

OPPORTUNITY AND OUTREACH

The Community College of Rhode Island's Office of Opportunity and Outreach (<https://www.ccri.edu/opportunity/>) offers several programs that help Rhode Islanders successfully enter and complete college.

ACCESS/TRIO Student Support Services

ACCESS (<https://www.ccri.edu/access/>) is a TRIO Student Support Services program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. ACCESS serves 440 students each year across CCRI's four campuses and offers individualized support to students from acceptance into a program through graduation from CCRI. Services include academic, career, transfer and financial aid advising, and financial literacy. Professional tutoring also is available in several subject areas. Counselors offer workshops designed to address academic skill building and college adjustment. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in an associate degree program, and be the first generation in college (neither parent completed a baccalaureate degree), low-income (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>) and/or have a documented disability. Disability Services for Students (DSS) at CCRI must have the documentation on file. Selection for participation in ACCESS is competitive and decisions are made on the strength of an interview and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact 401-825-2305 or visit the Access Website (<https://www.ccri.edu/access/>).

Access Plus

Access Plus (<https://ccri.edu/accessplus/>) (Access+) is a TRIO Student Support Services program that provides individualized support to students who have a documented disability and are pursuing a degree at CCRI. Eligible students will receive (among other services) personal and academic counseling, career exploration, mentoring, academic coaching/tutoring, and financial guidance. The goal of Access+ is to help students successfully graduate and transfer to a 4-year college or university. All services are provided at no cost to Access+ students. Students with a documented disability who are enrolled in a program of study at CCRI, and demonstrate an academic need for services and a strong commitment to their education are eligible for the program. For more information, contact 401-217-9311 or visit the Access Plus website (<https://ccri.edu/accessplus/>).

Community and Social Resources

The Community and Social Resources office is available to help students facing non-academic barriers to success by connecting them with social support systems in their community. Examples of such assistance includes emergency food, emergency housing, childcare, medical assistance, mental health/substance dependency treatment, transportation and legal services. All services are free and confidential. For more information contact 401-455-6156 or visit the Community and Social Resources website (<https://www.ccri.edu/opportunity/csr.html>).

Disability Services for Students

Disability Services for Students (<https://www.ccri.edu/dss/>) (DSS) provides support services and coordinates reasonable academic accommodations for students with documented disabilities under the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Academic accommodations include, but are not limited to, the use of assistive

technology, alternative testing, course accommodations, sign language interpreters, reader/audio taping services, scribes and peer note-takers. Students are responsible for identifying themselves to the DSS office and submitting appropriate documentation in advance of the requested accommodation. In addition, the DSS office serves as a resource to faculty and staff, works to dispel negative and limiting stereotypes, and promotes a campus environment that is sensitive, accepting and responsive to the needs and contributions of all CCRI students.

For more information, visit the Disability Services for Students website (<https://www.ccri.edu/dss/>) or contact DSS: 401-825-2164 in Warwick; 401-333-7329 in Lincoln; 401-455-6064 in Providence; or 401-851-1650 in Newport.

Gateways to Success

Gateways to Success (<https://www.ccri.edu/opportunity/gateways/>) is a free program designed to help students enhance their Reading and/or Math skills and possibly improve their Accuplacer test scores. At the end of the program, students will have an opportunity to re-take the Accuplacer and, hopefully, test into higher-level courses, saving both time and money. Students interested in learning more about the program can visit the Gateways to Success website (<https://www.ccri.edu/opportunity/gateways/>).

Rhode Island Educational Opportunity Center

The Rhode Island Educational Opportunity Center (<https://www.ccri.edu/eoc/>) (RIEOC) is a TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that provides comprehensive, individualized support to Rhode Island adults who want to continue their education. RIEOC services include financial aid application assistance, admissions application assistance, fee waivers, career counseling, GED® and ESL information, default loan counseling, transfer information and post-secondary placement. RIEOC serves more than 3,000 individuals each year, has offices on all four campuses, and maintains a presence in community-based organizations statewide. For more information, visit the EOC's website (<https://www.ccri.edu/eoc/>) or contact 401-455-6028.