ASPIRE-STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

WHO ARE WE?

UW-Stout's ASPIRE-Student Support Services office facilitates two Student Support Services (SSS) programs, funded by federal TRiO grants. Services provide access to a wide range of academic assistance for 430 student participants. SSS offers its students a variety of supplemental services which include the following:

- Individual academic advising
- Individual writing support
- Career counseling
- College study skills
- Peer mentoring and math tutoring
- Financial planning assistance
- Access to cultural, civic engagement and leadership development programming
- Graduate school preparation
- Limited student grant aid

More than 1,000 similar programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Education at colleges and universities across the country. National studies have documented that these programs are successful in increasing the retention and graduation rates of participating students.

ASPIRE is a great program and being part of it has changed my life in a number of ways. They have helped me through a tough class, and I also learned how to communicate better with others. The ASPIRE staff has given me the motivation to continue to do my job as an RA and have helped me to believe in myself.

JuMoke Owens
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Mariah Marx, UW-Stout

LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND COURSES

ASPIRE-SSS offers a number of courses to enhance your success inside and outside of the classroom. Work with your ASPIRE advisor or your academic advisor to help register for these courses. All courses carry a tuition-waiver and are only available to eligible students.

Why make your way through those first classes, tests, papers and projects alone, when you can be a part of the ASPIRE-SSS community and have the support of friends?

Enroll in ASPIRE-SSS and you will:

- develop friendships with like-minded students and faculty
- participate in out-of-classroom activities that relate to your learning
- experience campus involvement
- establish a support network that can enhance your academic success

ASPIRE-SSS tuition-waived success courses:

- Strategies for Academic Success
  (2 credit tuition-waived)
- Career Exploration Seminar
  (1 credit tuition-waived)

Link these college success courses with a general elective to deepen your college transition experiences with the same group of students.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Eligible students must be first generation, income eligible (generally receiving the PELL grant) and/or students with disabilities. Income eligible students receive priority acceptance in to the program.

ASPIRE-SSS eligibility criteria:

- Pell Grant eligible through Federal Financial Aid
  or
- First generation college student (neither parent has graduated with a four-year degree)
  or
- Student with a documented disability on record with the Disability Services office on campus.

Getting to be a part of the ASPIRE office makes me feel like I am at home because of the supporting people who have helped me. I am thankful for all the opportunities offered through the ASPIRE office.

Whitney Befort-Paul
Sophomore,
Special Education

TRANSFERRING TO UW-STOUT?

Transfer students will find a welcoming community, programs and services to enhance your academic success.

The ASPIRE Program has been so helpful during my transfer to UW-Stout. The staff is so friendly and welcoming. ASPIRE has exceptional resources, such as writing and math assistance and workshops offered throughout the semester. They have helped me become successful at Stout.

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MORE INFORMATION

TRiO
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

ABOUT

"TRiO" refers to a series of programs, funded under the Higher Education Act of 1965, created to assist disadvantaged Americans in overcoming class, social and cultural barriers to higher education. The term TRiO was coined to represent the initial three programs, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and Student Support Services. Currently there are 2,600 TRiO Programs throughout the United States, 937 of which are Student Support Services Programs.

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Student Support Services are federally funded TRiO programs, UW-Stout ASPIRE-SSS - $566,879 annually (U.S. Department of Education)

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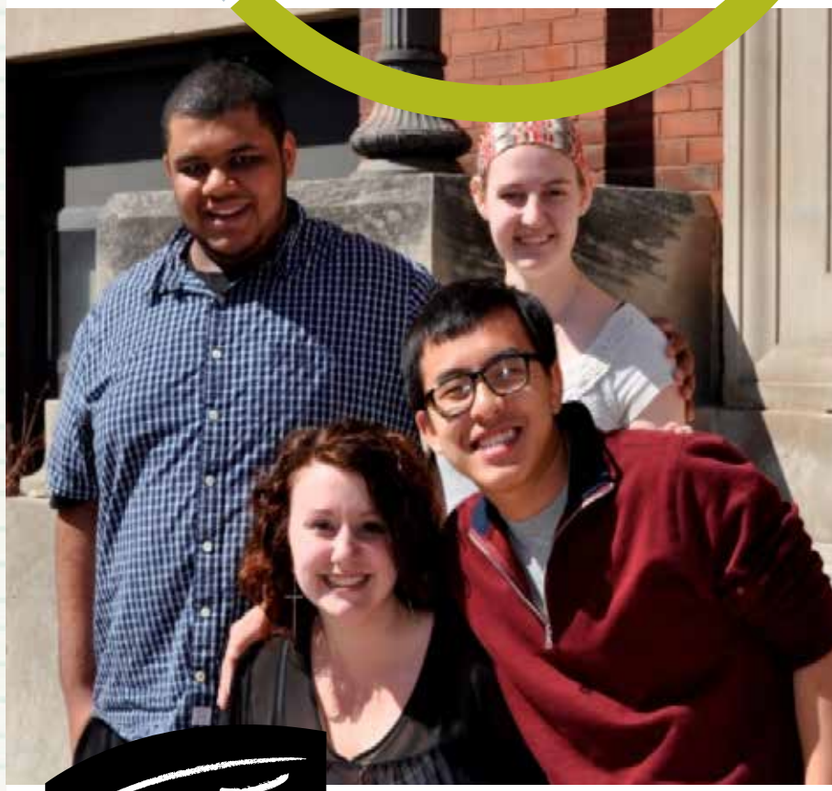
enhance your college experience and increase academic confidence



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