

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES 2005-2006

Mission Statement

The mission of Student Support Services (SSS) is to improve the retention, graduation, and graduate and professional school enrollment rates of eligible students who are receiving project services.

Primary Goals

1. Persistence: 85% of eligible participants will persist to the second year.

Of the 100 SSS first year students who were enrolled during the 2004-2005 year, 98 of them returned for their second year (98% persistence).

2. Good Academic Standing: 80% of eligible participants will meet academic performance levels required to stay in good academic standing at the grantee institution.

Of the 160 2005-2006 program participants, 154 or 96% of them remained in good academic standing (GPA above 2.0) by the end of the academic year.

3. Graduation: Raise each SSS cohort to a graduation rate equal to that of the University. The four-year graduation rate to 13%, fifth-year to 40%, and sixth-year to 51%.

Of the 160 program participants in cohort 1 (admitted fall 2001), 12 (7.5%) of them graduated within four years, and 43 (26.88%) graduated within five years. Of the 160 program participants in cohort 2 (admitted fall 2002), 7 (4.38%) graduated within four years. The above graduation rates for cohorts 1 and 2 are baseline data for the program. The staff will continue to work towards raising the graduation rates of SSS students that is equal to that of the University.

4. Administration: 100% compliance with the administrative requirements – including record keeping, reporting, and financial accountability.