



Western Nevada College GEAR UP Abstract 2019-2020

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GEAR UP is a federal grant program designed to create a systematic and cultural change in public education by providing college access resources to low-income, first generation and underrepresented students.

Now in the 8th year of the grant, the GEAR UP program at Western Nevada College will serve graduates from the respective GEAR UP High Schools who are now matriculating to their first year of college. Summer transition opportunities will be available for students to become acclimated to college while ensuring they have met all required steps to begin college. Beginning in fall of 2019, students will benefit from First Year Experience programming that GEAR UP will provide. These services include a cohort model, as students will take many of the same core classes together as well as an academic skills and success course. Along with the cohort model, Supplemental Instruction will take place for students to gain access to tutoring, homework assistance, test-taking strategies, and study help.

An online Canvas course will take the place of Supplemental Instruction for online students who are unable to meet in person. A GEAR UP Club/Mentoring Program will be available for students to benefit from peer and community support. A multitude of services will be provided including, but not limited to; stress reduction, time management, resume building, job shadowing/internship placements, career and degree exploration, and team-building. In addition, students will have continuous access to counseling, advising, and financial aid assistance to ensure they are meeting their academic and career goals.

The priority of the GEAR UP program is to ensure students are equipped with the resources and support necessary to succeed in college, while gaining skills and connections that will be of benefit beyond college.