We invite you to take part in an important study - the Pell Grant Experiment (PGE). The United States Department of Education has selected a handful of colleges across the country to participate in an exciting and beneficial Pell Grant Experiment. Everett Community College is the only college participating in the state of Washington.

The purpose of the experiment is to determine the impact of expanding the Pell Grant eligibility criteria for income-eligible students enrolling in occupational training, and help inform policy officials on the effects of expanding Pell Grant access on educational attainment, student debt, employment, and earnings.

To be considered for the study, you must:

1. Complete the 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet all federal eligibility requirements.

2. Enroll in one of the approved programs listed below.

   - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
   - Healthcare Risk Management
   - Nursing Assistant Certificate (NAC)
   - Manufacturing Pre-employment Certificate
   - Phlebotomy Technician Training

3. Pick up forms at the Financial Referral Center: Everett Community College Pell Grant Agreement Form and Everett Community College Financial Aid Data Form to review, complete, and sign. Return the two forms to:

   Sharon Allen, Program Specialist II, Financial Referral Center, Parks Building, Room #308
   sallen@everettcc.edu 425-388-9166

Selection Process

Eligible students who complete the FAFSA and submit the Pell Grant Experiment Agreement Form and Pell Grant Experiment Financial Aid Data Form will be forwarded to the Department of Education contractor, who will then select the participants using a lottery method. While not every applicant will be chosen, the experiment creates an opportunity for a student, who would not normally qualify, to receive the Pell Grant. The lottery-style selection method is to insure that participants in the study are assigned to either Group One or Group Two (see below) in a fair and equitable manner. Everyone who agrees to join the PGE study will have an equal chance to receive Pell Grant funding, if eligible. Students who have earned a Bachelor’s Degree will not be eligible to participate in the study.

If you agree to be a participant in this program, you will be assigned one of two groups:

- **Group One:**
  - You may be eligible to receive Pell Grant to be applied to the costs of the program, up to the amount of Pell Grant for which you qualify. Any costs over and above what the Pell Grant does not cover, will be the responsibility of the student. The PGE study will track your educational attainment, student debt, employment, and earnings

- **Group Two:**
  - You will not be eligible to receive Pell Grant, and the study will track your educational attainment, student debt, employment, and earnings.

Data from participating students from both groups will be evaluated by the United States Department of Education and Everett Community College. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, and the participation in this study is voluntary. Information received by the PGE Program Administration staff will be used only for the purpose of the study, and will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law.

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