Transfer Corner
Can I transfer in January?
Yes, most colleges accept January transfer students. If this is something you are interested in please talk to me soon because deadlines for January transfer are early, typically between October and November.

Do you want to go to Harvard?
Transfer Trips are one of the best benefits of the Visions Program. Last year I took more than 30 students on ten day-trips to visit four-year colleges. This year we will... for this semester so stop in and let me know what schools you would like to visit. –Todd, your transfer counselor

Who is an Active Visions Program Student?
An active Visions Program participant:
- completes a semester check-in at the beginning of each semester
- reviews their four-week assessments
- meets with a Visions Program staff member for advising
- checks their MWCC email daily
And does one or more of the following:
- attends program seminars
- attends program events
- meets with the transfer counselor
- attends transfer trips to four-year schools
- uses Visions Program tutoring services
- stops by the office 2 or 3 times a semester

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- Academic Advising
- Personal Counseling
- Career Counseling
- Transfer Counseling
- Disabilities Services
- Individual and Group Tutoring
- Seminars
- FYE Courses
- Supplemental Instruction
- Cultural Activities
- Grant Aid
- Equipment Loans

Swing by to say “Hi!”
Stop by the office during the first week of classes (September 3-5), say hi, pick up a treat and enter the “How Smart Are You?” contest.

Happy 50th Birthday TRIO
The history of TRIO is progressive. It began with Upward Bound, which emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration’s War on Poverty. In 1965, Talent Search, the second outreach program, was created as part of the Higher Education Act. In 1968, Student Support Services, which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, was authorized by the Higher Education Amendments and became the third in a series of educational opportunity programs (both Visions and Rx are Student Support Services programs). By the late 1960s, the term ”TRIO” was coined to describe these three federal programs. Over the years, the TRIO Programs have been expanded and improved to provide a wider range of services and to reach more students who need assistance. The Higher Education Amendments of 1972 added the fourth program to the TRIO group by authorizing the Educational Opportunity Centers. The 1976 Education Amendments authorized the Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs, initially known as the Training Program for Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel. Amendments in 1986 added the sixth program, the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. Additionally, in 1990, the Department created the Upward Bound Math/Science program to address the need for specific instruction in the fields of math and science. Finally, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 amended the Student Support Services (SSS) program to permit the use of program funds for direct financial assistance (Grant Aid) for current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

Funding for the programs is provided by the federal government and varies by administration and budget situation. All TRIO programs are represented in Washington D.C. by the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) which advocates for greater investment in educational support for disadvantaged students to improve the reach of services and the number of students served. However, the best advocates of the programs are our students. If being in Visions or the Rx Program has helped you, make sure you tell your friends and family and elected federal representatives that it is important to you that they keep TRIO going.

Adapted from: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/triohistory.html
Visions Program Puzzler

It has been a LONG summer in the office and one day we all forgot the day of the week. Here is the conversation we had:

Gaurav: What day is it?
Todd: I don’t think it is Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.
Gloria: Well that doesn’t narrow it down much. Yesterday was Sunday.
Joyce: Yesterday wasn’t Sunday, tomorrow is Sunday.
Catherine: The day after tomorrow is Saturday.
Sara: The day before yesterday was Thursday.
Margaret: Tomorrow is Saturday.
Gaurav: I know that the day after tomorrow is not Friday!

If only one person’s statement is true – what day of the week is it?

Stop by with the correct answer and your name will be entered into a drawing for $10 voucher to the GreenStreet Café.

Start of Semester Reminders

Check-ins: Whether you are brand new to the Visions Program or a returning student, a semester check-in is required. We like to know you’re on campus, that your schedule is set, and that all your questions are answered! This is also a great time to sign up for a weekly math or English tutoring appointment and start your transfer planning if a move is on the horizon.

Equipment: We have eight computers in our suite that students can use to complete academic work. Free printing is available on each of these. Additionally, we have a limited supply of laptops for students to check out on a weekly basis. Don’t forget that we also have scientific calculators, graphing calculators, and voice recorders for students to borrow as needed too.

Textbooks: There is a limited collection of textbooks available for students to borrow for the semester. These are loaned out on a first come first serve basis. Stop by or email Joyce, j_kulig@mwcc.mass.edu to see if we have what you need.

Assistance: Remember, if you are having trouble finding an office, figuring out which office you need help from, or locating a classroom we are here to support you. We look forward to seeing you succeed this semester and throughout your time at MWCC!

Seminars to Build Successful Habits

This week of seminars is designed to help both new and experienced students get started on the right foot for a successful semester. Involvement, building a strong skillset, and connecting with other students are some of the key ingredients for college success. Plan to attend one or all of these seminars. Each seminar is offered during community hour, 12:30-1:30 pm with daily raffles. Please note room assignment.

Successful Students Use Tutoring

Working with a tutor can:

- help you understand your homework assignments
- show you how to work various math problems
- help you with time management and study skills
- reinforce for you what you are learning in your college courses
- help you with test-taking skills
- teach you how to edit your papers

Tutoring is one of the best bargains on campus (have we mentioned it’s FREE?!). We encourage Visions Program students to schedule appointments with our tutors for writing support in any subject or for any math class.

Or

Use the Academic Support Center located on the first floor of the library for subject specific help. Need help finding the academic support center? Come see us, we’ll walk you over!

Visions Fall Kick-Off

Tuesday, September 9
12:30-1:30
North Café

Join us to get the fall semester started off on the right foot. This is a great opportunity to meet other Visions Program students and get information on upcoming events! We look forward to seeing all of you there!

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If you have a disability and require accommodations in order to participate fully in Program activities, please contact the Program Director to discuss your specific needs. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution