TRIO Student Support Services: The Treasure Map to Academic Achievement for Underrepresented College Students at UNT.

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TRIO Student Support Services

The UNT TRIO Student Support Services (SSS), funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is a program dedicated to increasing the retention, good academic standing, and graduation rates for around 250 first-generation, low-income, and/or students with documented disabilities. The SSS program exists to empower its students to achieve academic success through a holistic advising approach. Students also gain exclusive access to additional student-centered services which include tutoring, financial literacy, education, peer mentoring, and cultural enrichment activities to address structural academic and social challenges SSS students encounter throughout their UNT college tenure. Through the program, students develop successful collegiate pathways which lead to the ultimate academic achievement objective—graduation.

SSS Objectives

The Student Support Services program at UNT will meet the following grant objectives:

- 87% of all participants served will persist from one academic year to the beginning of the next academic year.
- 90% of all enrolled participants served by SSS will meet the performance level required to stay in good academic standing at UNT.
- 57% of new participants served each year will graduate within six (6) years.

Methods: UNT Student Support Services Program Services

- Advising
- Tutoring
- Financial Literacy
- Graduate School Preparation
- Peer Mentoring
- Cultural Enrichment Activities
- Book Club

Mission Statement

The Student Support Services (SSS) program at the University of North Texas is devoted to providing timely, student-centered programming to increase the academic success, retention, and graduation rates of SSS students. This mission is accomplished by providing a purposeful set of comprehensive services to support the individual students’ academic, personal, and financial needs at UNT.

Vision Statement

Student Support Services (SSS) exists to serve, support, and inspire students “to soar” to their maximum collegiate potential.

2014.15 Student Support Services Demographics

- Double Qualifier: 25%
- First Generation: 30%
- Low Income: 35%
- Students with Documented Disabilities: 8%

Good Academic Standing Objective Goal: 8%

Graduation Rate Objective Goal: 50%