



Minnesota North College

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SUCCESS
IS THE
SUM OF SMALL
EFFORTS,
REPEATED DAY IN
AND DAY OUT
- Robert Collier

What is TRIO Student Support Services & How Can it Help Me?

TRIO Student Support Services has been serving enrolled students across the campuses of Minnesota North College since 1987. Funded 100% by the U.S. Department of Education to provide a variety of personal and academic supports to address the needs of eligible students, the goals of TRIO SSS are to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants, help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next, and motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education to achieve their career and life goals.

Services include:

- Academic advising & career mentoring
- Academic tutoring & support
- Financial literacy/advocacy & FAFSA help
- Four-year transfer planning & assistance
- Personal counseling & guidance
- Personal strengths development
- Scholarship & resume assistance

Student Eligibility

You May be Eligible if:

- You are a U.S. citizen, national or meet the residency requirements for federal student financial assistance, and
- You have academic need for supportive services, and
- Neither of your parents graduated from a four-year college with a bachelor's degree, or
- You have financial need to attend college, or
- You have a documented disability

SSS Application

Become a member by applying to your home campus. Select your home campus link or scan the QR Code to get to more information and access to the live application links.



- [Hibbing](#) campus
- [Itasca](#) campus
- [Mesabi Range](#) – Eveleth or Virginia campus
- [Rainy River](#) campus
- [Vermilion](#) campus

If you were a member before we became Minnesota North College, no need to apply again! Just check in with TRIO SSS.

TRIO SSS Courses

Approved and Designated under Student Support Services Course (SSSC)

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE
2 Credits - SSSC 1100, Full semester - Fall
Transition to College provides new students with the tools necessary to increase their success in college. It provides information and resources about college orientation and success, financial literacy, and personal success strategies. The class will stress how critical thinking and communication skills play an important role in college success.
CHOOSING A MAJOR & CAREER
1 Credit - SSSC 1115, Fall second half semester & Spring first half semester
Choosing a Major & Career provides students the opportunity to explore personality profiles and to assess interests, values, aptitudes, and skills. Using career selection inventories and classification exercises, students will define goals and plan educational pursuits. Students will also be given the CliftonStrengths for College Students assessment and be paired with a certified CliftonStrengths Coach during the semester.
INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL FINANCE
1 Credit - SSSC 1120, Spring full semester & Summer full semester
This course introduces students to basic money management skills. Learning activities and class discussions provide students with opportunities to apply course content to their personal lives. Through personal reflection and analysis, students will feel empowered to make financial decisions which support their educational, career, and personal goals.

TRIO SSS courses' prerequisites state students must be a member of TRIO Student Support Services. SSS courses are tuition-free for SSS participants, although enrolled students are financially responsible for associated fees charged by the college.

Questions and Assistance

Please contact the TRIO Student Support Services office or any TRIO SSS staff member at your home campus.

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