Institute #3—Redesigning Student Intake and Support Systems

October 2–4, 2016
Grand Hyatt Denver
Denver, Colorado

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INSTITUTE OBJECTIVES

- Reinforce the case for pathways reforms and the central emphasis on achieving equity.

- Help colleges better enable students to explore career and college options, choose and successfully enter a pathway suited to their interest and aptitudes, and complete the pathway as effectively and efficiently as possible through these changes:

  - Integrate career and college exploration into the college intake experience to help students choose a pathway that fits with their interests and aptitudes as soon as possible.

  - Redesign advising and integrate technology to support students in choosing a pathway and to monitor student progress through pathways, providing frequent feedback and support as needed.

  - Fundamentally rethink developmental education, integrating accelerated and contextualized academic skill development within the college’s main areas of study/meta-majors.

  - Integrate field-appropriate academic and non-academic supports into critical college-level gatekeeper courses in the college’s main areas of study.

- Identify and address challenges involved in organizational redesign and the changing roles of faculty and advisors as colleges revamp their processes for student intake, advising, and monitoring of student progress through pathways.

- Produce draft action plans for continuing work on redesign of student intake, progress monitoring, and support processes, with equity in mind.
Sunday, October 2

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Orientation, Learning, and Luncheon for Pathways Coaches, Partners, and Institute Staff
Maroon Peak

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration
Refreshments provided
Colorado Foyer

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Pre-Institute Work Session
Aligning Guided Pathways With Integrated Advising and Student Supports
Karen Stout, President and CEO, Achieving the Dream
Mei-Yen Ireland, Associate Director of Data and Technology for Student Success, Achieving the Dream

Leaders from Achieving the Dream will familiarize participants with the approach of integrated advising and student supports and how it explicitly connects to pathways design and implementation. This session will explore how this approach supports implementation of key pathways components including program mapping, intake system redesign, and continuous academic and student supports through completion. Participants will review and discuss the Integrated Advising and Student Supports Readiness Assessment and walk through design principles that emerge from the assessment.

NOTE: Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Services Officers should attend this session.

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Pre-Institute Work Session
Developing Leadership for Pathways Throughout the Institution
Alison Kadlec, Senior Vice President and Director, Public Agenda
Rob Johnstone, Founder and President, National Center for Inquiry and Improvement (NCII)

Recognizing the need for distributed leadership throughout the organization is necessary to scale guided pathways reform. This session will explore how each group—general education faculty, CTE faculty, student services staff, and mid-level administrators—can work with the support of senior leadership to make authentic guided pathways reform happen. Participants will leave with a better understanding of how their role fits in the arc of the larger reform trajectory.

NOTE: Faculty and Advisors should attend this session.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Opening Plenary Session**
**Welcome and Introductions**
Kay McClenney, Senior Advisor to President/CEO and Pathways Project, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
Karen Stout, Achieving the Dream

Objectives:
• Offer welcome, preview the institute, and delineate challenges in changing the traditional ways colleges have designed and implemented the student intake process.

3:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m. **Opening Plenary Session (Continued)**
**Changing Our Own Mindsets**
Stacey Johnson, Campus President, East and Winter Park Campuses, Valencia College (FL)
Moderator: Kay McClenney, AACC

Objectives:
• Challenge traditional assumptions and practices typically present in the community college student intake process.
• Focus college discussions on student purpose rather than student placement.
• Challenge participants to think about the structural inequities that exist in the design of their intake process.

4:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Break**

4:45 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. **College Team Strategy Session #1**
**What Would Your Preferred Intake Design Look Like?**
Facilitators: Pathways coaches

Objectives:
• Review the institution’s flowchart of the existing intake process.
• Develop a flowchart outlining the ideal intake process for students, highlighting and addressing the gaps in the current structure.
• Create an action plan and timeline for implementing a revised intake process.
5:55 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Evaluation #1**

**Sunday Sessions**

Complete the green evaluation form located in your participant binder and submit it to your Pathways coach.

**We need and value your feedback!**

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6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Break**

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Reception**

*Refreshments provided*  
*Cash bar available*

**Explore Denver**

**Dinner on Your Own**

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**Monday, October 3**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Full Breakfast**

*Continue work from College Team Strategy Session #1 or network with other colleges and Pathways partners. If desired, schedule time with your Pathways coach or with a Pathways partner.*

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Plenary Working Session**

**Redesigning the On-Ramp: The Core Principles—The Case and Implications for Practice**

*Thomas Bailey, Director and Professor, Community College Research Center (CCRC): The Research-Based Case*  
*Robin Ozz, President, National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), and Director of Developmental Education/English Faculty, Phoenix College (AZ): Teaching Reflections*  
*Bruce Vandal, Senior Vice President for Results, Complete College America: Action Research*  
*Moderator: Nikki Edgecomb, Senior Research Associate, CCRC*  
*Facilitators: Pathways coaches and partners*
Objectives:
• Build on College Team Strategy Session #1 around core principles with the research view, a classroom view, and a results view.
• Emphasize strategies for integration of academic skill-building into gateway courses, accelerated and contextualized within pathways.

