

# Guided Pathways: What are we saying?

## Key terms you may hear:

### 1. **Guided Pathways**

Guided Pathways is a campus-wide effort to bridge gaps between campus departments and bring together administration, faculty, staff, and students to improve the students' journey through Southwestern and start with the students' end goals in mind.

### 2. **Student-Ready College**

*Becoming a Student-Ready College* is a book published by the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) that presents concepts related to Guided Pathways and gives examples of colleges which put student success at the forefront of their everyday operations.

### 3. **Equity**

Equity is grounded in the principle of fairness. In higher education, equity refers to ensuring students receive what each needs to be successful through the intentional design of the college experience.

### 4. **Diversity**

The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. Diversity means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies. It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment. It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual.

### 5. **Inclusion**

Inclusion is involvement and empowerment where the inherent worth and dignity of all people are recognized. An inclusive campus promotes and sustains a sense of belonging; it values and practices respect for the talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and ways of living of its members.

### 6. **Gateway Courses**

Gateway courses are courses identified as foundational for a program of study. This could include WR115, WR121, MTH111-105, CIS120.

### 7. **Pathway Maps**

Pathway maps are advising guides that fit within a state-approved degree or certificate. Their purpose is to start with student end goals in mind and help students save time and money.

### 8. **Career Pathways:**

A Career Pathway Certificate of Completion is a group of courses that lead to a short-term certificate. Career Pathways was a state-funded effort that is being incorporated into Guided Pathways. This is still called Career Pathways on our website due to state requirements, for now.

## 9. Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways are interest areas that group Southwestern's degrees by type, also known as meta-majors at other institutions. Southwestern has six academic pathways that can be found in the Guided Pathways handbook.

## 10. Enrollment Status: Enrollment status is determined by the number of credits students enroll in within a term.

**Full-time student:** A student taking 12 or more credits is considered full-time; summer term may vary with the status determined by the type of financial assistance received such as federal financial aid or veteran's benefit. Excludes audit courses.

**Part-time student:** A student taking 11 or fewer credits is considered part-time. Excludes audit courses.

**Three-quarter-time student:** A student taking between 9 and 11 credits is a three-quarter-time student. Excludes audit courses.

**Half-time student:** A student taking between 6 and 8 credits is a half-time student. Excludes audit courses.

**Less than half time student:** A student taking 5 credits or less is a less than half time student. No audit.

**Non-credit student:** A non-credit student is enrolled in community education courses that carry no credit or a student who is enrolled exclusively to audit the course(s).

## 11. Evaluation Plan

In terms of Guided Pathways, an evaluation plan addresses the following questions: How is each outcome is measured? What tool or data set provides insight into the desired outcome? Choose between quantitative, qualitative or mixed data (both). What data is available and what additional data needs to be collected (i.e. survey, focus group, interviews)? Work with the data team and IR to develop the evaluation plan and determine what data to collect.

## 12. Major Transfer Maps

A Major Transfer Map, or "MTM," is a major-specific course plan that students can complete at any community college in Oregon. When completed, MTMs allow students to transfer to any Oregon public university with the optimal number of credits that can be taken at a community college in a specific major that are guaranteed to transfer and count toward that major (provided they meet transfer entrance requirement for the university). All of the MTM credits count toward a bachelor's degree in the specific major.

## 13. Core Transfer Maps

The Core Transfer Maps (CTMs) are a group of 8 classes (at least 30 credits) of general education courses that when completed, are guaranteed to transfer to any Oregon public university and will count toward that university's bachelor's requirements. The CTMs are intended to guide students who don't yet know the major or school to which they will transfer.

# 6 Academic Pathways at SWOCC

**Advanced Technology:** Do you like to do hands-on projects, make things, solve problems, be creative? Do you like seeing a finished product for your efforts? If you enjoy hands on projects and working with equipment or technology, the Advanced Technology pathway could be for you. This pathway can lead to careers in computer software and hardware or welding.

**Arts & Humanities:** Do you enjoy literature, art, music, philosophy, ideas? Are you interested in visual and performing arts? Is communication important to you? The Arts and Humanities pathway prepares you to be a well-rounded student while you study to transfer to a university. Explore options in the arts and humanities while feeding your creative side.

**Business & Culinary:** Do you have strong leadership skills and an entrepreneurial spirit? Do you want to open your own business? This area can prepare you to work in the Culinary Arts, hospitality, or Business Administration. This pathway also lends well to those who are good with numbers. Careers in accounting, culinary arts, hospitality, and business are always in demand.

