



GUIDED PATHWAYS ESSENTIAL PRACTICES: SCALE OF ADOPTION SELF-ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES' ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTING OF GUIDED PATHWAYS

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This tool is designed to help your college assess how far along you are toward adopting essential guided pathways practices at scale. The first part of the Scale of Adoption Assessment (SOAA) includes essential practices examined in CCRC's book, *Redesigning America's Community Colleges: A Clearer Path to Student Success* by Thomas Bailey, Shanna Smith Jaggars, and Davis Jenkins (Harvard University Press, 2015). *This document is for planning purposes only, as the official SOAA will be completed in the Chancellor's Office NOVA system by your project leads.*

We suggest that you convene faculty, staff, and administrators from across areas of your college to discuss the extent to which each essential practice listed in the first column is currently implemented at your college as of fall/winter 2020. In column two, indicate the extent to which the practices have been adopted at your college using the following scale:

Scale of Adoption Definition		
Not occurring	College is currently not following, or planning to follow, this practice	
Not systematic	Practice is incomplete, inconsistent, informal, and/or optional	
Planning to scale College is has made plans to implement the practice at scale and has started to put these plans i		
Scaling in progress	Implementation of the practice is in progress for all students	
At scale	Practice is implemented at scale—that is, for all students in all programs of study	

In <u>column three</u>, describe the progress your college has made toward implementing each practice at scale. For practices that are *scaling* or *at scale*, note that we are also asking you to indicate which semester a practice first reached this point. Finally, in <u>column four</u>, indicate the next steps your college plans to take toward implementing the given practice at scale and the college's timeline for implementing these steps. *Don't be concerned if your college has made minimal progress implementing any given practice*. This assessment will help your college develop and refine a plan for implementing guided pathways at scale at your college. Project partners and the Chancellor's Office will also use this information to follow the system's progress in implementing guided pathways over time.

Equity Considerations

A fundamental goal of guided pathways is to increase the rate at which underrepresented students earn college credentials, particularly degrees and credentials in fields of high economic value, while also closing gaps for low-income students, students of color, returning adults, students with disabilities, and other groups with inequitable outcomes. As colleges seek to strengthen supports for all students to explore options for careers and college and choose and complete a program of study suited to their interests and aspirations, we encourage colleges to critically examine each practice to think about how the college is serving students who have been historically underrepresented and/or underserved in higher education.

In fall 2018 the SOAA was updated to include "Equity Considerations" in each practice area so that your pathways team can discuss and articulate connections between the college's pathways reforms and equity goals. Your team does not need to answer all of these questions as part of the SOAA process and they are not intended to be used as "assessments." Also, don't be concerned if your college has had minimal discussion and/or efforts related to any given question. We hope the questions help initiate or advance conversations about whether and how institutional practices are having differential impact on historically underserved groups and how your college can leverage your pathways work to close equity gaps by identifying and addressing causes of inequity, removing systemic barriers, and focusing design decisions and resource allocation in ways that more effectively address needs of underserved groups. In doing so, you may want to include details about how the college is addressing these concerns in the "progress to date" and/or "next steps/timeline" column.

As your team completes the SOAA, please refer to the equity consideration questions to facilitate conversations about connections between the college's pathways and equity efforts. Please submit the certified SOAA within the NOVA system by March 1 2020. For more information about the SOAA, please email guidedpathwaysinfo@ccco.edu.

For assistance in obtaining access to the NOVA system, please email nova-support@productops.com.

