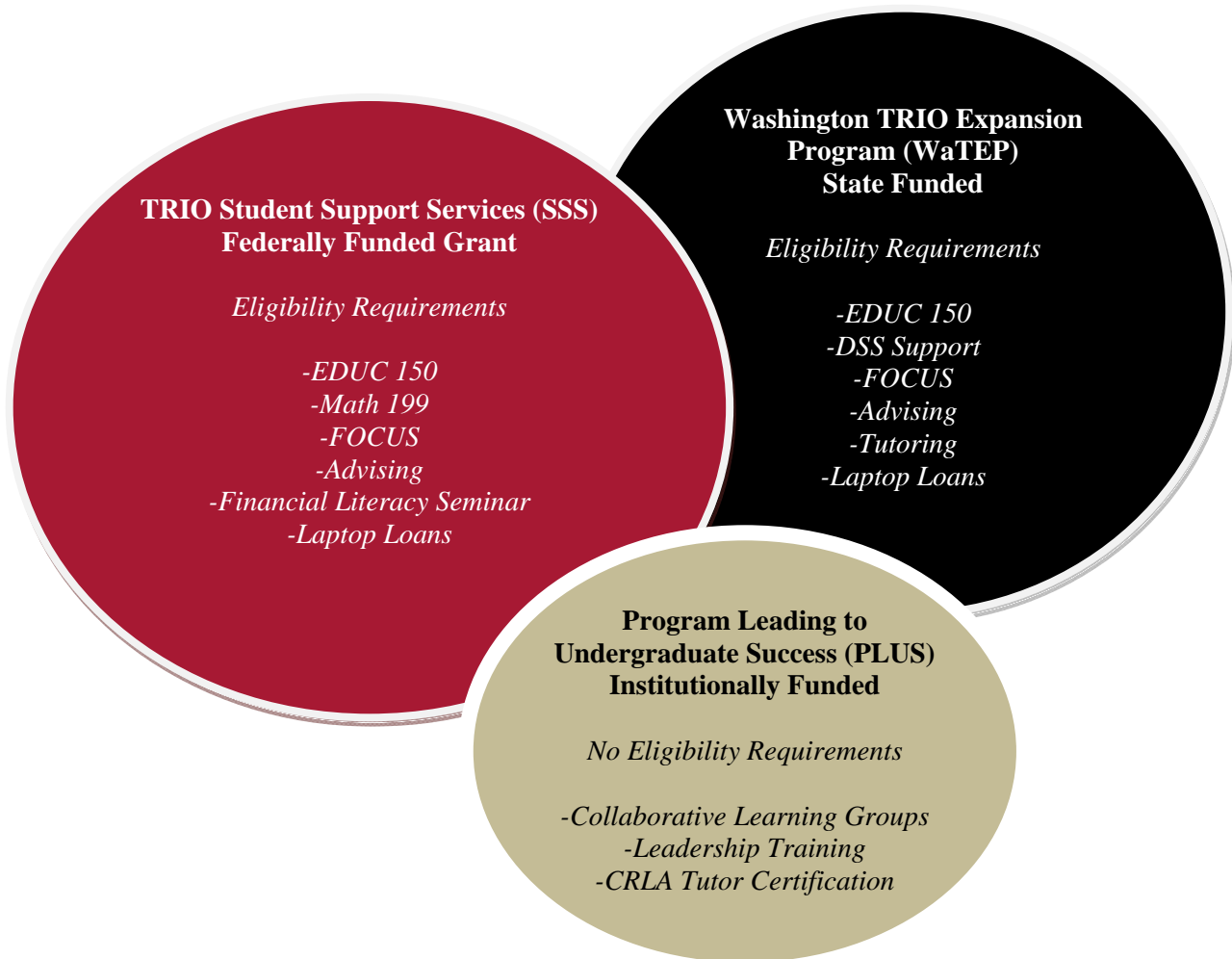


Academic Support Center Organizational Overview

The mission of EWU's Academic Support Center (ASC) is to provide services that address the assessed and expressed academic needs of enrolled EWU students. Services are research based best practices that are intended to enable students to persist at the university until they graduate.

The Academic Support Center can be broken up into three distinct parts – the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) federally funded grant, the state funded Washington TRIO Expansion Program, and the institutionally funded Program Leading to Undergraduate Success (PLUS). Both TRIO programs are designed to help serve low-income, first generation, or students with a registered disability. The PLUS program has no such eligibility requirements.

Academic Support Center Services



TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

The goal of the Student Support Services (SSS) program is to help low-income, first generation, or students with a registered disability stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degree. EWU's program is funded to serve 290 students under its current 5 year grant, awarded in the fall of 2005.

SSS provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their post secondary education.

TRIO Student Support Services Program Annual Statistics (2007-2008)

- **2/3rds** of participants were low-income and first generation college students or had a registered disability.
- **91%** of participants met academic performance levels required to stay in good academic standing.
- Six year graduation rates exceeded the university. **62%** of the 2002-2003 SSS cohort graduated.
- 55% of participants served self reported as minority students.
- \$43,357 of federal grant aid was awarded by the SSS program to low-income participants. In all, 19 low-income students were impacted by these dollars.

Washington TRIO Expansion Program (WaTEP)

The Washington TRIO Expansion Program (WaTEP) (established Fall 2007) serves first generation, low-income, and students with disabilities who require ongoing academic support in order to persist at the university. This program expands the educational best-practices of the TRIO SSS project to an additional 250 TRIO eligible students. Both programs work collaboratively to provide a home-base for EWU students.

Washington TRIO Expansion Program Statistics (2007-2008)

- 251 additional TRIO eligible students were served
- 88% of students served returned for fall 2008 (retention)
- 94% of students served finished the school year in good academic standing

Program Leading to Undergraduate Success (PLUS)

PLUS creates and designs discipline specific collaborative study groups with an environment of active learning. In each study group, PLUS emphasizes small group settings and hands-on experiences, utilizing upper-level students as facilitators for group process and structure. These study groups are especially helpful for those individuals who want to improve their grades, prefer a relaxed noncompetitive learning experience, are motivated, and want a structured time for study.

Through this route of learning, students,

- engage as active participants
- become unified in a community of learners
- will further realize and cultivate their own critical thinking skills and course knowledge
- will recognize a network of peers as they continue on in their college career.

Program Leading to Undergraduate Success Annual Statistics

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Students Served	745	1059	1281	1362
PLUS Average	2.92	2.77	2.91	2.94
Non-PLUS Average	2.36	2.26	2.23	2.28