

Student Support Services at WVSU

As we learn more about the reaffirmation of accreditation each week in *The Road to State's Reaffirmation 2015*, we will examine how select elements of West Virginia State University campus life and culture interact with the Self-Study Report. It is essential that the University's academic programs, student support services, and enrollment profile are consistent with our mission. Therefore, let us briefly review just a few of the student support services available at West Virginia State University and how they work congruently with the mission.

WVSU has a large number of student support services in areas such as academics, wellness, finance, and career support with each designed to meet the needs of all students. Counseling and Academic Support Services (CASS) offers an array of services and programs intended to help students reach their full potential despite any physical or emotional challenges. This office also offers free group and one-on-one tutoring in English and mathematics, supplemental instruction, and 24-hour online tutoring for students who need academic help.

Student Support Services, a federally funded TRiO program, provides comprehensive services (e.g., academic support, college requirements assistance, cultural enrichment activities, and financial support) to first-generation and/or low-income students at the University. The University recently created Adult and Commuter Student Services to assist in serving the adult and commuter population, while the implementation of the Military Student Services Center engages and supports military students and veterans so they can succeed in completing their education and pursuing career goals. The new Academic Internships program works with students to secure academic internships that develop skills that may lead to future employment in a chosen field, while the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education works with students to identify potential employers after graduation.

Overall, the University's educational opportunities coupled with its student support services allow WVSU to provide a high-quality education to the students, enabling them to help fulfill the economic needs of the state and region, thereby supporting the University's mission. These services are discussed in detail under Criterion Three.

For more information about The Road to State's Reaffirmation 2015, please click here to discover in-depth information about the process, read the University's Self-Study Report, and more!

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