

F.6.3 (Policy) Mandatory New Student Orientation

Responsible Department: Vice Chancellor for Student Success

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The New Student Orientation program is required of all new students and those transferring to the Alamo Colleges with fewer than 15 college-level semester credit hours. Dual credit, early admissions, and credit earned through non-traditional methods such as military service, CLEP and AP do not count toward the 15 credit hours.

New Student Orientation begins with pre-admissions and extends well into a student's first semester of attendance and integrates with Student Development. The program provides a comprehensive approach to college readiness and is designed to orient students to the responsibilities, behaviors, expectations and benefits associated with a successful college student. Educational Pathways including the relationship between academic development, college majors, degree plans, and career choices are emphasized. In additions, academic advising, registration for classes, and an individual strategy to completion are part of the orientation process.