Guided Pathways Essential Practices	Scale of Adoption at Our College	Practice (If Scaling in Progress or At Scale, please indicate which term (e.g., fall 2015) the college first reached this point)	Next Steps Toward Implementing Practice at Scale & Timeline
 How could the college ensure that access t education (e.g., racial/ethnic minority stud students, veterans, undocumented students How are financial costs, potential debt, and 	ges easy to navigate and understate and use of this information is ents, lower-income students, first, etc.)?	lanning, and discussions. The guiding questions in	nce with higher education? Inderrepresented and/or underserved in higher digenous students, formerly incarcerated egional employment, projected earnings, and
ING PATHWAYS TO STUDENT END GOALS a. Programs are organized and marketed in broad career-focused academic and communities or "meta-majors". (Note: This practice was added to the SOAA in February 2019)	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Program mapper fully implemented and meta-majors (Interest Areas) integrated into CCCApply application process, and the CRM is programed to message to each applicant. Welcome Center and Student Success & Support Program (SSSP) are aligned with Interest Areas. Term, if at scale or scaling: Summer 2020	Next steps: (1,000 character) Further improvements to our website and outreach Timeline for implementing next steps: Summer 2021
, .	ith other GP teams lividual training	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)
b. Every program is well designed to guide and prepare students to enter employment and further education in fields of importance to the college's service area.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic X Planning to scale Scaling in progress	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Planning and design phase. COLTS- CON to address career exploration for each Interest Area. Term, if at scale or scaling: Summer (August) 2021	Next steps: (1,000 character) Review best practices in the college (STEM courses, Career Education programs) and scaling up the services. Career Center Director to coordinate

Progress to Date Implementing
Practice

Summer (August) 2021

with Interest Area leads.

		At scale		Better integration with career path information, Career Center website with Interest Area websites. Timeline for implementing next steps: Summer 2021
	1. b. Support Needed? Type of Support - plate Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /ind. Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)
c.	Detailed information is provided on the college's website on the employment and further education opportunities targeted by each program.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Opening information for each area indicates possible career options. Mapper provides general employment data and outlook. Term, if at scale or scaling: Summer 2020	Next steps: (1,000 character) Better integration with career path information for example, Career Center website with Interest Area websites. Timeline for implementing next steps: Spring 2021- Summer 2021
	1. c. Support Needed? Type of Support - plate Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /independent Policy Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)
d.	Programs are clearly mapped out for students. Students know which courses they should take and in what sequence. Courses critical for success in each program and other key progress milestones are clearly identified. All this information is easily accessible on the college's website.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Program Mapper is online and live Term, if at scale or scaling: Summer 2020	Next steps: (1,000 character) Milestones to be included in the Student Educational Plan (SEP) in the Constituent Relationship Management (CRM). Milestones to be clearly communicated to students and built into the CRM. Timeline for implementing next steps: Fall 2021-Spring 2022

1. d. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X needed? Policy guidance Connections with other Gland Regional training On campus /individual training Technology Reporting/data Other	teams Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)
aligned with the student's field of study (Note: This essential practice was moved from Area 2) Not of Not significant.	X next to one: Curring Stematic Ing to scale Ing in progress Progress to date: (2,500 character) Automated when students pick a program of study in the matriculation process. Term, if at scale or scaling: Fall 2019	Next steps: (1,000 character) Timeline for implementing next steps:
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 the college considered how it can help underr needs? For critical program courses, does the college improve overall student success in these course. Does the college proactively partner with feed 	epresented students raise their disaggregate enrollment, passes? der high schools that serve pre? Are dual enrollment opportu	ds students are disproportionately enrolled in program educational and career expectations while at the same strate, and subsequent success data by student characteristics and subsequent and high needs student unities made available to high school students who are basic skills programs?	teristics? What strategies has the college used to
ING STUDENTS CHOOSE AND ENTER A AM PATHWAY a. Every new student is helped to explore career/college options, choose a program of study, and develop a full- program plan as soon as possible.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale X Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Priority Engagement Program (PEP) supports students with course selection, creating education plan, and the registration/application process. COLTS-CON will further help students explore career/college options. In the past COLTS-CON had STEM Explorers to support students interested in STEM pathways. Term, if at scale or scaling: PEP ongoing COLTS-CON 2016	Next steps: (1,000 character) Timeline for implementing next steps:
2. a. Support Needed? Type of Support - place Policy guidance Connections wit Regional training On campus /indi Technology Reporting/data Other	h other GP teams	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
b. Special supports are provided to help academically underprepared students to succeed in the "gateway" courses for the college's major program areas.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) The college has in place the following support services to promote success in "gateway" classes, for example: • Word Jams • Math Jams • Physics Jams	Next steps: (1,000 character) Integrate these supports with the Interest Areas. Hiring of additional peer mentors

