

Texas Pathways Institute #1  
Pre-Institute Sessions  
November 6, 2019

For Texas Pathways Institute #1, *Institutional Transformation for Student Success*, participants may elect to attend one of two pre-institute sessions. Participants must register in advance to be admitted to the session. Lunch is provided.

**Using the Conversion to Eight-Week Terms as a Catalyst for Institutional Culture Change  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Colleges share their journeys to offer the majority of classes in eight-week terms, rather than the traditional semester. Dialogue will include these colleges realizing increases in course completion, retention, graduation, enrollment, and in the percentage of full-time students. Attendees will learn the benefits of a compressed course model on student success; hear about the practices, culture change and support needed to implement eight-week terms; as well as identify common challenges and resolutions for implementing the eight-week term model. Table top discussions will occur to help answer specific questions related to areas such as Athletic Eligibility, State Reporting, Marketing, Scheduling, faculty centric questions such as load, scheduling, and professional development.

**Using Communications to Build Collegewide Pathways Engagement  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Without effective communications, even the most robust guided pathways planning will have limited impact. This hands-on workshop teaches fundamental communications strategies, provides opportunities for colleges to begin using them, and helps each college identify clear next steps for action once they return to their campuses. Each college will focus on its specific communications needs. And each college will leave the session with the beginning of a strategic communications plan tied to at least one of its organizational goals.

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