

Dear Colleague:

I am writing this letter to inform you that a new Study Techniques module has been instituted in the Skills Lab. It is called **Study Techniques Learning Pathways**. The following are the basics you need to know:

1. Before you start a student out using the Pathways system, give them the **Student Introductory Packet**. This packet contains an explanation of what they need to know to get started. NOTE: The student will be completing the **LASSI survey** which is software found in the computer lab and the **Learning Preferences Survey** that is attached to the introductory letter. When I give this packet to the student, I explain that it will let us know two important things: 1) The LASSI will tell us what they need to improve and 2) the Preference Survey will tell us how they best learn.
2. Once the student completes both surveys, review the LASSI and help them to prioritize what they want to work on to improve. Once you have done this, pull out the **Study Technique Pathways Outline** and check off, in order of priority, what they will be focusing on in within the Study Techniques curriculum.
3. Next, pull out the **subject area worksheet** that corresponds to their first priority of study. On the worksheet, it will give you various choices for METHODS of study. This is where the Learning Preference Survey comes into play. By reviewing their learning preferences, help them to choose a method that best suits their particular learning style. (NOTE: If you have not read the materials that correspond with the Learning Preferences Survey, please do so before giving the material to the student!)

Those are the basics for successful introduction of the Pathways system. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Rick Stepp-Bolling or myself for further instructions.

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