Progress to Date Implementing Practice

			 Chemistry Jams Embedded Peer Instruction Cohort (EPIC) Tutoring (Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology) Net Tutor Writing Center General tutoring through Learning Center Peer mentors Term, if at scale or scaling: Ongoing college practice	Communicate, message and encourage students to utilize student services Timeline for implementing next steps: Spring & Summer 2021
	2. b. Support Needed? Type of Support - ple Policy guidance Connections we Regional training On campus /ind Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
c.	Special supports are provided to help academically underprepared students to succeed in the program-relevant "gateway" math courses by the end of their first year. (Note: This practice was added to the SOAA in February 2019)	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Students are encouraged to take certain introduction courses and to participate in activities to better prepare them for gateway courses, for example: Math Jams AB705 co-requisites • Math 800 • Math 825 • Math 841 Term, if at scale or scaling: Part of the college practice	Next steps: (1,000 character) Need to embed tutors for Math 800 and Math 200 Timeline for implementing next steps:
	2. c. Support Needed? Type of Support - plot Policy guidance Connections we Regional training On campus /ind Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
d.	Special supports are provided to help academically underprepared students to succeed in the "gateway" English courses	Place an X next to one: Not occurring	Progress to date: (2,500 character)	Next steps: (1,000 character)

	by the end of their first year. (Note: This practice was added to the SOAA in February 2019)	Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Students are encourage to participate in various support services and activities to be prepared for gateway classes, for example: • Word Jams • Writing Center • English 105 • Embedded tutors Term, if at scale or scaling: Ongoing college practice	Timeline for implementing next steps:
	2. d. Support Needed? Type of Support - place Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /ind Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
e.	Intensive support is provided to help very poorly prepared students to succeed in college-level courses as soon as possible.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale X Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Promise, EOPS, TRIO, STEM, Learning Center programs provide intrusive support for students. Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) Coordinating cross-programs and Interest Areas that ALL students are served. Timeline for implementing next steps: Spring 2021
	2. e. Support Needed? Type of Support - plate Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /ind Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
f.	The college works with high schools and other feeders to motivate and prepare students to enter college-level coursework in a program of study when they enroll in college.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale X Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Building dual enrollments and partnerships with high schools. Creation of Director of Dual Enrollment & High School Transitions position, hired June 2020, currently creating new pathways.	Next steps: (1,000 character) Build out dual enrollment partnerships Timeline for implementing next steps: Spring 2021-Summer 2021

	PEPs align with the Interest Areas for high school students. Term, if at scale or scaling:	
2. f. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X nex Policy guidance Connections with other GP Regional training On campus /individual train Technology Reporting/data Other	Support Needed - Detail: (1 000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)

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 their programs? How does the college ensure that underrepression. How does the college integrate academic and 	sented students are not disprop I student support services into e students' financial stability n	re, and culturally relevant advising practices to better cortionately directed away from competitive, limited pathways so that the support is unavoidable and ther eeds (e.g., nutrition, transportation, childcare, public	access programs? efore less stigmatized?
KEEPING STUDENTS ON PATH Advisors monitor which program every student is in and how far along the student is toward completing the program requirements.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale X Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Created Success Teams CRM training for counselors Term, if at scale or scaling: All Success Teams to be fully	Next steps: (1,000 character) CRM training for Success Team members, Retention Specialists Timeline for implementing next steps: Spring 2021
3. a. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X next to one or more: Policy guidance Connections with other GP teams Regional training On campus /individual training Technology Reporting/data Other		implemented Spring 2021 Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
b. Students can easily see how far they have come and what they need to do to complete their program.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic X Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Transitioning/ merging from Degree Works to CRM where students can view their progress. Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) Timeline for implementing next steps: Fall 2021-Spring 2022
3. b. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X next to one or more: Policy guidance Connections with other GP teams Regional training On campus /individual training Technology Reporting/data Other		Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
c. Advisors and students are alerted when students are at risk of falling off their	Place an X next to one:	Progress to date: (2,500 character)	Next steps: (1,000 character)