**Health & Public Safety:** Do you like to care for others, solve problems, work in a team, help people improve their lives? If you feel a call to help others, the Health & Public Safety pathway is for you. SWOCC has robust health and medical programs that serve the needs of our community – Nursing, Dental, and Paramedic to name a few. You can also serve your community through our Fire Science or Criminal Justice programs. Strong leaders are encouraged to apply.

**Social Sciences & Education:** Do like to observe the behavior and relationships of people and society? Are you interested in the way we learn, evolve, or play? The Social Sciences & Education pathway leads to an exploration of the human experience. If you are interested in archaeology, sociology, anthropology, psychology, history, being a teacher, or working with children, choose this pathway to prepare for a fulfilling career.

**Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics:** Do you like to study living and non-living things, protect the environment, conduct experiments, and solve problems? Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers are among the highest paid and fastest growing. STEM programs at SWOCC can lead to careers in engineering, laboratory science, forestry and natural resources, medicine, and more. Our programs will give you the skills to excel and prepare you for a career that has an impact on our world.

## ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

Degrees under this area:

- Associate of Applied Science CIS Digital Design
- Associate of Applied Science CIS Software Development
- Associate of Applied Science Computer Information Systems
- Associate of Applied Science Welding

Certificates under this area:

- Computer Information Systems
- Data Center Technician
- Database Programming
- Digital Design
- Digital Image Foundations
- Digital Interactive Foundations
- Forest Technology
- Programming Basics
- Programming Technician
- Support Technician
- Welding
- Welding Assistant
- Welding Technician

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

Degrees under this area:

- Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer
- Associate of General Studies
- Associate of Science
- Oregon Transfer Module

## BUSINESS & CULINARY

Degrees under this area:

- Associate of Applied Science Accounting
- Associate of Applied Science Business Management/Entrepreneurship
- Associate of Applied Science Baking and Pastry Arts
- Associate of Applied Science Baking Management
- Associate of Applied Science Culinary Arts
- Associate of Applied Science Culinary Management

Associate of Applied Science Hospitality and Tourism Management  
Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer  
Associate of General Studies  
Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Business

Certificates under this area:

Accounting Clerk  
Accounting Clerk Entry Level  
Baking and Pastry Arts  
Culinary Arts  
Hospitality and Tourism Management  
Marketing  
Retail Management  
Supervision

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

Degrees under this area:

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer  
Associate of General Studies  
Associate of Applied Science Criminal Justice  
Associate of Applied Science Fire Science  
Associate of Applied Science Medical Assistant  
Associate of Applied Science Nursing  
Associate of Applied Science Public Safety  
Associate of Science  
Associate of Science Criminal Justice  
Associate of Science Fire Science  
Associate of Science Paramedicine

Certificates under this area:

Advanced Nursing Assistant  
Basic Allied Health Care  
Basic Nursing Assistant  
Clinical Laboratory Assistant  
Dental Assisting  
Emergency Medical Technology  
Emergency Medical Services Technician I  
Emergency Medical Services Technician II  
Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education

Fire Science Level I  
Fire Science Level II  
Fire Science Level III  
Fire Science Level IV  
Health Care Career Core  
Home Health Care Aide  
Medical Aide  
Medical Clerical  
Pharmacy Technician

## SOCIAL SCIENCES & EDUCATION

Degrees under this area:

Associate of Science Elementary Education  
Associate of Applied Science Infant and Toddler Development  
Associate of Applied Science Preschool Child Development  
Associate of Science Childhood Education and Family Studies  
Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer  
Associate of General Studies  
Associate of Science  
Oregon Transfer Module

Certificates under this area:

Childhood Education and Family Studies, Preschool Children Education and Development I  
Childhood Education and Family Studies, Preschool Children Education and Development II  
Parenting Educator and Early Childhood Home Visitor

## Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Degrees under this area:

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer  
Associate of General Studies  
Associate of Science Mechanical/Civil Engineering  
Associate of Science Electrical/Computer Engineering  
Associate of Science Chemistry  
Associate of Science Forestry  
Associate of Science Forest Engineering

Associate of Science Forest Renewable Materials/Advanced Manufacturing  
Associate of Science Forest Renewable Materials/Art and Design  
Associate of Science Forest Renewable Materials/Marketing and Management  
Associate of Science Forest Renewable Materials/Science and Engineering  
Associate of Science Forestry Management  
Associate of Science Forestry Management/Forest Restoration and Fire  
Associate of Science Forestry Management/Operations Management  
Associate of Science Natural Resources  
Associate of Science Physics  
Associate of Science  
Associate of Science Marine Biology  
Associate of Science Natural Resources  
Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Computer Science