The Purpose of PAL

- To increase retention within targeted courses
- To improve student grades in targeted courses
- To increase the graduation rates of students
- To increase persistence rates of students towards subsequent semesters
- To improve students analytical thinking and problem solving skills

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The Peer Assisted Learning of UNM-Gallup TRIO/Student Support Services will follow Tutor/Mentor assisted study sessions. The PAL component of the TRIO/SSS program will be scheduled to target difficult courses at the undergraduate level. The intention is to target high-risk courses rather than high-risk students. Students at various levels of academic preparedness that participate in PAL can benefit by:

- Comparing notes with other course mates
- Discuss assigned course readings
- Predict test items by creating mock test questions to answer
- Also, to develop effective organization skills

### The Benefits of PAL

- PAL is proactive rather than reactive and passive.
- Students earn higher course grades while they learn effective study skills.
- PAL provides peer collaborative learning experiences that promotes student assimilation into the campus culture.
- PAL benefits from a non-remedial image while offering support to all students enrolled in PAL courses targeted by the TRIO/SSS program.
- PAL makes effective use of study time.
- PAL provides an opportunity for students to develop relationships with other students and staff; an important factor in retention of information.

### General Session Types

#### Study Skills Improvement: Exam, Note-taking, and Reading
- Students learn how to more effectively take notes in class, annotate and absorb the readings, and prepare for exams.

#### Course Skills Improvement
- Focus on particular skills needed in the class, such as math, quantitative reason, and reading, or critical thinking.

#### Writing, Research, and Oral Presentation Help
- Help in narrowing topics for essays, developing theses, and brainstorming organizational strategies for different kinds of essays.

#### Student-centered Discussion and Guest Speakers
- Offers students for intensive small group discussion of course concepts.