	program plans and have policies and supports in place to intervene in ways that help students get back on track.	Not occurring Not systematic X Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	The college has in place and encourages faculty to use systems to indicate when students need extra supports, for example: • Early Alert system (faculty driven) • Mid-term reports • CRM will have the capacity to alert based on exam grades • Progress reports (International Students, EOPS) Term, if at scale or scaling:	Determine the CRM indicators to alert when student are not progressing Exam grades Missing assignments Attendance Withdrawal Faculty reports Timeline for implementing next steps: CRM: Spring and Summer 2021 CRM Early Alert: Fall 2021
	3. c. Support Needed? Type of Support - place Policy guidance Connections wi Regional training On campus /ind Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
d.	Assistance is provided to students who are unlikely to be accepted into limited-access programs, such as nursing or culinary arts, to redirect them to another more viable path to credentials and a career	Place an X next to one: Not occurring X Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) Radiology Need more information from Counseling Timeline for implementing next steps:
	3. d. Support Needed? Type of Support - plate Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /ind Technology Reporting/data Other	th other GP teams ividual training	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
e.	The college schedules courses to ensure students can take the courses they need when they need them, can plan their lives around school from one term to the next, and can complete their programs in as short a time as possible.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Enrollment Management Committee Identifies scheduling issues to maximize enrollment. Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) Strategic Enrollment Management Plan implementation through 2023 Timeline for implementing next steps:

3. e. Support Needed? Policy guidance	Type of Support - place an X next to one or more: Connections with other GP teams	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
Regional training	On campus /individual training		
Technology	Reporting/data		
Other			

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 As faculty make curricular changes to better that better support learning outcomes success. What opportunities exist for faculty or advise examining the role of unconscious bias in the Is the college disaggregating program learning. 	align course assignments with s for underrepresented students ors to critically examine their re- e classroom or advising that co- ng outcomes data, program reto	rogram-relevant active and experiential learning opportunity program learning outcomes, how does the college state (e.g., culturally responsive teaching)? Toole in advancing equity-minded teaching and advising the affect student aspirations for a particular field are ention and completion data, and other assessment meaning the college staff, with students, and with the outside complete the college staff, with students, and with the outside complete the college staff, with students, and with the outside complete the college staff, with students, and with the outside complete the college staff.	upport faculty to implement pedagogical changes age practices at the college (e.g., critically ad/or program selection)? easures by race, income, age, and gender to
4. ENSURING THAT STUDENTS ARE LEARNING a. Program learning outcomes are aligned with the requirements for success in the further education and employment outcomes targeted by each program.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring X Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) PLOs are a regular part of the program review process. The Radiologic Technology Program has a required clinical component. Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) CE question, do PLOs, SLOs also indicate employment opportunities? Timeline for implementing next steps:
4. a. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X next to one or more: X Policy guidance Connections with other GP teams Regional training On campus /individual training Technology Reporting/data Other		Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character) College needs more information if this is required for all academic degrees and or transfer	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
b. Instruction across programs (especially in program introductory courses) engages students in active and applied learning, encouraging them to think critically, solve meaningful problems, and work and communicate effectively with others. (Note: This practice was added to the SOAA in February 2019)	Place an X next to one: Not occurring X Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Example, instruction between English and STEM contextualized, reading and assignments related to STEM topics While this type of critical thinking engagement occurs in some introductory courses, we have not systematically surveyed all programs. The ESL program structures student engagement to promote student success in following next level and transfer courses	Next steps: (1,000 character) Expand to other programs of study. Interest Area collaborations with English, Math, or other General Education courses to engage students in assignments allowing them to explore their Interest Area. Timeline for implementing next steps:

X Policy guidance Connections v Regional training On campus /indi Technology Reporting/data	ce an X next to one or more: with other GP teams vidual training	The ILOs include active and applied learning, encouraging to think critically, solve meaningful problems, and work and communicate effectively with others. Term, if at scale or scaling: Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character) Is this required for all introductory courses?	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
c. Students have ample opportunity to apply and deepen knowledge and skills through projects, internships, co-ops, clinical placements, group projects outside of class, service learning, study abroad and other experiential learning activities that program faculty intentionally embed into coursework.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring X Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Career Education programs prepare and provide opportunities for students to use skills and knowledge learned in courses to apply in various ways. Projects related to industry, practicum experience requirements Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) Career exploration courses and activities for all students across Interest Areas is under development Needed partners are: Career Center Director of Workforce Bring back to IA leads Timeline for implementing next steps:
4. c. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X next to one or more: Policy guidance Connections with other GP teams Regional training On campus /individual training Technology Reporting/data Other		Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
d. Faculty/programs assess whether students are mastering learning outcomes and building skills across each program, in both arts and sciences and career/technical programs.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress x At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) All programs assess students on a regular interval, SLOs. Term, if at scale or scaling: Part of ongoing college practice	Next steps: (1,000 character) Timeline for implementing next steps:

