TCC Connect Campus

Retention Through Intensive Engagement

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A perennial problem of students in community colleges is the one where they graduate with 90+ credits when the degree only requires them to complete 60 credits.

- Increase graduation rates
- Reduce the time towards graduation
## Accelerate Completion

### 2016 THECB Almanac Completion Measures

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**TCC Connect Campus**
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• Offers students the opportunity to earn an associate’s degree in 18 months or less by taking classes on Friday or Saturday
• Flexible scheduling and increased access for non-traditional, busy adults
• Convenient central location
• Pathway to completion with core curriculum in about one year
• Technology mediated hybrid delivery
Weekend College Options

**Blended Options**

- **Friday Evening**
  - 2 hybrid courses (6pm-7:50pm; 8-9:50pm) with balance online

- **Saturday**
  - 2 hybrid courses (9am-10:50am; 12-1:50pm) with balance online

- **Student Development**
  - Each week’s meeting also included one hour of Student Development.
  - These classes include Learning Styles, Note Taking Skills, Time Management, etc.
Student Profile

Compliant in all three areas of the Texas State Initiative (TSI) to include Writing, Reading, and Mathematics

First Time in College

Committed to an 18 month course of study

Comfortable with technology (online learning)

Motivated, independent learner
Student Profile

Most students are non-traditional

Little or no experience in “how the college works”

Not sure which classes are needed or when to take them

Stuck in a position with no advancement or seeking a change

Can’t give up their “life” for an education
Learning Community

• Each semester two new cohorts are formed:
  • One on Friday evening and one on Saturday
• Students enroll for two classes in a seven-week session
• Four classes a semester will allow a student to maintain full-time status
• Become Core Complete in about one year
Test Question:

What is the number one method used for retention?
Engagement

- During registration
- Student development
- Weekly emails
- Phone calls
- Intrusive advising
Engagement

- **Step One**
  - Have a degree plan. Associate of Arts preferred, but can work with any degree plan.
  - Don’t let anyone be “undecided major”.

_TCC Connect Campus_
1. AA ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Complete all 7 subrequirements:
A. **COMPOSITION**
   Complete the following English Composition course.
   ENG-1311 .................................................. 1 course needed
B. **COMPUTER**
   Complete one of the following English Composition courses.
   MATH-1314 or MATH-1313 or MATH-1315
C. **SPEECH**
   Complete one of the following Speech courses.
   SPCH-1311 SPCH-1318 or SPCH-1332
D. **GOVERNMENT**
   Complete each of the following Government courses.
   GOVT-2305 .................................................. 1 course needed
E. **HISTORY**
   Complete two of the following groups of History courses.
   Credit may not be earned for both HIST-1301 and HIST-2307 OR for both HIST-1302 and HIST-2328.
   Group 1
   HIST-1301 or HIST-2327 ....................................... 1 course
   Group 2
   HIST-1302 or HIST-2328 ....................................... 1 course
   Group 3
   HIST-2305 .................................................. 1 course needed
F. **SOCIAL/SERVICES**
   Complete one of the following Social or Behavioral Science courses.
   ANTH-2345 ECON-2301 ECON-2302 PSY-1301 or PSY-1302
   PSY-1303 PSY-2301 or PSY-1301
G. **HEALTH/WELLNESS**
   Complete the following Health and Wellness course.
   RIST-1311 .................................................. 1 course needed

2. MATHEMATICS/SCIENCe REQUIREMENTS

Complete both subrequirements:
A. **MATHEMATICS**
   Complete one of the following Mathematics courses.
   MATH-1314 MATH-1316 MATH-1326 MATH-1325 MATH-1327
   MATH-1302 or MATH-2313
B. **SCIENCE**
   Complete two of the following courses:
   BISL-1406 BISL-1407 BISL-1408 BISL-1409 BISL-2401 BISL-2402
   BISL-1406 BISL-1407 BISL-1408 BISL-1409 BISL-2401 BISL-2402
   CHEM-1403 CHEM-1404 CHEM-1405 CHEM-1406 CHEM-1407 CHEM-1411 CHEM-1412
   CHEM-2403 CHEM-2404 CHEM-2405 CHEM-2406 CHEM-2407 CHEM-2411 CHEM-2412
   PHYS-1403 PHYS-1404 PHYS-1405 PHYS-1406 PHYS-1407 PHYS-1411 PHYS-1412 PHYS-1423
   PHYS-2428 .................................................. 2 courses needed
1. AS CORE CURRICULUM

Complete all 7 subrequirements:

A: COMPOSITION
   Complete the following English Composition course.
   ENGL-1301 .......................................................... 1 course needed

B: COMPOSITION
   Complete one of the following English Composition courses.
   ENGL-1302 or ENGL-1311 ........................................ 1 course needed

C: SPEECH
   Complete one of the following Speech courses.
   SPCH-1311 SPCH-1315 or SPCH-1321 ...................... 1 course needed

D: GOVERNMENT
   Complete each of the following Government courses.
   GOVT-2305 .......................................................... 1 course needed
   GOVT-2306 .......................................................... 1 course needed

