



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

FREE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

The Education Planning Initiative (EPI) has multiple components to assist students in completing their academic goals. Initiative staff are developing (1) a student services portal that will personalize and sequence activities and information; (2) articulation, curriculum inventory, and electronic transcript systems; and (3) an education planning tool that will offer districts degree planning capabilities, as well as early alert and scheduling functionality.

Education Planning Tool

Eight districts comprised of 13 colleges are piloting the Starfish by Hobsons education planning tools (Degree Planner, Early Alert, Connect). The tools are designed to assist students in achieving their educational goals while reducing the amount of unnecessary courses taken by students due to lack of planning, and providing interventions for retention and persistence.

Pilot districts engaged in implementation efforts:

- Contra Costa Community College District (3)
- El Camino Community College District
- San Bernardino Community College District (2)
- San Francisco Community College District
- Santa Barbara Community College District
- Sonoma Community College District
- State Center Community College District (3)
- Victor Valley Community College District

Student Services Portal

A student services portal is being developed with the student in mind that will present activities to be selected and saved by students onto their personalized portal page. Districts will have the ability to choose content and tools to include on their customizable college portal from a variety of areas, and to create a portal that is responsive to the needs of their student population.

Areas that can be included in your portal:

- Career Planning
- CCCApply
- Financial Aid
- Orientation
- Basic Skills
- Online Classes
- Veteran Services
- Foster Youth
- LGBTQ
- Transfer Services
- Child Care
- DSPS
- EOPS
- Step Forward
- CalWorks
- ESL
- Tutoring Services
- Dream Act
- Counseling
- Athletics

By 2016, the education planning tools, portal, and other initiative project components will be made available to all California Community Colleges at a low-to-no cost package.

EPI Partnerships

The Education Planning Initiative (EPI), Common Assessment Initiative (CAI), and Online Education Initiative (OEI) collectively represent a comprehensive program working to advance technological tools to increase completion rates and help community college students in California achieve their educational goals.

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