4. d. Support Needed? Type of Support - place Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /indivi Technology Reporting/data Other	other GP teams	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
are used to improve teaching and learning through program review, professional development, and other intentional campus efforts.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Yes, programs review SLO assessments to inform program review Term, if at scale or scaling: Ongoing college practice	Next steps: (1,000 character) Timeline for implementing next steps:
4. e. Support Needed? Type of Support - place Policy guidance Connections with Regional training On campus /indivi Technology Reporting/data Other	other GP teams	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)
	Place an X next to one: Not occurring X Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Career Education programs like Digital Art & Animations, ECE, Fashion, and Interior Design have students create portfolios to demonstrate and document their learning. ESL students create a EPortfolio Students participate in Honors Transfer Program Business students develop a "toolkit" (resumes, microcredentials) that employers recognize Term, if at scale or scaling:	Next steps: (1,000 character) IA leads to discuss ways to document student learning, for example Portfolium; Signature Work (is this District-wide?) Support students in getting letters of recommendation; applying for scholarships; other capstone evidence Timeline for implementing next steps:
4. f. Support Needed? Type of Support - place an X next to one or more: Policy guidance Connections with other GP teams Regional training On campus /individual training		Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character)	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)

	Technology Reporting/data	ı		
	Other			
g.	The college assesses effectiveness of educational practice (e.g. using CCSSE or SENSE, etc.) and uses the results to create targeted professional development.	Place an X next to one: Not occurring Not systematic Planning to scale Scaling in progress X At scale	Progress to date: (2,500 character) Yes Term, if at scale or scaling: Part of ongoing college practice	Next steps: (1,000 character) Timeline for implementing next steps:
		· ·	Support Needed – Detail: (1,000 character	Challenge or barrier: (1,000 character)

Additional REQUIRED questions:

Student Engagement and Support		
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT	Guided Pathways legislation specifically asks for a report on progress in engaging students in the planning and implementation of the reforms. Your answers below will provide the Chancellor's Office a system-wide qualitative measure of this effort.	
In what ways are you continually engaging students in the planning and implementation of Guided Pathways on your campus? (Minimum of one required)	Place an X next to one or more: X Student survey(s) X Students serve on campus GP advisory committee(s) X Student focus groups Other:	
	Engagement Efforts - Details: (1,000 character) As we discuss in our Success Story below, Cañada has actively engaged students in the planning and implementation of Guided Pathways. Beginning with our "Student Voices" focus groups conducted in fall 2018, followed by student engagement in the sorting of our	

	programs into Interest Area and the creation of clearer "program maps". Students helped redesign the college website and conducted UI/UX sessions to evaluate where the obstacles in the college matriculation process were to help inform the design of a new customer relationship management (CRM) tool. Finally, peer mentors are helping to inform how the college's new Interest Area aligned Success Teams can best support students.	
COURSE ALIGNMENT	How is the college exploring alignment of course offerings with student education plans? (To help answer this question, consider the college's answers to the following self-assessment questions 1.D., 2.A., 3.B., and 3.E.)	
	Course Alignment - Details: (1,000 character)	
	CRM and Degree Works will be communicating (Spring 2022)	
	Program Mapper data will inform scheduling of courses (Spring 2022)	

Additional OPTIONAL questions:

Success Story		
SUCCESS STORY	Optional: Please share a success story for collaborative purposes and to help establish best practices. Other NOVA users will be able to see this information as part of your submitted self-assessment, however the Chancellor's Office will not share the information with outside parties without first obtaining your college's consent. Note: All fields are required should you choose to include a success story.	
Title: Students Centered Design		
Follow-up Contact Person(s): Hyla Lacefield, Mary Ho, Jamie Hui, Maria Huning, Karen Engel		

Challenge: (1,000 character)

Cañada College faced several challenges while initiating the Guided Pathways process at our campus. Primarily, we struggled with "initiative fatigue." Our campus had already seen many projects and initiatives come and go. The question became: how we get the whole college to buy into this process. We identified that a Student Focused approach as a rallying point all levels of the campus could support. Student focus groups, student committee members, and student engagement was imbued in each step of the process. We recognize that we could do better in getting a range of student voices, as those most engaged continued to remain engaged. However, the challenge became how do we explain and keep all constituents

engaged and energized during an iterative approach. This is a challenge we continue to face throughout the Guided Pathways process.

