



# Why We Need Guided Pathways

Rethinking the design of Community Colleges.

## Community Colleges are like a Cafeteria


- The “cafeteria” model, allows students to choose from an abundance of disconnected courses, programs, and support services.
- Students often have difficulty navigating these choices and end up making poor decisions about what program to enter, what courses to take, and when to seek help.
- Students get lost and confused amid hundreds of options, which is one reason that graduation rates at community colleges are low.
- Even students who finish college often graduate with many more credits than they need.



**2,500**  
days at  
Miramar



**100**  
classes taken at  
Miramar



**Community colleges provide many services, programs, and activities, it is often up to each student to navigate the complexities of the college experience.**