

ABOUT TRINIDAD STATE

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

TRiO Student Support Program

Trinidad State College offers several federally funded programs designed to assist students in achieving success. TRIO programs offered at TSC include:

- Educational Opportunity Center
- Student Support Services

TRiO Educational Opportunity Center

The Southern Colorado Educational Opportunity Center at Trinidad State College is one of five in the State of Colorado. It is a federally funded program in which the efforts are geared toward serving the “nontraditional” student, generally meaning those individuals returning to school after a long absence, and also those with dependents. Although high school juniors and seniors can be assisted with various college forms and applications, priority is given to those who are: 1) low-income; 2) first-generation (those whose parents do not have a four-year college degree); and 3) other. Each participant receives information about postsecondary education, admissions, and financial aid guidelines and opportunities. Clients will also be given intensive assistance in filling out forms, initial direction in selecting the most appropriate course of study, and extensive follow-up toward completing the educational objectives of the participant. The Trinidad EOC office is located in Berg 201. The phone number is 719-846-5689.

TRiO Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a college-sponsored, federally funded program designed to assist qualified students in pursuit of post-secondary education. Students involved in the SSS program are more than twice as likely to remain in college as those students from similar backgrounds who do not participate in the program. Services include the development of an individualized academic success plan; personal career counseling; tutoring and study group assistance to achieve academic success; learning outside the traditional classroom through cultural tours; visitations to four-year campuses to attend orientation sessions with advisors, faculty, and students; and advising in the selection of a four-year college or university.

Student Support Services (SSS) at both campuses of Trinidad State College help first-generation and low-income students stay in college and meet their educational goals. Eligible participants may receive the following services

- Tutoring and study group assistance for any student in any TSC course.
- Drop-in assistance in completing writing assignments for any course.
- Drop-in assistance for all students in any level of mathematics.
- State-of-the-art computer lab for word processing and writing assignments.
- Financial Aid guidance and counseling including assistance with completion of applications and forms.
- Grant aid for qualified participants.
- Guidance in identifying a course of study & defining career goals for SSS eligible students.
- Advising and visits (all expenses paid) to assist in transferring to a four-year college or university for SSS eligible students.

Student Support Services are located in the Berg Building Room 209 on Trinidad Campus and in the Welcome Center on the Valley Campus. For additional information, call (719) 846-5665 on the Trinidad Campus or (719) 589-7063 on the Valley Campus.