

TRiO Student Support Services

Mission: TRiO Student Support Services increases opportunities for academic success for first-generation and/or low-income students and students with disabilities. Our program does this by actively providing comprehensive academic support services and encouragement to our participants. Our overarching goal is to increase graduation and baccalaureate transfer rates for our students and to foster a climate supportive of the success of SSS-eligible students.

Services & Programs

TRiO participants receive: Academic advising, study skill information, specific transfer advising, textbook lending, field trips to 4-year institutions, access to cultural events, career and & strength assessments, information on full range of financial aid programs and benefits, assistance in completing financial aid and scholarship applications, limited financial planning, and TRiO grant aid for Pell-Eligible students in good standing with unmet financial need.

TRiO Staff also help foster a campus environment supportive of SSS-eligible students.

2009-2010 Priorities

Meet or Exceed Program Objectives:

- Providing service to at least 200 participants
- 70% of participants will maintain a good academic standing
- 25% of participants will graduate within three years of program entry
- 25% of participants will transfer on to a four-year institution within three years of program entry
- 60% of participants will persist from one academic year to the next as measured by graduation, transfer, or continued enrollment.

Submit a successful TRiO SSS application to the Department of Education to secure funding for 2011-2015.

Design and implement a workshop series on financial literacy for students.

Student Learning Outcomes

Through active participation in the program, TRiO participants will develop mastery in the following areas:

Responsibility - Participants will identify and comply with clearly stated expectations, policies and procedures for the TRiO program.

Critical Thinking - Participants will use appropriate reasoning to evaluate problems, make decisions, and formulate solutions.

Financial Literacy - Participants will be able to design and follow a well developed budget plan for college.

Technology – Participants will be technologically competent, and effectively utilize email, internet, and major software programs.