



The graduation rate for 4-year colleges and universities is only 56 percent. For 2-year colleges, it's just 33 percent. Nearly 30 percent of all undergraduates must take remedial coursework during their college career. The U.S. college attainment rate has fallen to 12th among the world's industrialized countries. The percentage of college graduates deemed proficient in prose literacy has declined from 49 to 31 percent in the past decade. About 10 percent of the fastest-growing jobs of the future will require some postsecondary education or training. Over 60 percent of the U.S. population has no postsecondary education credential. "There are far too many Americans who want to go to college but cannot – because they're either not prepared or cannot afford it." Secretary Spellings

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Welcome to Project CONNECT: A Student Support Services TRIO Program

Making the transition to a four-year college can be intimidating to say the least. How do you choose a major? How do you plan a class schedule? Who can help you with your homework? Project CONNECT, a federally funded Student Support Services TRIO program, can help you find the answers! Project CONNECT has been serving students since the 2001-2002 school year. Like Upward Bound, Talent Search, and the McNair program, Project CONNECT is designed to support your education by providing you with the information and services you need to be successful in a four-year college.

Services we offer include:

- Workshops and seminars covering study skills, financial literacy, financial aid, graduate school, career skills, and more!
- Registration assistance
- One-on-one advising with your personal Academic Coach
- Cultural events
- Individual tutoring
- Individual and group peer mentoring
- Computer lab for Project CONNECT students only
- Textbook Lending Library (students may borrow textbooks for the entire semester)
- Staff members familiar with the campus who can help you find the services you need
- A spirit of community offering support and encouragement

Who does Project CONNECT help? We currently serve 165 highly-motivated first generation, low-income, and/or disabled students. All of our participants must display an academic need for our services.

Want to know more about Project CONNECT? Contact our office or drop by and talk to us.

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