Transfer, Guided Pathways, & PLA – A Colorado Update
Transfer & Guided Pathways in Colorado

- GT Pathways Curriculum
- Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements (STAAs) / Degrees with Designation (DwDs)
- Pre-engineering Transfer Agmts
- Transfer Guides
- Math Pathways
GT Pathways Curriculum

- CO’s General Education curriculum.
- Comprised of 6 content areas (31 credit hours).
- A list of over 1200 approved courses. (Courses are reviewed by faculty & must meet content area & competency criteria.)
Big News:

- Last 2 yrs – faculty have been revising content area criteria & competencies.
- Current GTP courses will be re-reviewed starting late this fall.
- This re-review will take place over ca. 3 yrs.
GT Pathways Curriculum: Highlights

- GT Pathways courses, passed with a C- or better, will transfer and be applied to Gen Ed requirements, in their content area – up to a total 31 credits.

- GT Pathways “maps” best to Liberal Arts & Sciences degrees.


- GT Pathways courses are good for ten (10) years.
Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements (STAAs)

- Creates AA and AS degrees in the subject of the STAA: **AA in Economics**. (Degrees with Designation)

- Has a prescribed curriculum to follow.

- Allows student to enroll with junior status & to complete the (specified) BA/BS degree in no more than 60 additional credits (*with requisite grades & prescribed curriculum*).
STAA Limitations

- Does not guarantee admission to the school or a specific degree program.
- Only courses with grades of C- or higher are guaranteed to transfer.
- Student must follow the prescribed curriculum.
- The transfer guarantees described in an agreement apply to the specific degree program covered by the agreement (see cover page).
Transfer Guides

- Are “institution-specific” advising tools.
- Are not agreements.
- Are for students who know what bachelor’s degree they want to pursue & it is not subject of a STAA.
Math Pathways (Task Force)

Highlights of the recommendations (Nov. 2015):

- 4 categories: Curriculum, Advising, Support & Prof Dev, Communication
- Revise math pathways to:
  - Calculus
  - Statistics
  - Quantitative Thinking
  - “pathways exceptions”
- Develop meta-majors & connect pathways to them
- College algebra should not be the default math course
Math Pathways (Task Force)

Current status:

- Math requirement in 5 STAAs (S&BS) changed from College Algebra to Statistics.
- AHUM STAAs will be addressed this fall (Math for Liberal Arts).
- Course being developed to replace or enhance Math for Lib Arts: algebra-based modeling course.
Prior Learning Assessment Policy

- **1st phase**: Transfer of credit within GT Pathways for Gen Ed purposes.
  
  a. Common AP / IB cut scores agreed to & challenge exam policy section completed.
  
  b. **Next step**: DSST / CLEP (November 4, 2016 all-day Faculty-to-Faculty conference)

- **2d phase**: individual IHEs will determine cut scores/course equivalencies for application to a Major.

- **3d phase**: Reporting; Transcripting; Communication; Periodic Reviews
Take-aways....

1. STAAS/DwDs are best option for students who know what BA/BS they will pursue.

2. Transfer guides are the 2\textsuperscript{nd} best option, if there is not a STAA/DwD for their BA/BS choice.

3. GT Pathways courses (\emph{with requisite grades}) will always transfer and be applied in their content area to \emph{Gen Ed requirements}.

4. GT Pathways courses do not expire for 10 years.

5. College Algebra should not be the default math class.
QUESTIONS?

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