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CSI Definition, Mission & Goals

CSI Program

Skyline's College Success Initiative (CSI) is building a pathway through the College that is characterized by a commitment to student learning through access, progress, and success. The CSI began with a focus on basic skills courses, programs, and services that contribute to the overall well-being of basic skills students. The focus has since expanded to encompass their needs as they progress beyond basic skills to career technical and transfer level courses. CSI is the culmination of two major initiatives, both of which involved year-long, critical self-study processes: the Foundation of Excellence First Year Experience (FYE) project, and the State Chancellor Office's Basic Skills Initiative (BSI). Both focused on the need to be intentional about our actions and programming, and the need to integrate instruction and student services to support student success. Through funding from the BSI, we are building upon the data- informed recommendations generated by the FYE project, as well as drawing from discussions in multiple venues about student equity and student success.

Definition of Basic Skills Courses

Basic skills courses are those courses in reading, writing, math, computation, learning skills, study skills, and English as a Second Language, which are designated by the community college district as non-degree applicable, most of which are below college-level transfer.

CSI Mission Statement

Skyline's comprehensive CSI Plan will integrate instruction and student services to facilitate the transition of students into, through, and beyond degree, certificate, and transfer courses and programs.

CSI Philosophy Statement

Skyline is committed to removing academic barriers, enabling smooth academic transitions, creating clearer pathways to student success, and providing student-centered approaches to learning.

Overall CSI Goals

- Forge a comprehensive CSI Plan that provides clear pathways to student success into, through, and beyond Skyline College.
- Prepare all basic skills students to succeed in college level courses and to achieve their educational goals
- Create a welcoming and supportive learning environment for students.
- Create student support programs and services that promote student growth and development.
- Create innovative, approaches to learning based on best practices.
- Provide diverse approaches for students with multiple learning styles.
- Create contextualized curriculum for students.
- Foster faculty and staff collaboration focused on student success.
