

TRANSITION AND FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The West Virginia GEAR UP Transition and First-Year initiative will provide transition and retention programming to adequately address and support students' academic, financial, and personal transition from high school to college. The scope of services outlines program objectives, direct services that ensure students are academically successful and retained at rates higher than institutional rates, and program performance measures.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Successful High School-to-Postsecondary Transition
- Increase/Ensure First-Year Fall-to-Spring Retention
- Increase/Ensure First-Year n Fall-to-Fall Retention
- Ensure Students Academic Progression for College Success
- Connect Students to Campus Resources
- Increase Parent Engagement
- Ensure Student Satisfaction of Services Resources
- Adhere to Federal and State Reporting/Outcome Guidelines

DIRECT SERVICES – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Intrusive Academic Advising and Case Management Services
- Text 4 Success Services
- Fall and Spring Mid-Semester Progress Meeting
- Academic Support Services: Tutoring
- Early Alert System
- Student Success and First-Generation Workshops
- Parent/Guardian and Family Campus Event
- Connect Students to Resources on-and-off Campus
- Student Participation in Campus Activities
- Mentoring Program

OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Signed Consent Form for All Students
- Exceed Institutional Fall-to-Spring First-Year Retention Rate
- Exceed Institutional Fall-to-Fall First-Year Retention Rate
- % Students Successfully Completing 15 Credits each Semester
- % Students Successfully Completing 30 Credits First-Year
- % Students Completing Fall Semester with 2.0 GPA or Higher
- % Students Completing Spring Semester with 2.0 GPA or Higher
- Service Hours: Academic, Financial Aid, Mentoring and Personal Counseling
- 50% Students will Participate in One Workshop Each Semester
- 50% of GEAR UP Parents will Participate in a Campus Event
- 15% or 10 students will participate in a campus mentoring program
- 80% GEAR UP Student FAFSA Completion by April 15, 2022
- % Students Successfully Completing New Student Orientation

First-Year Transition services must be tracked monthly and reported by the 15th of the following month. All reports should be submitted to the Coordinator of Transition and First-Year Programs at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. Submission of monthly reports are required to be submitted on approved WV GEAR UP Transition and First-Year Program reporting forms.