

Guided Pathways

at California Community Colleges

Principles of Guided Pathways

The Guided Pathways Model creates a highly structured approach to student success that:



Provides all students with a set of clear course-taking patterns that promotes better enrollment decisions and prepares students for future success.



Integrates support services in ways that make it easier for students to get the help they need during every step of their community college experience.



Four Pillars of Guided Pathways



Create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education.



Help students choose and enter their pathway.



Help students stay on their path.



Ensure that learning is happening with intentional outcomes.

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Key Elements of Guided Pathways



Programs that are fully mapped out and aligned with further education and career advancement while also providing structured or guided exploration for undecided students.



Redesigning and integrating basic skills/developmental education classes to accelerate students to college-level classes.



Proactive academic and career advising from the start through completion and/or transfer, with assigned point of contact at each stage.



Structured onboarding processes including improved placement tests and co-requisite instruction that provide students with clear, actionable, and usable information they need to get off to the right start in college.



Early alert systems aligned with interventions and resources to help students stay on the pathway, persist, and progress.



Instructional support and co-curricular activities aligned with classroom learning and career interests.