

Trio and Gear Up Grants

TRIO/GEARUP Grants are designed and implemented to promote the educational and cultural preparation, development, and advancement of diverse populations to assist in academic success for junior high, secondary and post secondary students. Pre-college preparation, assistance in post-secondary enrollment, and services that enhance academic and non-academic student success are included in the comprehensive array of services available for student involvement. Collectively, these programs serve approximately four thousand participants annually.

The **Classic Upward Bound** program provides the academic strength, skills, and motivation in high school students to ensure success in post-secondary education. On Saturdays and during a six-week on-campus summer program, participants receive instruction in literature, composition, foreign language, mathematics, and science. Qualified high School juniors and seniors can earn college credit while working with the program.

Math-Science Upward Bound provides a center to offer a mathematics and science curriculum to sixty high school students in a five-state area for the purpose of preparing them to enroll in high school mathematics and science courses, and upon graduation, to enroll in a post-secondary institution in a math science curriculum. These students participate throughout the academic year through internet-based assignments and attend a six-week summer residential program where college professors mentor and guide their learning and research. Participants qualify to earn college credit while they are juniors and seniors in high school.

The **Educational Talent Search Program** assists students in persisting with and completing secondary school, as well as enrolling in a post-secondary educational program. Academic and social needs of high school juniors and seniors are addressed by offering academic tutoring, LEAP remediation, and workshops in the areas of financial aid, personal and career counseling, ACT testing, enrollment, and essential life skills.

The **Educational Opportunity Center** targets adult citizens 19 and older by providing educational preparation through tutoring, workshops, and pre/post-testing for entrance into institutions of higher education. Other services include career exploration and financial aid assistance.

Veterans Upward Bound provides veterans with assistance and services to obtain the skills and motivation necessary to pursue a program of post-secondary education. Academic and career assessment, academic instruction and tutoring, enrollment and admission services and other enrichment activities are provided to veterans at both the main campus and at the Baton Rouge Center.

Student Support Services provides academic support for first-generation and low-income students enrolled at Southeastern to increase their retention and graduation rates. Services include tutoring, academic and non-academic workshops, financial aid, career exploratory assistance, supplemental instruction and cultural experiences.

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a federal early intervention program designed to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to complete a post-secondary education. Students participate in a rigorous academic curriculum taught by master teachers and receive information about post-secondary options, financial aid, and college admission to foster a systemic change in student preparation for post-secondary studies. GEAR UP requires partnerships among colleges and universities, schools, and outside organizations, which focus on systemic change.