



TRIO Student Support Services Update

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TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- TRIO is a federally funded academic assistance program serving 160 students; grant award is over \$294,000 each academic year.
- **Our mission: assist participating students to persist, complete a certificate or associate degree, and transfer to a 4-year institution.**
- TRIO partners with other NIC programs (Veterans, Center for New Directions, Disability Support Services, etc.) to provide support and services to underrepresented students.

Who qualifies for TRIO?

A student must be:

- A US Citizen or legal resident
- Intending to pursue a bachelor's degree

AND at least one of the following:

- First-generation college student
- Low-income
- Student with a disability



What services does TRIO provide?



Pumpkin patch visit, Fall 2023

- Academic and transfer advising
- Computer lab
- Career exploration
- Peer tutoring & mentoring
- Study coaching
- Club & cultural events
- Financial aid assistance
- Referrals to scholarships
- Other resources and supports
- The **real magic** to TRIO is the supportive relationships students build!

TRIO WORKS!

Check out these statistics:

For low-income community college students:	Percent who persisted into 2nd year of college	Percent who graduated with a certificate or associate degree within 4 years
National Average*	60%	20%
NIC TRIO Participants	86% (FA2021-FA2022)	52% (FA2018 cohort)

* Torres, R., and J. Brown. "The Role of Community Colleges in Postsecondary Success." <https://studentclearinghouse.info>

The TRIO Student Support Services grant at NIC is funded through August 31, 2025

- Grant re-write is in progress; proposal is due 7/15/2024 and if approved, would provide funding for 5 additional years (2025-2030).
- TRIO grants are highly competitive!
- TRIO has consistently earned 'Prior Experience Points' each year for exceeding the grant's stated objectives.

