

F.6.1.4 (Procedure) Student Success: College Preparatory Requirements

Responsible Department: Vice Chancellor for Student Success

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The organizational structures, policies, and practices that support student success values and priorities include the following set of actions. These policies and practices are based on research from the Achieving the Dream initiative and other education strategies identified as promoting increased success for all students. The Alamo Colleges are instituting long-term, institution-wide practices that support and promote student engagement and commitment to learning while requiring strategies that are proven to increase student success.

College Preparatory Requirements

- College preparatory requirements may be satisfied through a variety of options. The options may depend on the program selected. These may include accelerated offerings such as flex term classes (8-week), 4-week and 12-week classes. Additional refresher offerings may include short-term courses, integration of skill development into entry level certificate courses, or a contextualized course that addresses multiple skill areas. The goal is to help students improve their readiness for college and complete college preparatory requirements as quickly and successfully as possible.
- Beginning with the Fall 2012 first time in college cohort, students scoring below identified target thresholds will be advised to strongly consider pathways/options that lead to certificates and technical degrees in high demand clusters. Students will have the option to enroll in intensive basic skills study to reach the required college-readiness for the program of choice as quickly as possible
- Beginning Fall 2012, students with college preparatory requirements will be in continuous, mandatory college preparatory enrollment each term until all requirements are completed. The enrollment may be in a regular course or one of the other available options. The college will assist the student in getting into the program of choice as quickly as possible.