Success Story: (10,000 character)

In 2018, our college initiated an iterative process of college redesign and the first step was identifying the challenges we were trying to address. This began by breaking into different groups that focused on various aspect of the redesign process. The initial groups headed by the Guided Pathways Steering Committee included: Student Voices, Academic Pathways, and Business Process Analysis (which evolved into the CRM group). Throughout each decision, it was vital that our process involved students in every step. Students were able to engage in the design process through many entry points including focus groups, working groups and the Steering Committee. Additionally, staff and faculty who participated in the redesign served as student advocates.

One team that concentrated on making this a student-centered redesign was the "Student Voices" group. Other groups had varying degrees of student involvement. We quickly discovered that those teams that did not *center* student voices but instead focused on what other colleges had done did not end up getting very far in their design process. Knowing what worked for other people turned out to be secondary to becoming intimately aware of what our own students' needs were and what their existing challenges were. We knew that our students were taking far too long to achieve their educational goals, but we only had vague ideas of what was causing that delay.

When we held our very first focus group, we brought students, retention specialists, counselors, and outreach personnel together to help us identify some of the major challenges our students faced in being able to complete their educational goals. Numerous barriers were identified, from clashing class schedules to indecision about what degrees and certificates were associated with which potential career paths and conflicting and misinformation. Students repeatedly indicated that they had some idea of the sort of thing they might want to do for a career, but a lot less understanding about what they would need to study in school to get the tools they needed for that career and resources available to help with them complete. In the end, student voices and concerns were the impetus for the college making major changes across all levels of the campus.

By 2019, the result our Student Voices focus groups helped more faculty and staff appreciate the challenges students face and helped develop a new sense of urgency that helped us overcome our "initiative fatigue. As a result, faculty, staff and students rolled up their sleeves together to identify groups of programs that would allow for a more streamlined and organized way for students to "belong" at the college and feel supported in their career exploration.

The initial identification of Interest Areas and majors in the Interest Areas were a result of centering student voices in the design process. Initially our college, as many who were beginning implementation of Guided Pathways, was interested in clustering our academic programs into "Meta Majors". However, when we asked students about the concept of "Meta

Majors", they were confused and uncertain as to what that concept meant. "Interest Areas" immediately resonated as a more "student-friendly" term for the idea of clustering related academic programs. Thus, we took a look at what other colleges were doing, but when it came to implementation, we centered what made sense to and for our students. We began using the term "Interest Areas" when referring to these clusters of related classes.

To create these Interest Areas, we initially looked at common core courses across programs and found that in fact (with the obvious exception of GE requirements). This proved to be an important exercise for establishing clusters of programs based on their math requirement (calculus vs. statistics). In other cases, this proved to be less important. The idea that there were foundational classes that students of numerous different programs could benefit from was not particularly borne out. By contrast, there were some areas that naturally clustered, the Busines Interest Area being notable among them. There were others (including many Career Education programs) that shared very little with other areas. For example, Fashion and Interior Design, Digital Art and Studio Art all have classes that address color theory, but there is no one color theory class that will meet *all* of the requirements. On a surface level this might seem non-intuitive, but the characteristics of mixing paint, working with computers, and fabric and textiles together with lighting and environment mean that color follows different rules and is applied in drastically different ways in each of these programs. So, the idea of using data alone to make empirically logical collections of programs was set aside. Instead, the data was used to validate the information that resulted from the next set of focus groups.

Because faculty had very strong ideas about their own programs and what areas made sense to be grouped together, we decided that we would do several 'sorts' by listing all unique programs onto cards and then bringing different groups of people together to sort them in ways that made sense to them. When you gather people together in a group activity of this sort, you will often find much more interesting and relevant outcomes than soliciting the same information from individuals. There is more interaction and discussion, and more ideas prompting others in the group to think about things differently.

