Reflections on the Past, New Directions for the Future

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Reimagining Developmental Education

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WHAT WORKS:

Research-Based Best Practices in Developmental Education



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Dev Ed Reform Thinking in the 1990s

- Centralize program activities
- Coordinate Dev Ed activities & services
- Collaborate with other Academic Units
- Establish clearly defined mission, goals and objectives
- Dev Ed should be a priority
- Provide comprehensive support services
- Integrate Dev Ed and community outreach
- Mandatory assessment and placement
- Systematic Program Outcome and Formative Evaluation
- Emphasize professional development
- Provide extra tutoring and supplemental instruction when needed
- Involve professional associations

- Integrate adjunct faculty
- Monitor student performance and progress through frequent testing opportunities
- Emphasize a developmental philosophy
- Integrate classrooms and labs
- Use learning communities
- Accommodate diversity through varied instructional method
- Use technology in moderation
- Use mastery learning
- Link developmental course requirements to college level requirements
- Share instructional strategies
- Teach critical thinking and learning strategies using active learning techniques

Dev Ed Sorting System

Student Progression Through the Developmental Reading Sequence



Dev Ed Sorting System

Student Progression Through the Developmental Math Sequence



Educational Outcome by Math CPT Score and Estimated Discontinuity



Total Credits Earned Estimated Discontinuity = 3.590(0.657)-40 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 CPT Score Relative to Math Cutoff Total College-Level Credits Earned Estimated Discontinuity = 0.233(0.649)40 PT Score Relative to Math Cutoff



Educational Outcome by Reading CPT Score and Estimated Discontinuity



Overview of Findings on Outcomes for Developmental Students

Positive Negative

Null

DEVELOPMENTAL MATH STUDENTS





DE Assessment in Theory



Pr(Success)

CCBC ALP (1 year follow-up)



Comprehensive Reform: ASAP



- Financial incentives: tuition waiver, free textbooks, monthly transit • cards
- Consolidated full-time schedule
- Cohort design
- Regular structured advisement for courses and careers
- Extra academic assistance: mandatory tutoring for students deemed atrisk

Guided Pathways in Practice

Clarify paths to student end goals

- Meta-majors
- Program maps •
- Career + transfer information
- Math pathways •

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Keep students on path

- Monitoring progress on plan •
- Intrusive support •
- Predictable scheduling •



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- - learning

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Help students get on a path

Early career/transfer exploration Academic and financial plan Integrated & contextualized academic support

Ensure students are

Engaging introductory program courses Field-specific learning outcomes Embedded, field-relevant experiential

Guided Pathways Mindset Shifts Related to Developmental Education Reform

FROM	ТО
À la carte courses (distribution requirements + electives)	Program maps w/ sequences, critica co-curricular requi
Standardized placement tests	Multiple measures diagnostic assessr
Algebra as default math requirement	Program- or field- requirements
Academic support = prerequisite remediation in math and English	College readiness contextualized sup program foundation corequisite support
Students self-advise to register	Advisors monitor s

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/designated course al courses, and uirements

s + in-classsment

-specific math

for all students = pports in college-level ion courses, including ort in math and English

students' progress each term along educational plans

Research

- Instruction
- Effective teaching with heterogeneous classes
- Students with very weak skills
- Remember "college ready"
- Implementation and scaling
- Institutional effectiveness



Thank you!

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