2015 SUMMER BRIDGE

Frequently asked Questions

What is TRiO/SSS?

Student Success Services (SSS) is one of many federally funded TRiO programs. SSS is dedicated to help students develop the skills and motivation necessary to successfully pursue and earn a bachelor’s degree at Peru State College. Summer Bridge is one of the many programs SSS provides to help students attain a bachelor’s degree. All SSS services are provided at no cost to participants, and students participate in SSS throughout their enrollment at Peru State College.

Who is eligible for SSS?

Student participants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or national, or meet the residency requirements for federal financial aid, and
- Meet federal low-income guidelines, and/or
- Meet first generation guidelines, and/or
- Be a student with a documented disability

In addition, all SSS participants must demonstrate academic need for program services.

How much does it cost to participate in Summer Bridge?

Out-of-pocket costs paid by participants are minimal. Most Summer Bridge participants will be eligible for Pell Grant monies which can cover most if not all of the $615 expenses. You must complete the 2014-15 FAFSA before June 30, 2015 to be eligible for a summer Pell grant.

If a participant is not Pell eligible, the $615 fee includes costs for their dorm room ($190), college meal plan ($300) and fees ($125). SSS and Peru State College will pay for tuition, supplies, cultural and academic program fees, and some meals. In addition, students may be able to test out of placements in MATH 100 and ENG 100. Together this is over a $1,500 value to participants.

Where do students live on campus?

Summer Bridge students will live in the room they are assigned for the year whenever possible. The residence halls are conveniently located to close to classes, student center and dining hall. Student participants must stay on campus at night.

What about meals? Where do I eat? How do I wash my clothes?

Students will eat most meals in the Student Center dining hall. Occasional cultural and academic events allow for special meals off campus. Costs of all cultural and academic meals are provided by Student
Success Services. The dining service fee is included in Summer Bridge costs. There are free laundry facilities in each residence hall.

What is the Daily Schedule?

During Summer Bridge, a student’s day is full with a combination of classroom instruction, workshops, and other cultural and academic activities. Evenings are used for study time with tutors available and group activities. Unless specified otherwise, participation in all activities is mandatory.

Can I work or have other outside commitments?

Because of the program’s expectations and requirements, it will be very difficult for students to work or have other outside commitments. If you participate in Summer Bridge you must commit fully to the Summer Bridge Program.

Can I leave Summer Bridge from time to time?

Students may leave for family emergencies or to run errands during non-scheduled program times. Weekends will be free of scheduled activities, but students are encouraged to stay on campus and begin to develop the self-directed learning behaviors necessary for college success. Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the SSS Director. Students will receive a calendar of events before the program begins and again upon arrival to campus.

Will I receive credit for the Summer Bridge?

Yes! The Summer Bridge includes 3 college credits for the COLL 100, Elements of Personal Success course. In addition, a student may be able to test out of a placement in Basic Algebra and/or Elements of Composition thereby eliminating up to six credit hours of transitional support coursework. Credits earned in the Summer Bridge may not transfer to another institution.

Can I bring my car? Is parking available on campus?

Yes, parking is free during the Summer Bridge program in designated areas. However, Peru State College and SSS assume no responsibility or payment for parking violations, damage to, or loss from personal vehicles.

How does move-in work?

Summer Bridge students will move on campus at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 2nd. We will gather as a group in the Student Center at 2:00. You will meet the SSS staff and be greeted by the Dean of Student Life. After a quick cookie and drink break, you will get your keys from Residence Life staff and proceed to your dorm room to get settled. Summer Bridge students will return to the Student Center at 6 p.m. for dinner and evening get-acquainted activities.