POSITION: TRIO Student Support Services Graduate Mentor


TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program designed to provide academic support services to individuals who are first-generation college students from lower income backgrounds who may also have disabilities.

Job Description:

This position exists to provide services that maximize the success, retention, graduation, and transfer to four-year colleges/universities of disadvantaged students. This position is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to enhance TRIO SSS student non-cognitive skills through implementation of effective intervention strategies dealing with such problems as poor study and time management habits, weak academic backgrounds, financial obstacles, family matters, self-esteem issues, and goal setting problems. This position will work closely with staff to fill any void in student service involving: advising participants on career, and financial matters; teaching College Learning Strategies workshops; managing the TRIO SSS Online Learning Community; other duties as assigned by the Director. To accomplish these duties and enhance non-cognitive skills for program participants, the Graduate Mentor will specifically be responsible for:

- Teaching participants to use a proactive and systematic approach to problem solving in order to become better planners and decision makers.
- Interpreting information in changing contexts allowing for shifts in perspectives.
- Providing the structure for the analysis of educational information to help participants discern what sort of information is helpful in redefining educational and career plans.
- Modeling for participants the process for having productive interactions with staff and faculty.
- Using a community approach of wraparound student support in a safer and welcoming environment associated with improved motivation and academic confidence.
- Providing out-of-the-classroom opportunities to address time gaps between classes that foster student engagement, positive attitudes toward CSN, improved interpersonal relationships, and a sense of belonging.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree
- Currently enrolled in a Graduate level program and completing coursework towards a Masters or Doctorate in Educational Psychology, Educational Policy and Leadership, Higher Education, Counseling, Social Work, or related field
- Experience teaching critical thinking, decision-making, and /or fostering motivation and self-confidence in disadvantaged populations
- Experience in teaching and/or tutoring students how to integrate learning preferences into their study practices
The ability to multi-task, be a self-starter, and have a commitment to the TRIO Philosophy

Preferred Qualifications:

- Minimum 6 months experience in adapting and implementing assessments for student personal and educational potential and success
- Experience working with disabled, economically and/or educationally disadvantaged college students
- Applicants with backgrounds similar to SSS-eligible students
- The ability to work occasional evenings and weekends
- Ability to speak Spanish

Compensation/work schedule:

$25 per hour, 18 hours per week for up to 30 weeks during funded date range. Weekly schedule determined by Director and Graduate Mentor negotiation.

Application Materials:

- Resume
- Letter of Intent
- Transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation

Please submit entire application package to:

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