



What is Guided Pathways

Guided pathways "start with the students' end goals in mind, and then rethink and redesigns programs and support services to enable students to achieve these goals."

Guided Pathways are a framework for redesigning an entire community college to improve the student experience for everyone, from entry through graduation.

- reforms in advising and registration processes to help all students identify their goals early in their academic careers
- improvements in how students are supported throughout their courses of study
- clear "maps" for each program of study that guide students as they select courses,
- programs that are aligned with career opportunities in the labor market.



Four Pillars of Guided Pathways



Create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education.



Help students choose and enter their pathway.



Help students stay on their path.



Ensure that learning is happening with intentional outcomes.

Academic programs are built to support student objectives of employment or transfer.

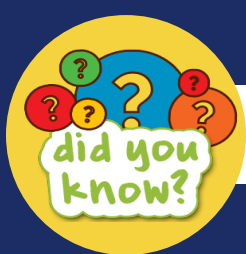
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Align expected program course outcomes to what is expected of them in the workforce



Clarifying program paths to degrees, career advancement, and further education



New students are generally asked to identify a program of study when they apply so they can receive financial aid.

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Support services are designed to help students get onto and stay on a pathway.



- Aligning the support services to assist students down their program path to successful completion
- Students receive help with exploring academic and career options, choosing a program of study, and developing a plan based on the program maps

Technology is used as an instrument to guide students along a pathway.

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The college is working to ensure that students are building essential skills across their programs, not just in individual courses



Most students do not make use of the career center until they near graduation, if they do so at all.

