

WHO Every person at Lane is a part of Guided Pathways! Guided Pathways is an inclusive, holistic approach that will give us guidelines to help our students graduate and achieve their goals. There are currently seven teams with 85 members from throughout the institution. For details, visit our blog, and watch for opportunities to get involved!

WHAT Guided Pathways is an umbrella term used to describe a structured, supportive student experience that leads and guides students towards completion. Incoming students are given support to clarify goals, choose a program of study, and develop an academic plan. Clear program maps, embedded advising, tracking progress, and feedback are integrated into the structure. Guided Pathways is a framework which we can use strategically. For example, colleges have used the framework to design policy, programs, technology, advising and business processes that follow a coherent path.

WHEN Now! Lane is building on years of prior student success and achievement work to engage in a long-term, institution-wide transformational process.

HOW First, Lane staff reviews our current practices and identifies issues that are preventing student completion. Then, using the following four fundamental features, called pillars in the Guided Pathways model, solutions are created that are integrated into a college wide approach. The pillars are designed to meet the multiple phases of students' needs and experiences.

The pillars are:

- ✎ Create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education
- ✎ Help students choose and enter their pathway
- ✎ Help students stay on their path
- ✎ Ensure that learning is happening with intentional outcomes.

WHY Building on national research from the Community College Research Center (CCRC) and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the institutional changes incorporated in a Guided Pathways framework are helping increase student achievement and completion rates.

