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 promote 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.

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