We did these sorts separately with numerous student groups of different types (first time, returning, etc.), with faculty groups and with mixed faculty/staff groups. We then compared all of the data from all of these sorts with the initial data analysis of common core required courses and the bulk of the nascent Interest Areas fell into place. There were some that were less clear, including Kinesiology (separate Health group? Related to Biology?), Video Game Design (Related to Computer Science in the STEM area or Digital Art in the Art & Design area?), and Education (Education as a separate group? Or related to Sociology/Psychology/Social Sciences?). Geography was one of the programs that many of the different groups had trouble sorting as there was a great deal of confusion as to exactly what it was. This was true in both student and faculty/staff sorting groups.

The next major challenge was determining how many groups there should be. Students sorting groups often sorted into a larger number of groups, while faculty/staff often carried certain preconceptions (perhaps based on existing Division structures) that were generally less apparent in the student groups. Ultimately, it was decided that because we were trying

to use the grouping of the Interest Areas as a mean of redesigning how our student supports interacted, we would group into a smaller number of Interest Areas to provide greater cohesion to the Success Teams that would be linked to those Interest Areas.

Student voices have also informed other major changes to our business processes: the development of a new customer relationship management (CRM) system; the creation of new "program maps" that more clearly communicate the course requirements and suggested sequences for each degree and certificate program at Cañada, and, most recently, the creation of "success teams"

The way students engaged in the application and initial process of enrolling in the college was reviewed at the college and district level. This brought about a CRM that has slowly been rolling out over the past year. It began with streamlining our marketing and communications to new students to highlight the Interest Areas that students could choose in the application phase. Guided Pathways Steering Committee members worked with students to test out this messaging in a number of UI/UX sessions in which students provided insight into the shortcomings of our existing matriculation process. This semester, all counseling services will be scheduled and monitored via the CRM to better provide better communications with both incoming and returning students.

Lastly, students are informing our efforts to create "Success Teams" to support all students in every Interest Area. Success Teams are comprised of lead faculty, administrators, counselors, retention specialists, peer mentors, and data coaches who monitor student-level data in each in order to build and manage relationships with each student in the Interest Area. These Success Teams help students with on-boarding and matriculation, retention and persistence, and completion of their educational goals.

A significant challenge in this work involves the close collaboration between the retention specialists already serving students in special programs (such as Promise Scholars and EOPS) and those now seeking to engage all other students, based on their program of study or career objectives. Again, we are in the process of engaging students, particularly peer mentors, who can help the college ensure that messaging and services reach all students, not just those in special programs. This work is on-going.

Outcomes: (1,000 character)

While we are still evaluating the outcomes of our Guided Pathways redesign at Cañada College, preliminary results have been promising. Student surveys have indicated that, although we are currently experiencing a pandemic, overall students are able to connect with the resources and guidance they need. With a streamlined online matriculation process via our new CRM, students receive earlier and more consistent messaging and support from Welcome Center staff, counselors, retention specialists and faculty. The added clarity of our student-designed virtual campus landing page, Interest Area pages and program maps, students are can more easily identify how to move through the transfer and CTE opportunities

Cañada College provides via our website. In a recent survey conducted fall term 2020, only 3% of students reported that they could not find what they needed on the website. All newly matriculating students are in an Interest Area and Interest Area-aligned Success Team members and the Welcome Center staff contact all first-time students after submitting an application to engage them in their new community. Our efforts to design and implement the elements of our Guided Pathways college redesign continue, as do our efforts to engage students in them. As we begin the process of evaluating the effectiveness of these changes, we also plan to engage students actively.

Vision for Success Goals - Please select the goals that apply to this success story. Place an X next to one or more:

Increase by at least 20 percent the number of California Community College students annually who acquire associate degrees, credentials, certificates, or specific skill sets that prepare them for an in-demand job.

Increase by 35 percent the number of California Community College students transferring annually to a UC or CSU

Decrease the average number of units accumulated by California Community College students earning associate degrees

Increase the percent of exiting CTE students who report being employed in their field of study

Reduce equity gaps across all of the above measures through faster improvements among traditionally underrepresented student groups

Reduce regional achievement gaps across all of the above measures through faster improvements among colleges located in regions with the lowest educational attainment of adults