Student Success & Retention Services (SSRS) helps students develop the abilities and self-confidence they need to build teamwork, navigate personal and academic challenges, improve understanding of course material, and overcome hidden barriers that may inhibit academic success.

Our goal is to help students realize their potential and successfully complete their coursework at De Anza College, earn associate degrees and/or transfer to public and private universities.

SSRS includes Puente, Summer Bridge and First Year Experience (FYE). It is open to all De Anza College students, with an emphasis on historically underrepresented and first-generation college students.
Program Participation

SSRS Students are required to
• Enroll in Human Development (HUMA) 20, Life Skills/Higher Education within the first two quarters of being accepted into the program and at least once per quarter
  • Meet with a counselor or advisor
  • Meet with a program peer
  • Complete a program activity or approved substitute

Outstanding Services

SSRS students have access to
• Educational planning and academic advising to ensure proper courses and credit load
• Registration assistance
• Personal counseling regarding non-academic factors
• Program-specific Orientation to College class
• On-site peer mentors
• Free on-site tutoring
• Student Computer Center – includes printers, copy machine
• On-site visits with four-year university and college representatives
• Tours of four-year universities and colleges
• Career and employment information/assistance
• Scholarship and Financial Aid information
• Academic enrichment workshops, including study skills, time management, test and note-taking strategies, résumé writing, interviewing techniques

About Puente
The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities. Requirements include being eligible for EWRT 100 and a commitment to community service. For more information, contact Alicia Cortez at 408.864.8365 or cortezalicia@deanza.edu.

About Summer Bridge
This program is designed to ease your transition from high school to college. Students take one transferable course in the summer. Participation in the program will help you adjust to college life and introduce you to college services.

About First Year Experience (FYE)
This is an exciting opportunity for your first year in college. Choose Learning in Communities (LiNC) courses every quarter during your first year at De Anza. We focus on providing strategies for success in your transition from high school.

For more information regarding Summer Bridge and FYE, contact Patty Guitron at 408.864.8731 or guitrongpatty@deanza.edu.