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## About Us

**Student Support Services** is a federal **TRIO** educational outreach program that provides opportunities for academic development. **SSS/TRIO** is funded by the **U.S. Department of Education** and is part of a network of over 1,750 **TRIO** programs serving nearly 700,000 students throughout the nation.

While student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, **TRIO** programs help students overcome class, social, and cultural barriers to higher education. **TRIO** is a series of programs that were created to help students enter college, graduate, and move on to participate more fully in the economy and in their social lives. Our services assist students in meeting basic college requirements, and helps motivate students to successfully complete their postsecondary degrees.

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### Student Support Services at Virginia Union University

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Many students have unique concerns when they enter college. For some students, college life may add additional obstacles and stresses that may have them wondering if they can succeed. **TRIO-SSS** staff members understand these concerns and will help. To help students learn how to succeed SSS offers individualized counseling, advising, study skills training, tutoring, reviewing of information about transferring to four-year colleges, and assistance with financial aid.

Our goal is simple: We want our students to graduate! We understand that many students at **VUU** have to overcome significant barriers to their education. **TRIO Student Support Services** provides a supportive environment where students can feel comfortable asking for help.

Our job is to facilitate and create successful learning strategies that will increase student retention. Together with the student and support from the academic community we serve to provide the student what is needed to successfully complete course work and the development of a graduation plan.

