

# Around Campus

## Program helps students succeed at WSSU

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The Supplemental Education Program at WSSU was designed to give entering freshmen, whose standardized test scores were slightly below the minimum admissions requirements but whose high school transcripts and other credentials indicated possible academic success, the opportunity to pursue a college degree.

The major objective of the Supplemental Education Program is to assist participants in making a smooth adjustment to college life and in achieving and maintaining at least a "C" average throughout their stay at WSSU. To achieve those goals, the program provides group counseling sessions, monitors the classes of participants and counsels SEP participants who indicate a need for individualized counseling.

The group counseling portion of the Supplemental Education Program is divided into four components with each component attempting to address a different need. The first component is the Academic Component, and it consists of working on goals, time management, reading and studying, listening and note-taking and preparing for and taking exams.

The second component is the Personal Component, and it consists of exercises in Transactional Analysis and dealing with depression.

The third component is the Vocational Component, and it consists of learning how to make decisions and making career decisions.

The fourth component is the Life Coping Skills component, which is computerized and located in the Plato Lab. The coping skills are in communications, overcoming self-defeating behavior, understanding others and understanding self.

Students are monitored twice per semester. The instructors record the progress or lack of progress for each SEP participant and return this information to the SEP office. Once all monitoring forms have been received, the information is recorded and passed on to the appropriate student with the recommended steps that should be taken -- steps such as seeing tutors, going to the writing center or conferring with program counselors.

Individualized counseling is conducted periodically with students who indicate that problems other than academics are interfering with their progress. If those problems are minor, they are dealt with in the SEP office. Problems that require extensive counseling are referred to the University's Counseling Center.

All students admitted to WSSU as Supplemental Education Program participants are expected to remain a part of the program until they complete these requirements:

- Pass all developmental education courses (if required).
- Earn a minimum of 29 semester hours.
- Earn as well as maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0.
- Complete an exit interview.

*Location: Room 107, Old Nursing Building  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.*

**Do you have a department here at the university that you would like to introduce -- or re-introduce -- to the WSSU faculty and student body?**

**Write about your department in a report about two double-spaced pages and send it to:**

**Around Campus,  
c/o The News Argus,  
Room 313, Hall-Patterson  
Communications Building,  
WSSU.**

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**Georgellen Brown**  
Miss Spanish Club

**EuGenia Williams**  
Miss WSNC-FM

From the  
Mass Communications Majors

*On behalf of the entire  
NEWS ARGUS STAFF,  
we would like to extend a  
warm welcome to all  
alumni, students,  
faculty and friends  
of the university*

*We hope that  
Homecoming will be  
a joyous occasion.*