NOTE: Seating for this session is arranged by college enrollment size. We ask that colleges distribute their teams across multiple tables so tables are integrated by role.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **College Team Strategy Session #2**
**Developmental Education Redesign Action Planning**
*Facilitators: Pathways coaches*

Objectives:
• Advance thinking and action around developmental education redesign integrated within pathways.
• Action planning for integrating developmental education into programs of study.
• Complete Part II of the Short-term Action Plan.

NOTE: At the end of this session, decide among the team who will attend each of the afternoon breakout sessions.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch and Plenary Session**
**Advising Redesign and Pathways Alignment**
*Chad Brown, President, Zane State College (OH)*
*Lori Suddick, Vice President of Learning, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (WI)*
*Jennifer Roberts, Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Success, Community College of Philadelphia (PA)*
*Moderator: Karen Stout, Achieving the Dream*

The session will address strategies focused on integrating redesigned advising with pathways. Each of the Pathways/Integrated Advising and Student Supports colleges will then offer key advice on how to align pathways with educational planning and advising redesign—helping students choose, enter, and stay on a path.

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1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Break (Move to Concurrent Sessions)**
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I Choosing and Entering a Path

Objectives:
• Examine successful structures for getting students on a path early in their time at the institution.
• Understand ways to redesign developmental education so it is an effective and accelerated on-ramp to programs of study.
• Explore changing roles and responsibilities that result from redesigning developmental education and program pathways.
• Consider the barriers to implementing the new structure and discuss mechanisms for successfully addressing them.

1. Advising to Help Students Choose and Enter a Path: Research and Practice
Stacey Johnson, Valencia Community College (FL)
David Prince, Policy Research Associate, Washington State Board for
Community and Technical Colleges
Moderator: Davis Jenkins, Senior Research Associate, CCRC

Having pathways in place is not enough; it is essential to support students as they make career and transfer choices that get them on the right path. This starts up front as students consider what path to enter; in addition to exploring student interests, the process must also focus on the relationship between career/program choice and the ability to ensure a living wage for students and their families.

2. A Deeper Look: Alignment and Implementation of Integrated Advising, Student Supports, and Pathways
Jamie Clark, Director of One Stop, Zane State College (OH)
Heidi Thomas, Associate Dean of General Studies, Northeast
Wisconsin Technical College (WI)
Jennifer Roberts, Community College of Philadelphia (PA)
Moderator: Karen Stout, Achieving the Dream

Representatives from Pathways colleges that are also Integrated Advising and Student Supports colleges will reflect on how they are redesigning the student experience with simultaneous implementation of guided pathways and Integrated Advising and Student Supports.

3. Rethinking Placement
John Hetts, Senior Director of Data Science, Educational Results Partnership
Susan Burleson, Vice President, Student Success and Communications, Davidson County Community College (NC)
Moderator: Thomas Bailey, CCRC

Participants will discuss ways colleges are revising their placement processes and policies using multiple measures, default placement strategies, and other alternatives to high stakes testing.
4. Co-Requisite Remediation: Promise and Challenges
   Terry Bubb, Director of Advising and Testing, Volunteer State Community College (TN)
   Shawna Van, Chair of Rhetoric, Languages, and Philosophy, Front Range Community College (CO)
   Andrea DeCosmo, Department Chair, Mathematics, Front Range Community College (CO)
   Moderator: Michael Collins, Associate Vice President, Jobs for the Future

Participants will discuss models of co-requisite remediation in both English and mathematics, processes for implementation of co-requisite structures, the impact on student progress, and the connection to programs of study.

5. The Changing Role of Developmental Education and Gateway Course Faculty
   Sarah Roberts, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Nashville State Community College (TN)
   Robin Ozz, NADE and Phoenix College (AZ)
   Moderator: Alison Kadlec, Public Agenda

Participants will discuss how changes in structures for offering remediation have changed the roles and responsibilities of developmental education faculty, the professional development needed to support them and ways that developmental education faculty and college-level math and English faculty are collaborating to make transitions more efficient for students.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break
   Refreshments provided

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions II Helping Students Stay on a Path

Objectives:
• Examine programs and supports for keeping students on their pathway.
• Discuss academic and student supports shown to successfully monitor student progress.
• Consider ways to help students make informed decisions about their program choice.
• Discuss the changing role of advisors as new systems and structures are implemented and how best to provide the needed supports for the institution’s advisors in the transition.

