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

Who are we?

ASPIRE-SSS tuition-waived success courses:
- Strategies for Academic Success (1 credit tuition-waived)
- Career Exploration Seminar (1 credit tuition-waived)

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

ASPIRE-SSS eligibility criteria:
- Pell Grant eligible through Federal Financial Aid
- First generation college student (neither parent has graduated with a four-year degree)
- 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.

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“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.

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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