TRIO Student Support Services

What is our purpose?

SSS is a U.S. Department of Education TRIO program whose purpose is to increase retention, graduation and transfer rates of first generation, low income and/or disabled college students enrolled in Georgia State University’s Perimeter College. This is achieved through an interconnected series of academic, personal, and social support services that empower students toward success.

TRIO SSS offers:

• Counseling services
• Tutorial support
• Financial aid assistance
• Academic advisement and transfer assistance
• Scholastic and life skills development
• Academic coaching
• Technology-To-Go program
• Cultural exposure events/activities

To apply for services, please come to the TRIO Student Support Services offices. There are three locations:

**Clarkston Campus**
555 N. Indian Creek Dr.
Building CB 1400
Clarkston, GA 30021
678-891-3145

**Decatur Campus**
3251 Panthersville Rd.
Building SA 2400
Decatur, GA 30034
678-891-2790

**Dunwoody Campus**
2101 Womack Road
Building NT 1100
Dunwoody, GA 30338
770-274-5230

TRIO Student Support Services is a federal grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
TRIO SSS participants:

• Are linked with admissions counselors at four-year colleges and/or universities.
• Receive guidance in choosing the four-year college that is most suitable for their academic needs and lifestyle.
• Receive assistance with the entire transfer process, which helps to ease their transition into a four-year college program.

TRIO SSS Featured Services:

Counseling Services
SSI has trained staff available to assist students in their educational development, career exploration and personal/social growth. These services are provided to enable students to perform at their full potential. The types of counseling services available are:
• Individual counseling
• Group counseling
• Academic planning and transfer counseling
• Career counseling

Tutorial Support
The TRIO SSS tutorial component provides a structured learning experience that enhances reading, writing, math and critical thinking skills. Computer resources and tutors are available to assist students in reaching their educational goals. Students benefit from:
• Increased learning in challenging subject areas
• Extended tutorial sessions
• Assigned tutors
• Prompt and courteous service
• Flexible appointments to fit the schedules of SSS students

Financial Aid Assistance
SSI provides financial aid assistance by awarding supplemental grant aid to eligible participants. SSI also offers scholarship information and provides education and/or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of SSI participants. These services give students an opportunity to:
• Reduce student loan debt
• Pay for more college courses, which will decrease matriculation time at PC
• Learn how to improve and better manage their financial lives

Academic Advisement and Transfer Assistance
The academic advisement and transfer component is designed to increase the rate of participants who transfer into baccalaureate programs at four-year colleges or universities. Counselors assist with advising and transfer by helping students to decide on the most appropriate institution(s) for their course of study, disseminating information, sponsoring trips to college campuses, and offering advisement of transferable courses. Such assistance provides for a less complicated transfer process.

Scholastic and Life Skills Development
To further assist students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, confidence, ability and motivation to increase their human potential, SSI offers academic and personal workshops/ informational sessions, events and activities in the areas of:
• College success
• Study skills preparation
• Time management
• Test-taking skills
• Identifying campus resources
• Financial aid acquisition and management
• Transfer services
• Personal empowerment
• Career planning and development
• Achievement celebrations

Academic Coaching
The coaches help to increase student persistence and course completion rates by providing the following:
• Individual services that connect students to resources
• Additional levels of academic support and accountability (personal sessions, with success plans and monitoring, etc.)
• Proven success strategies, such as regular check points to include text messages, emails, social networking, etc.

Technology-To-Go Program
The Technology-To-Go program allows SSI participants to borrow laptop computers, scientific calculators, and tape recorders for a limited time during each semester of enrollment at the college. This service is only open to active SSI participants (please note: additional stipulations apply).

Technology-To-Go benefits students by:
• Facilitating increased academic performance by providing students with portable access to technology at and away from the college.
• Improving students’ technological skills.
• Increasing access to premium equipment without students incurring the significant costs of ownership.

Cultural Exposure Events/Activities
To broaden students’ experiences and perspectives beyond their environment, SSI offers opportunities for cultural awareness. SSI gives participants the opportunity to attend numerous cultural events throughout the year. All events are free of charge to students. Events to which students are exposed include:
• Cultural and educational excursions
• Theater performances
• Musical concerts
• Museums