



Essential Values outlined by the Student Success Oversight Committee provide a foundation for the Center:

- Students have the right to succeed—not the freedom to fail.
- Learning is the CENTER of all we do.
- Honor the intent of the student’s goal—engage to expose students to the horizons of learning for a lifetime.
- Embracing equity by ensuring that each student receives what he or she needs to be successful.

The guiding framework to assist in the prioritization of work for the Oregon Student Success Center is drawn from the Student Success Strategic Plan and national initiatives Guided Pathways and Achieving the Dream:

- **Clarify paths to student end goals:** articulation and transfer agreements and processes; robust career advising.
- **Help students choose and enter a pathway:** examine on-boarding processes with a focus on simplifying the student experience and establishing a clear pathway; work with K12 to align expectations for college and career readiness, improve connections with Adult Basic Education, and bridge non-credit to credit programs.
- **Help students stay on a path-** strengthen academic and non-academic supports for students and provide emergency aid and access to other public benefits for students who experience life issues.
- **Ensure that students are learning-** engage full- and part-time faculty in student success efforts through professional development, redesign of developmental education and enhancement of outcomes assessments.
- **Alignment with Workforce-** enhance career advising and placement and identify and reconnect with near completers to help them finish a credential.
- **Advocacy & Policy Development-** pursue state policies that support institutional change.

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NETWORK

*The Student Success Center Network includes 13 statewide Student Success Centers, which support community colleges' efforts to develop student-centered pathways and increase student completion rates.*

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## ***Oregon Student Success Center FAQs***

### **Q: What is the Oregon Student Success Center (OSSC)?**

A: The Oregon Student Success Center (OSSC) is part of a growing movement in the national completion agenda to help more community college students complete their academic goals. Building on the work of organizations, including Achieving the Dream, Completion by Design, and the Oregon Student Success Oversight Committee, the Success Centers are increasing collaboration across colleges; developing common data definitions; providing shared professional development opportunities; and bringing coherence to the multitude of success initiatives in each state. Currently 12 other states have Success Centers.

### **Q: What is the mission of the Oregon Student Success Center?**

A: The Oregon Student Success Center supports the state's 17 community colleges with the sharing, adoption, and implementation of effective student success persistence and completion practices and policies. The Center also provides technical assistance, professional development, idea generation, and policy advocacy to enhance student success for all Oregon community college students

### **Q: How will the Oregon Student Success Center operationalize its mission?**

A: Building on work already underway to reform developmental education and placement, the Center will serve as a hub for a statewide shift in focus from the many transactional best practices to a coherent and transformational goal for all Oregon CCs. The work of the Center will focus on knitting together research, policies, and promising practices to increase understanding and interconnectedness, assisting colleges in the analysis and use of data, as well as providing leadership to create the vision for future success work.

### **Q: How is the Oregon Student Success Center organized?**

A: The OSSC is affiliated with the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). The Executive Director reports to the OCCA Board. Oversight of the OSSC is provided by an advisory board composed of members from what was previously called the Student Success Oversight Committee.

### **Q: How will the Oregon Student Success Center work with other entities, i.e. each of the 17 community colleges, faculty, staff, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD), and statewide affinity groups?**

A: Inherent in the Center's mission is collaboration and cooperation. The Center is committed to working with all partners including HECC, CCWD, the Council of Student Services Administrators (CSSA), and many other important partners. Our collective goal is to augment each other's work and to achieve efficiencies by working collaboratively—not competitively.

### **Q: How will the funding for the Oregon Student Success Center be used?**

A: The majority of OSSC funding will be used for convening community college faculty, staff, and administrators for technical assistance, professional development, and sharing promising practices statewide.

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