1. Embedded Student Supports
   Rebecca Goosen, Associate Vice Chancellor for College Preparatory, San Jacinto College District (TX)
   Sharmaine Y. Pechac, Director, AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches, Ohio Association of Community Colleges
   Moderator: Michael Baston, Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Vice Provost, LaGuardia Community College (NY)
Participants will discuss models for embedding student support services in remedial and college-level courses. Program leaders will discuss program structure, staffing and supports, and student impact.

2. **Promising Models of Remediation for the Most Underprepared Students**

Ramón De Los Santos, Director, Accelerated Study in Associate Program, LaGuardia Community College (NY)

Greg Brazell, Director, Center for Engagement and Learning, Pierce College District (WA)

Moderator: Kay McClenny, AACC

Most of the leading reforms in math and English around the country have had early results suggesting that they are much more effective than the traditional model. Given that, there are still 40-50% of students who struggle under the new models. While this represents a vast improvement over the 20-25% success rates of the past, we must still explore models and approaches that will serve the most underprepared students.

3. **Monitoring Student Progress**

Erin Barzen, Manager of Retention and Completion, Project Finish Line, South Seattle College (WA)

Dale Hayes, Department Chair, Instructional Advisement, Indian River State College (FL)

Moderator: Rob Johnstone, NCII

Colleges implementing guided pathways reforms need to take a more active role in monitoring student progress and intervening when students fall off their path or encounter barriers. This session will explore both the Success Coach model originated in Washington State and approaches to monitor progress electronically.

4. **The Changing Role of Advisors**

Adelina Silva, Vice Chancellor for Student Success, Alamo Colleges (TX)

Kellie Ziemak, Student Services Project Coordinator, St. Petersburg College (FL)

Moderator: Evelyn Waiwaiole, Director, Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE)

As holistic pathways reforms are implemented at community colleges, the role, tools, and resources for advisors are changing. Advising leaders will discuss that shift and how work and workload are changing as pathways are implemented at scale.
5. Presidents Only Session—Organizational Design Challenges in Scaling Redesigned Intake Systems

Moderator: Josh Wyner, Executive Director, College Excellence Program, The Aspen Institute

This session will allow presidents to reflect on the challenges faced in implementing new advising and intake systems for students. Strategies for changing structures, roles and responsibilities of staff, technology systems, and resource allocation will be explored.

NOTE: For Presidents/CEOs only

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Break

Refreshments provided

4:15 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

College Team Strategy Session #3

Optimizing Your Approach to Advising to Support Scaled Pathways Implementation

Facilitators: Pathways coaches

Objectives:
• Review the Integrated Advising and Student Supports Readiness Assessment.
• Complete Part III of the Short-term Action Plan.

5:25 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Evaluation #2

Monday Sessions

Complete the yellow evaluation form located in your participant binder and submit it to your Pathways coach.

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Tuesday, October 4

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Full Breakfast

Continue work from College Team Strategy Session #3 or network with other colleges. If desired, schedule time with your Pathways coach or with a Pathways partner.
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast Plenary Session**
*Choice Architecture, Academic Foci, and Guided Pathways*
*Tristan Denley, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Tennessee Board of Regents*
*Moderator: Rob Johnstone, NCII*

Objectives:
• Present recent research in Tennessee about student choice and connections to academic programs.
• Discuss non-cognitive placement options and the predictive qualities of non-cognitive assessments.
• Offer examples of colleges working to address noncognitive issues.
• Provide resources and tools colleges can use to assess non-cognitive readiness of students.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Break**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **College Team Strategy Session #4**
*Short-Term Action Planning: What’s Next?*
*Facilitators: Pathways coaches*

Objectives:
• Discuss insights gained by college team members through participation in the day’s sessions.
• Delineate concrete implications of the college data work and strategies highlighted in the day’s discussions for next steps at the college.
• Complete Part IV of the Short-Term Action Plan.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Break**
Refreshments provided

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Closing Plenary Session:**
*Student Voices*
*Panel: Students from Front Range Community College (CO)*
*Moderator: Evelyn Waiwaiole, CCCSE*

Objectives:
• Hear perspectives of students on their college intake and support experiences.
• Understand the programs and structures that have the most positive impact on student persistence and success.
11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

**Evaluation #3**  
*Tuesday Morning Sessions & Overall Institute*

Complete the blue evaluation form located in your participant binder and place it in the manila envelope provided on your table. The Pathways coaches will collect the manila envelopes.

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Coaches are responsible for collecting evaluations—please ensure you have evaluation forms from all of your team members before leaving the Closing Plenary Session. We need all team members to complete an evaluation for funder reporting purposes. Manila envelopes should be returned at the Debrief Session.

11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Closing Comments and Adjourn**  
*Colorado Ballroom*

*Karen Stout, Achieving the Dream*  
*Kay McClenney, AACC*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Debrief Session for Pathways Coaches and Partners**  
*Maroon Peak*

*College Team Sessions — Room Assignments*

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