Implementing & Scaling 8-Week Courses for Institutional Transformation

Webinar Learning Series: Financial Aid

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Dedicated to social and economic mobility, we support community college strategies that will empower Texans to rise out of poverty and achieve better life outcomes.
PATHWAYS FRAMEWORK
Building a Talent Strong Texas

Connect  Enter  Progress  Succeed

Learners From Multiple Entry Points

Enter Careers, Earn More Credentials, & Transfer to 4-Year Institutions

High School Students

Adult Students & Displaced Workers
### 1. Mapping Pathways to Student End Goals
- Multiple entry points
- Default program maps
- Completion, further education, employment
- Guides through transition and transfer

### 2. Helping Students Choose and Enter a Program Pathway
- College readiness in 1st year
- Career exploration
- Early contextualization
- Accelerated remediation for most poorly prepared

### Texas Pathways
**Four Pillars of Essential Practices**

### 3. Keeping Students on Path
- Strong, inescapable advising
- Clarity for education and career choices
- Predictable schedules
- Early intervention
- Academic and non-academic support

### 4. Ensuring that Students are Learning
- Program learning outcomes aligned with careers and further education
- Internships and apprenticeships
- Active culturally competent teaching practices
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Anticipated Student Outcomes:

• As a result of scaling 8-week courses, TSC anticipates dramatic improvements in the following Key Performance Indicators:
  (a) completion of 6+ credits in term 1,
  (b) persistence from term 1 to term 2, and
  (c) completion of college level courses (Math/Reading/Writing) in year 1.
# Leader Colleges Pairings

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| **Austin Community College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) | **Alvin Community College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) | **Trinity Valley CC**  
(Transition through Fall 2024) |
| CEO: Dr. Richard Rhodes  
POC: Dr. Monique Umphrey, Provost | CEO: Dr. Robert Exley  
POC: Stacy Ebert, Interim VP of Instruction | CEO: Dr. Jerry King  
POC: Dr. Kristin Spizzirri, VP of Instruction & Chief Academic Officer |
| **Houston Community College System**  
(Partial implementation Fall 2023) | **Laredo College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) | **Paris Junior College**  
(Implementation in Fall 2022) |
| CEO: Dr. Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor  
POC: Dr. Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, Vice Chancellor Workforce Instruction, Houston Community College System President, HCC Southwest | CEO: Dr. Minita Ramirez (July 1)  
POC: Dr. Mariela Rodriguez Tijerina, Chief Academic Officer/Texas Pathways Lead; Dr. Fred Solis, VP of Enrollment and Student Success | CEO: Dr. Pam Anglin |
| **El Paso Community College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) | **Del Mar College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) | **Texarkana College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) |
| CEO: Dr. Serrata  
POC: Pam Payne, Angeles Vazquez, Steven Smith | CEO: Mark Escamilla  
POC: Dr. Jonda Halcomb | CEO: Dr. Jason Smith  
POCs: Donna McDaniel; Dixon Boyles |
| **Weatherford College**  
(Transition through 2025) | **Hill College**  
(Implementation underway; Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) | **Howard College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) |
| CEO: Dr. Tod Allen Farmer  
POC: Michael Endy, VP of Academics and Student Services | CEO: Dr. Thomas Mills (August 1)  
POC: Dr. Kerry Schindler, Vice President of Instruction | CEO: Dr. Cheryl Sparks  
POC: Cindy Smith, Dean of Student Success; Amy Burchett, District VP, Academic & Student Affairs/CAO |
| **Lamar State Orange**  
(Implementation in Fall 2021) | **Vernon College**  
(Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) |  |
| CEO: Dr. Thomas A. Johnson  
POC: Dr. Wendy Elmore, Provost | CEO: Dr. Dusty Johnson  
POC: Shana Drury, VP of Instructional Services |  |
Expectations

• Redesign of systems to scale 8-week courses
• New course offerings for Fall 2023 (spring registration)
• CEO to CEO executive coaching
  • focused on institutional vision, scale, success metrics, and lessons learned
  • 4 check-ins through December (~monthly)
• Technical Assistance
  • Webinar Series (July 27, Sept 9, October 5)
  • Texas Pathways Pre-Institute (November 14)
• Site Visit ($1,000 travel, hotel, and F&B expenses reimbursable)
• 2-page Progress Report due on 12/15/22 to TSC (use template)
Institutional Leads & Presenters

