



STUDENT SUPPORT
TRIO
A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM
SERVICES

- ▶▶ *Breaking barriers to equal educational opportunities.*
- ▶▶ *To serve our most valuable commodity...the student.*



What is Student Support Services?

The Student Support Services Program (*formerly known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students*) is a federally funded support program through the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to provide low-income, disadvantaged and physically handicapped college students with supportive services that will enhance their likelihood for academic success at Trinity Valley Community College. All services offered are **free** of charge to qualified members.



Who provides the services?

The Student Support Services staff consists of a Project Director, Academic Counselor, Transfer Counselor, Tutor Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant. In addition, approximately 40 para-professional student tutors provide tutorial assistance to qualified members. The tutors are specialists in their area(s) and undergo training to better equip them in assisting the students.



What services are provided?

Some examples of supportive services available through the program are:

- Academic tutoring (*one-on-one/group/in-class*)
- Basic skills instruction (*reading, writing, math & science*)
- Study skills
- Interpersonal counseling (*one-on-one/group*)
- Career guidance
- Graduate and transfer information
- Completion of Financial Aid forms
- Referrals
- Special assistance to handicapped students
- Assist returning adult students
- Motivational, educational and cultural activities
- Cultural enrichment field trips
- Other services as needed



When and where are services available?

The program offices and study skills center are conveniently located in Room 103 of the Liberal Arts Building. The study skills center is available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.



Who can participate in the Student Support Services Program?

The guidelines of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Education limits services to those currently enrolled in a college or university who are low-income (*determined by the U.S. Department of Census*) and first generation college students (*neither mother or father graduated from a four-year college*), or individuals with disabilities.

Everyone is invited to come by and fill out an application for Student Support Services membership; or contact the Student Support Services Program, Trinity Valley Community College, 100 Cardinal Drive, Athens, Texas 75751, call (903) 675-6323 or fax (903) 675-6316 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

If a student qualifies for membership, all the services received will be **free** of charge. If for some reason a student does not qualify for the Student Support Services Program, we will refer them to the appropriate office and/or person.

Our services are designed to increase student retention rates and to graduate those students who have been labeled as high risk.