulary, mathematics and other areas of study.
- ▶ Tutorial Services - HEOP provides you with tutorial services to assist with your academic courses.

2. COUNSELING

- ▶ Academic Counseling - Assist students in choosing a major by exploring their strengths and weakness.
Provide students with strategies for coping with academic difficulties
Advise students, using Mid-Semester Evaluation Forms (Progress Reports)
- ▶ Intervention Counseling - Intensive individual sessions emphasizing methods necessary for retention and avoiding probation or dismissal.
- ▶ Personal Counseling-Provided on short-term basis to assist students in resolving any personal problems that may affect their academic performance
- ▶ Career Exploration - Explore career options through counseling and referrals
- ▶ Referral Services - Through networking, students with problems, which cannot be solved in the college setting, are referred to outside agencies.

3. FINANCIAL AID

- ▶ Tuition waivers for summer courses
- ▶ Provide assistance in completing applications and obtaining financial aid
- ▶ Provide book vouchers to students who qualify

4. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Provide students with opportunities to participate in cultural events such as: Broadway plays, Repertory Theater, dance ensembles, lectures, Leadership Day and regional activities.

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