**Kim McKay**, Vice President for Student Services, Odessa College

**Dr. Tracy Skopek**, Vice President of Instruction and Chief Academic Officer, Kilgore College

**Dr. Dava Washburn**, Vice President of Instruction, Grayson College
Topic Overview:
Financial Aid
GRAYSON COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

- Transitioned Fall 2018
- Previously disbursed after 16-week census, then began disbursing prior to census after transitioning to 8-week model
- Increase in Pell recalculation for non-attendance and decrease in all "F" R2T4 at end of the semester
- Currently disburse for all modules within days of census
- We were disbursing prior to census, but after first day of classes
- Adopting Follett ACCESS caused us to push this back
- We are still a Formula 1, semester-based school
THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Multiple drops for non-payment
- Disbursement calendar/when to disburse
  - Disburse for each individual module or disburse all up front then
  - Pell recalculation if non-attendance in modules
- Bookstore availability
  - We have to leave ability to charge in bookstore open all semester long
- Payment Plans
  - Can have payment plan for 2nd 8-week only, but only 2 payments (50% down)
More Things to Consider

- Implement a way to capture drops prior to census but after 1st day of classes
- **Pell recalculation freeze date?**
  - If you adjust up, you must adjust down (enrollment status)
- **When do you run Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for FA?**
  - We wait until all grades are posted at the end of 16-week term
RETURN TO TITLE IV (R2T4)

Best practice: module length needs to be at least 49% of semester
This allows R2T4 exemption, still must perform calculation

If student earns a passing grade in an 8-week module, but the module is not 49% or more of the countable days, R2T4 is still required and student may owe funds back to Institution

Successful course completions has increased.

Students who are unsuccessful in the 1st 8-weeks are less likely to return for 2nd 8-weeks.
**VETERAN BENEFITS**

- Registration in multiple modules MAY affect students' Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) payment
- To draw MHA, a student must be enrolled at least $\frac{1}{2}$ time per module, not semester
- At least one of those classes must be in person or hybrid
- If a student is enrolled in 3 hours during the 1st 8-week and 3 hours in the 16-week, the VA sees this as less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time, so student would not be eligible for MHA payment
- Monetarily, it is better for students to either be all 16-week or only 8-week. Combining modules hurts the student
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registered for FALL 2 ONLY

MARCH
awards for new academic year

MARCH – OCTOBER
students accept award

1 WEEK OUT
aid transmitted and student can purchase books

10 DAYS AFTER
refunds for fall 2 courses

ODESSA COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID
MARCH award for new academic year

MARCH – AUGUST students accept award

1 WEEK OUT aid transmitted and student can purchase books

10 DAYS AFTER refunds for all fall courses
concerns, considerations & success

• Register for semester and some leave before term 2
• Student Veterans
• Student Athletes
• International Students

• Financial like a paycheck
• Parts of term

• 12% decrease in RT4
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KC Road to Success-2019

Plan

Kick-Off

Implement

Adjust

Celebrate
Kilgore College-Financial Aid

**February**
Award for new academic year

**September/November**
Aid is disbursed for fall;
Refunds 14 days after

**February/April**
Aid is disbursed for spring;
Refunds 14 days after
Concerns and Success

• On-going process
• Software limitations mean we return Pell Grant funds frequently
• Financial aid does not allow a student to retake a course 2nd 8 weeks that was failed 1st 8 weeks
• SAP Appeal issues due to software
• FA students have to wait sometimes to purchase course materials (software)
• R2T4 has decreased 14.6% since 8 weeks began
• It takes a village
• Try and try again
Questions?
Breakout Session: Q&A with Leader College

* Select your designated Leader College
Save the Date

Webinar #2: Faculty Buy-In
12-1 PM (Central) September 9

Webinar #3: Dual Credit/Early College High School
12-1 PM (Central), October 5

Pre-Institute, Texas Pathways Institute
10 AM-1:30 PM (Central), November 14
Resources

• Pre-Institute Workshop: Transforming Culture and Adopting 8-week Terms to Improve Student Success, Odessa College, November 3, 2021

• Pre-Institute Workshop: Implementing and Scaling 8-Week Terms (PPT), Odessa College, Kilgore College, and Grayson College, April 6, 2022

• Scaling 8-Week Terms (PPT), Odessa College, April 7, 2022

• 8-Week Courses (PPT), Kilgore College, April 7, 2022

• TSC Events Page: Recordings of each webinar will be posted
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