ABLE / Sinclair Partnership

Guiding Principles and Goals

Guiding Principles

○ Student-centered approach with necessary supports to diminish barriers to success

○ Seamless

○ Driven by goals set by students

Goals

○ Create a collaboration between local ABLE providers and Sinclair to build capacity in serving under-prepared, nontraditional students in the college setting

○ Assist under-prepared, non traditional students in moving to post-secondary options

○ Increase the academic success and retention of under-prepared, non traditional students in post-secondary options

Create a Formal Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding

○ Partners' roles

○ Assessment and referral procedures

○ Data sharing

○ Transition/Bridges to College

○ Partnership Evaluation

Program Design

- Academic and career counseling requirements for to program admission
- Contextualized content applicable to student's career goals
- College reading strategies embedded in courses/program
- Scalable program
- Program designed for college rigor and behavior
- (e.g., Syllabus, Group/Project Work, Homework, Attendance Policy, etc.)
- Instructional cohort strategies
- Transparent integration of academic, workplace and soft skills
- Seat time focused on applied learning (hands on, contextualized)
- Integrated technology and distance education elements
- Planned scaffolding in outcomes-based/modular units
- Ongoing, formative assessments

Implementation and Sustainability

- Faculty and Administration buy-in

- Alignment of ABLE and college calendars

- College and ABLE collaboration for student services and wrap-around services

- Academic support FYE classes and/or access to tutoring

- Continuous ABLE and College faculty collaboration

- Ongoing Professional Development for ABLE and College faculty

- Dev Ed and ABLE Team teaching strategies

- Links to employers and community partners

- Student tracking and follow up strategies

Discuss with your table the challenges and opportunities in these areas:

- Creating a formal agreement
- Program Design
- Implementation and Sustainability

Thank you