Student-Ready
STRATEGIES

Institution by institution...toward a student-ready world.
Our Cornerstone Belief

All students can succeed.

We reject any exceptions to this statement.
Not exceptions based on race, age, disability status, economic circumstances, parents’ education level, academic preparation, social preparedness, or any other factor.
Our Vision
A world in which colleges and universities believe all students can succeed and purposely evolve to ensure they do.

Our Mission
To partner, plan and problem-solve with colleges and universities as they evolve to ensure the success of diverse students with complex lives...
Institution by institution, toward a student-ready world.
How do we achieve attainment goals?

- Graduate more of the students we have
- Close achievement gaps
- Redefine and expand the pipeline of entering students
National graduation rates: 4-year institutions

Graduation rates from first institution attended for first-time, full-time bachelor’s degree-seeking students at 4-year postsecondary institutions, by race/ethnicity and time to completion: Cohort entry year 2010

National 3-year graduation rates: 2-year institutions

Graduation rate within 150 percent of normal time for degree completion from first institution attended for first-time, full-time associate’s degree/certificate-seeking students at 2-year postsecondary institutions, by race/ethnicity: Cohort entry year 2013

How many DID NOT graduate?

- Total: 70%
- White: 68%
- Black: 77%
- Hispanic: 70%
- Asian: 64%
- Pacific Islander: 73%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 73%
- Two or more races: 75%

"Too many of us are beginning to absolve ourselves from responsibility associated with poor student outcomes. We place blame on either the individual student, the K-12 system, or broader societal challenges."

Tia Brown McNair, Susan Albertine, Michelle Asha Cooper, Nicole McDonald and Thomas Major, Jr. Becoming a Student Ready College: A New Culture of Leadership for Student Success
“Every system is perfectly designed to get the results it does.”

-W Edward Deming
Take a look at our range of part-time courses for adults (19+)
What percentage of part-time students in their 2nd college term say they expect to earn an associate degree 1-2 years from entry?

47%

The Center for Community College Student Engagement: Even One Semester: Full-Time Enrollment and Student Success (2017).
Cost

What is the cost difference between a 2-year associate degree and a 6-year associate degree?

$560,000

https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/loans/student-loans/victory-lap/
Success

• What percentage of always part-time students graduate after six years?

20%
6-Year Graduation Rates

- **Always Part-Time**: 20.4%
- **Mixed Enrollment**: 39.5%
- **Always Full-Time**: 80.1%

6-Year Graduation Rates

- 20 and Younger: 68%
- >20-24: 50%
- Older than 24: 49%

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What do we do?
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10 Adults Re-enroll...

+ Postsecondary Attainment Population

+ Some College, No Degree Population
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Student-Ready Institutions
Culprit #1: The Unworkable Schedule
Adult Student-Ready Schedules

• 1 or 2 courses at a time, but compressed for faster graduation
• Consistent days and times on campus each semester
• Built around typical workday
Culprit #2: The High-Maintenance Relationship
Adult Student-Ready Support

• Reenrollment concierge
• Student Success/Navigation Coach
• Streamlined procedures
• Extended business hours for campus offices
Culprit #3: Repeat Material
Adult Student-Ready Onboarding

• Standardized, across-the-board process for awarding prior learning assessment (PLA)
• Generous and common-sense transfer and transcript procedures
• Adult-focused orientation
Community Support

- Reinforce the value of higher education for the community’s health and vitality
- Cultivate interest in college among community’s citizens
- Connect social service providers with colleges to address non-academic challenges
- Facilitate employers’ connections to colleges and universities
Percentage of Adult Americans with a Degree or Credential Beyond High School

Today: 47%

By 2025: 60%

WHY?

Source: Lumina Foundation, A Stronger Nation 2018
"Adult Learners are high-quality, mission-driven students who often reorient their lives to fit an outdated system. Higher Education must become more student-ready for the 36 million adults who want to finish what they started."

Matt Bergman, Professor and Author
2030 is basically tomorrow
The time for Student-Ready Institutions is now.