What Is an “Open Section” and Why Is It Important?

An OPEN section:

In the Online Schedule of Classes (schedule.berkeley.edu)...
A discussion section is considered “open” when the number of enrolled students has not reached the limit, and there are available seats. There may or may not be students on the wait list.

A FULL section:

Why is it important that I’m wait listed for an open section?
Lecture and section enrollment must be concurrent. If you are wait-listed for a full section, you will be skipped over when space in the lecture opens up.

Tele-Bears does not show a wait list number for my section; am I enrolled in it?
No. Tele-Bears only shows a lecture wait list. You are wait listed for the section if you are wait-listed for the lecture.

What should I do if the section I’m wait listed for is full?
Switch sections. You may do so by using the “Switch Sections” function on Tele-Bears. Do NOT drop the class and re-enroll. Hours of Tele-Bears accessibility are available on registrar.berkeley.edu.

Can I stay with my current section?
You can. Keep in mind that you cannot enroll in the class unless another student drops from your particular section.

I just switched sections; why am I still wait-listed?
Switching into an empty section makes enrollment possible, but you would remain wait-listed until the next time enrollment is processed.