

Community College Update

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Community College Research Initiatives



Achieving the Dream

- 5-year initiative to enhance the access & success of community college students, particularly the underserved population
- 58 community colleges in 9 states are participating (4 in Florida)
- Currently in Year 3



Achieving the Dream

Community College Timeline:

- Year 1 – Submit proposals for implementation
- Year 2 – First year of implementation and assessment
- Years 3-5 – Continue implementation, assessment, and evaluation



Achieving the Dream

State's Role

- Provide research for the institutions
- Cultivate a relationship with FDEA
- Provide a forum for the 4 participating institutions to discuss the grant & brainstorm next steps
- Provide a forum for all 28 institutions to discuss improving access & success of at-risk institutions



Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

- CCSSE is the community college counterpart to NSSE
- Florida participated as a consortium in 2004 and is again participating as a consortium in 2007
- FL has 8 high performing colleges (met 3 or more of the 5 benchmarks)



Community College Collaborations With Other Sectors



Go Higher, Florida! Task Force

- Focus on identifying and eliminating the barriers which hinder **successful transition from secondary to postsecondary** education in Florida



Go Higher, Florida! Task Force

Task Force Members:

- All 3 sectors' Chancellors
- Executive Director of ICUF;
- Vice Chancellors from Community Colleges, Workforce Education, and Universities;
- CEO of Florida Association of District School Superintendents;
- 4 Superintendents;
- 9 community college Presidents; and
- Executive Director of FACTS.org.



SBOE/BOG Agreement

- Agreement signed Jan. 10 allows community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees focused on teaching, nursing, and Bachelor of Applied Science workforce-oriented degrees in high-need/high-demand majors



Community College Baccalaureate

- Six institutions offer their own baccalaureate programs
- 13 proposals are going to State Board of Education meeting in February
- 12 of 13 proposals are for institutions currently offering baccalaureate programs



Baccalaureate Programs at CCs

- Major avenue – concurrent-use/joint-use programs
 - Concurrent-use/joint-use programs offered at 27 of our 28 CCs
 - Offer access to 367 upper-level baccalaureate programs



2+2 Baccalaureate Partnership

- 2006 Legislative Session appropriated \$3 million for distribution to community colleges and their partnering institutions for offering baccalaureate degree programs AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- CC will receive 50% and partner will receive 50% of each partnership program's funding



Educator Preparation Institute

- Provide any or all instruction on:
 - Prof Dev for teachers for classroom improvement and for recertification
 - Training for subs
 - Training for paraprofessionals
 - Competency-based instruction for baccalaureate degree holders leading to teaching certification
- All 28 CCs have EPIs



Educator Preparation Institute

- EPIs started operating throughout 2005-06
- 91% of the students who were enrolled in an EPI during the 2005-06 academic year and who took all three portions of the Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) passed all three tests.



Other Research Initiatives



FCAT Pilot Project

- Students may exempt taking the CPT if they earn an FCAT scale score within the following ranges (from 2005 FCAT scores):
 - Reading – 355-500 (equivalent of Level 4 or 5)
 - Math – 375-500 (equivalent of Level 5)
- This exemption **does not** place students into developmental education. Students scoring below these ranges will be required to take the CPT for appropriate placement in developmental coursework or to provide evidence of exemption through the ACT or SAT.



FCAT Pilot Project

- 7 institutions participating
- Begin 2007-08 reporting year
- Slight change in the Student Data Base will allow us to track the success of this project and determine if we will open it up statewide.



Data Collection & Reporting

- Continue to collect unit record data from our institutions for the Student Data Base
- Continue to provide this data to the Educational Data Warehouse
- Department is monitoring the push by USDOE to create a *national* unit record data system



For More Information

Achieving the Dream:

www.fldoe.org/cc/atd

www.fldoe.org/cc/connections

CC Baccalaureate Options:

http://www.fldoe.org/cc/students/bach_degree.asp

Educator Preparation Institutes:

<http://www.fldoe.org/cc/OSAS/aptp/epi.asp>



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