



Project Overview Statement

Executive Summary

Project Title: Educational Planning for Students
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Project ID: 285 **Last Updated:** August 12, 2008
Mandated: Federal State Accreditation **Date Required:**
 Other

PROJECT BUSINESS CASE

Project Overview
<p>A web-based educational planning tool that integrates information housed in the degree audit, program requirements and academic history. This tool will be used by students and Student Affairs' staff to create, modify and view a term by term guide of degree requirements, including university required prerequisites for those students pursuing A.A. degrees. This planning tool will include a component that provides a recommended term course load based on students' work and personal responsibilities.</p>
Business Goals
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students can independently create and/or modify educational plans for review by Counselors/Advisors. 2. Students will be able to view the appropriate sequence of all courses required based on their placement. 3. Students will be provided with a recommended course load based on responses to a series of questions related to their work and personal responsibilities. 4. Students will choose courses on a term by term basis for the complete educational plan based on placement, course sequencing and program and/or transfer requirements. 5. Once students create their educational plans, they will be able to import the courses term by term for the purposes of registering for classes. 6. Counselors/Advisors will have all of the above functionality as well as the ability to review and provide recommendations electronically to the students. 7. Students and Counselors/Advisors will have access to the complete history of the educational plans, including modifications and recommendations etc.
Success Factors
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will have a student-centered planning tool that is detailed, accurate and personalized. 2. Students will be empowered by the ability to create their own educational plans independently. 3. Students will be motivated to complete their program because the educational plan gives them a realistic timeline for degree completion. 4. This tool will lead to increased student persistence, retention and improved graduation rates.

Criteria Ranking	Supporting Information	Score* (5=High 1=Low)
Significantly improves student success	
Improves customer service or transforms a business practice (increase productivity/time saving)	

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Aligns with college-wide strategic initiative
Meets state, federal, accrediting or other mandate (identify mandate)
Affects a large number of stakeholders (define stakeholders: students, business, employees...)
Supporting information for "Date Required"
Financial Impact (saves money, earns money,
Increases enrollment/retention (reduces attrition)
Impact if not accomplished
Quick Win (accomplish in short time frame)
Overlap with another project
Consortium project

* Criteria scores will filled in by Technology Advisory Committee