TRIO Disability Support Services (DSS) at Wichita State has been in existence since 2001. The goal of the program is to increase college retention and graduation rates for students with learning, physical and psychological disabilities.

DSS services include academic advising, course selection and degree planning, personal counseling, individualized tutoring, career exploration, study/life skills workshops, financial aid advice, grant aid/scholarships, financial aid/economic literacy instruction, computer lab usage, graduate school information and selection, textbook/calculator loan program, and campus and community involvement.

DSS is one of the first TRIO programs designed specifically for students with disabilities in the state and is currently one of only 56 across the nation. Program staff makes faculty, staff, students and community members aware of the program services and educates constituents on effectively assisting students with disabilities.

Program students utilize DSS and Office of Disability Services adaptive computer lab equipped with 10 workstations. DSS tutors assist students in undergraduate courses. The study skills library includes instructional videos and is available for student checkout.

2015-2016 Highlights

- 19 Bachelor degree recipients
- 16 Academic Commendation awardees, 16 Dean's Honor Roll awardees
- 60% retention (or 70 of 115 students)
- $13,170 awarded in grant aid and scholarships

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