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Critical Issue



Getting students

who have placed into developmental education courses

to college level English and math.



Critical Issues

Often, students . . .

- don't see a clear path to college level courses,
- take too long to get to college level,
- drop out when they meet with obstacles,
 and
- don't know how to get help.







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(Jenkins & Choo, 2014; Bailey, Jaggers, & Jenkins, 2015)

Guided Pathways

Mt. SAC has a history and culture of guided pathways and structured learning environments including Arise, Aces, Aspire, Teacher Prep, Honors, Upward Bound, and, for over 20 years, the successful Bridge programs — all designed to help students engage, matriculate, succeed and persist.



Guided Pathways

So, based on the data that:

- More than <u>60</u>% of incoming students test into Math 50
 (Pre-Algebra) or below, with a typical success rate of <u>50</u>%
- More than <u>70</u>% of incoming students test into English

67 (Writing Fundamentals) or below, with a typical success

rate of 60-65 %



Guided Pathways

Faculty members from English and math, counselors, and administrators got together to discuss how the successful learning communities model might be adapted and scaled to be accessible to more students in need of developmental education.



The result:

a local initiative that is. . .

- institutionally scalable
- built on existing curriculum
- financially viable
- grounded in research



Goal and Measure of Success (from the Proposal)

↑ % of students who successfully navigate through math and writing in preparation for college level work.



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Designing and implementing a Cohort Learning Community model:

- Accelerated timeline
- Guaranteed enrollment
- Linked learning/counseling courses
- Same professor
- Same classmates for peer support
- Often the same or similar timeslot



Support from designated tutor in/out of classroom

How it works:



Students take their first developmental English or math course during an accelerated 6-week intersession in either summer or winter.



Followed by the next two courses in the sequence during the following semester at an accelerated 8-week pace.









- Successful completion of each course guarantees enrollment in the sequential course to stay on track for completion
- Students are immersed in an engaging learning experience over an intersession and semester
- 22 weeks compared to the traditional 48 weeks



Continuity of Design

- Same courses/curriculum
- No change to enrollment priority
- No special funding
- Cost of in-class tutors covered by persistence



- Program starts where the student starts
 Exceptions:
 - Special scheduling required
 - In-class orientation/advising



Winter 2014—Mt. SAC pilots Pathways to Transfer (PT²)

- 3 reserved English 67 classes (two levels below transfer)
- 4 reserved Math 50 classes
 (two levels below transfer)



- Courses linked with ancillary support classes
- In Spring 2014, successful students moved into the next consecutive levels in back-to-



back 8-weeks courses.

Spring 20140, what happens 39.9% Course Success— Ethetis 71A (college-level)



COURSE SEQUENCE PROGRESSION ENGLISH – WINTER/SPRING 2014





COURSE SEQUENCE PROGRESSION MATH – WINTER/SPRING 2014









COURSE SEQUENCE PROGRESSION MATH – SUMMER/FALL 2014





COURSE SEQUENCE PROGRESSION ENGLISH – WINTER/SPRING 2015





COURSE SEQUENCE PROGRESSION MATH – WINTER/SPRING 2015





















The positives are that the success rates are higher, generally speaking

Prof. Al Kirchgraber





Araceli Roach



"My experience with the math Pathways class is better compared to my experience in previous college classes."

75%

Strongly

Agree!



Agree!

"Because this Pathways class will guarantee access to the next two classes, I feel more committed to it than a regular class."

Agree!

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89.3%

Strongly

Agree!













I would definitely recommend the Pathways program to any student that

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