

## **TRIO ACES Students**



ACES Students enjoying a Campus Tour of UC Irvine



Instructional Support Specialist assisting ACES Students with study materials in the computer lab.



ACES Graduation and Transfer Ceremony

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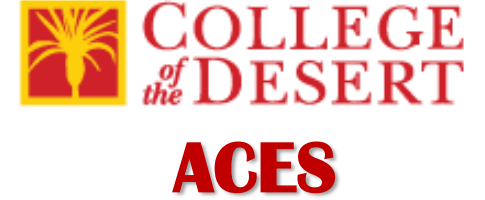
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Student Support Services

# **TRIO** **Programs**



We welcome COD students who plan to graduate and transfer to four year universities to apply to the TRIO SSS Academic Counseling and Educational Services (ACES) program.

### **The ACES Program Mission Statement:**

*"To assist first generation, and low-income students, and college students with disabilities, in the graduation and transfer process from College of the Desert, and to strengthen their preparation for the successful completion of their Bachelor's degree goal."*

## What is TRIO ACES-SSS?

The ACES-SSS (Student Support Services) Program is federally funded under the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO Programs. ACES is designed to support participants in meeting the challenges of graduating from College of the Desert and transferring to a four-year university. ACES emphasizes academic, career, personal counseling and educational services to help students meet their goals.

### STUDENT BENEFITS:

- One-on-One Academic/Educational Counseling
- Priority One Registration every semester
- Major and Career Planning
- Student Educational Plan (SEP) preparation
- Graduation and University Transfer Advising
- Free Tutoring
- Financial Aid/Scholarship Advising/Application Assistance
- College Tours/Cultural Events

### Minimum Federal Income Requirements for ACES Applicants:

Your family must fall at or below the following:

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	YEARLY TAXABLE INCOME
1	\$19,320
2	\$26,130
3	\$32,940
4	\$39,750
5	\$46,560
6	\$53,370
7	\$60,180
8	\$66,990

*U.S. Dept. of Human & Health Services,  
January 2021 (Guideline changes annually)*

### How to Apply to ACES-SSS

- Complete and submit an ACES application
- ACES will call you to schedule an interview with an ACES Counselor
- Bring Income Verification to the interview (i.e., Income Tax)

## Who is Eligible for ACES-SSS?

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ACES PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Financial Need (Meet federally established low- income guidelines)
- First Generation College Student
- Academic Need
- Academic Potential (minimum 2.5 GPA)
- Plan to Graduate & Transfer to a four year college or university
- Freshman Status (have completed 24—30 transferrable course units)
- Full-Time Status (be enrolled in at least 12 units per semester)
- Residency Status (be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.)