E: HISTORY
   Complete two of the following groups of History courses.
   Credit may not be earned for both HIST-1301 and HIST-2327 OR
   for both HIST-1302 and HIST-2328.
   Group A
   HIST-1301 or HIST-2327 .......................................... 1 course
   Group B
   HIST-1302 or HIST-2328 .......................................... 1 course
   Group C
   HIST-2303 ........................................................... 1 course needed

F: SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
   Complete one of the following Social or Behavioral Science courses.
   MATH-2345 ECON-2301 ECON-2302 CRSP-1301
   GSOO-1303 GSOO-1303 HRCT-2301 or DECI-1303 ......... 1 course needed

G: HEALTH/WELLNESS
   Complete the following Health and Wellness course.
   HIND-1184 ........................................................... 1 course needed

2. MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE CORE REQUIREMENT

Complete both subrequirements:

A: MATHEMATICS
   Complete one of the following Mathematics courses.
   MATH-1314 MATH-1316 MATH-2412 or MATH-2413 ........ 1 course needed

B: SCIENCE
   Complete two Laboratory Science courses from one of the
   following groups.
   Note: All courses must be from the same discipline.
   Complete each of the following courses:
   BIDS-1401 ......................................................... 1 course needed
   BIDS-1403 ......................................................... 1 course needed
   CHEM-1404, CHEM-1412, CHEM-2423, or CHEM-2425 .... 2 courses
   Complete each of the following courses:
   CRSP-1403 ......................................................... 1 course needed
   GSOO-1404 ......................................................... 1 course needed

   Complete 2 of the following courses:
   PHYS-1401, PHYS-1402, PHYS-2425, or PHYS-2426 ....... 2 courses

3. AA/CREATIVE ARTS/LANGUAGE, CULTURE & PHILOSOPHY

Complete both subrequirements:

A: CREATIVE ARTS
   Complete one of the following Creative Arts courses.
   ARTS-1301 ARTS-1303 COMM-2346 CURS-2303 CRSP-2310 CRSP-2316
   HUMA-1315 MUSI-1306 MUSI-1307 or MUSI-1310 ......... 1 course needed

B: LANGUAGE & CULTURE
   Complete one of the following Language, Culture and
   Philosophy courses.
   ENGL-2326 ENGL-2328 ENGL-2327 ENGL-2328 ENGL-2332
   ENGL-2331 ENGL-2333 ENGL-2334 ENGL-2335 ENGL-2336
   FRAN-2311 FRAN-2312 FRAN-2313 FRAN-2314 FRAN-2315
   GEED-2311 HIST-2311 HIST-2323 HIST-2325 HUMA-1301
   PHIL-2301 PHIL-2302 or PHIL-2306 .................. 1 course needed

4. AS ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT

Complete 18 hours from the following Mathematics, Science,
or related field courses.
Electives should be chosen to coordinate with the senior
institution major.
   BIDS-1425 BIDS-2423 BIDS-2424 BIDS-2425 BIDS-2426
   CHEM-1413 CHEM-1413 CHEM-2423 CHEM-2425
   CRSP-1420 CRSP-1422 CRSP-1423 CRSP-1424
   CRSP-2420 CRSP-2422 CRSP-2423 CRSP-2424
   ENGR-1201 ENGR-1204 ENGR-1307 ENGR-2301 ENGR-2302
   ENGR-2305 ENGR-2306
   GSOO-1403 GSOO-1404
   MATH-2313 MATH-2315 MATH-2412 MATH-2413 MATH-2415
   MATH-2421 PHYS-1401 PHYS-1402 PHYS-2425 or PHYS-2426 .... 18 credits needed
Engagement

- **Step Two**
  - Run a Degree Audit. Find exactly what classes are needed to graduate.
Engagement

- Step Three
  - Plan a schedule of classes at least two or three semesters in advance.
Engagement

- **Step Four**
  - Try not to allow too many class options. Set them on a track. Classes should be what they need and also include some they want.
## Accelerated Degree Plan

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- ✔ Friday evening classes meet 5-10pm. Both courses are blended (1/4 face-to-face, 3/4 online). Workshops meet 5-6pm. Classes meet 6-7:50pm and 8-9:50pm.

- ✔ Saturday classes meet 9am-2pm. Both courses are blended (1/4 face-to-face, 3/4 online). Classes meet 9-10:50am and 12-1:50pm. Workshops meet 11am-12pm.
Engagement

- Step Six
  - Mandatory Student Development each week. Student success strategies, time management skills, networking with other students, (engagement).
Engagement

- Step Seven
  - When schedule is developed, but registration is not open, pre-registered the student for the next semester before the general public.
To Be Successful

You need three things:
1) The Proper Faculty
2) The Proper Students
3) Dedicated Administration
To Be Successful

1) The Proper Faculty

- Need to be prepared for an accelerated program
- Need classroom experience
- Need online experience
To Be Successful

2) The Proper Students
- Need to be college ready
- Need to be self-motivated
- Should be computer pros
Engagement

- Step Ten
  - Student buy-in. The student must be aware and willing to be contacted and pushed towards graduation.
To Be Successful

3) Dedicated Administration

- Need someone to be the “face” of the program
- Need to aggressively advice the students
- Need to visit with the students regularly to push them towards graduation
Engagement

- Step Eleven
  - Active administration. Emails, phone calls, academic reviews. Outside of normal business hours. Intrusive advising.
Intensive Engagement
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Questions? Comments? Discussion?