NGTC and ATD

Every Day…Every Student…A Graduate!

Welcome to this edition of your Achieving the Dream Newsletter. In this issue, we will begin a three-part discussion on the “Dream Goals” for the next few years. The first one we will look at is the goal to improve the culture for student success. We welcome your feedback – this is your newsletter – let us know what you want!

NGTC ATD Priorities

Getting to know the student population and how better to serve each individual is a cornerstone of Achieving the Dream. Data-driven decision making is a core principle of ATD.

North Georgia Tech has many initiatives that track student success at many levels. During the last several months, using mined data, three ATD priorities and interventions have been identified: creating a culture for college success, supporting student success in gateway courses, and improving student success in online courses.

Your Opinion Counts!

What advantages do you think you would gain when by taking a College Success course?

Tell us what you think:

Please send your thoughts and comments by using the Student Suggestion form on the Intranet:

https://northgatech.edu/pages/forms/Student_Suggestion_Box.aspx

Upcoming Events

July 7
Commissioner Corbin Visit

July 9
New Student Advisement

July 16, 28, 29
Health Care Program Pinnings

ATD Vocabulary

Courageous Conversations

Courageous Conversations are engagements in productive conversations with direct reports, customers, peers and supervisors. Speaking candidly without creating defensiveness, even when the stakes are high, is a lynchpin of leadership, team and organization effectiveness... and courageous conversations make this happen!"
Dream Goal: Improving the culture for student success

College and Career Success Skills (COLL 1010) is designed to provide tools to assist students to acquire skills necessary to achieve academic and professional success in their chosen occupational/technical program of study.

Beginning fall 2015, this course will be implemented for all first time enrolled students at NGTC. New students who have earned a minimum of an associate’s degree and students with more than 30 successful semester credit hours are exempt. Students new to the College will be required to complete the course during their first or second semester of enrollment.

The course is intended to improve student’s college readiness, increase awareness of campus support services, and develop skills in technology, time management, effective study habits, work/life/school balance, and career planning. Emphasis is placed on promoting connections between student needs and NGTC resources. This course will replace an existing introduction to computers course and will serve all new first-time students as well as a percentage of transfer students.

To track the effectiveness of this implementation plan, a baseline from the former COMP 1000 completion rates in the Fall of 2014 will be used.

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<th>COMP 1000 Fall 2014 Baseline</th>
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<td>Completions: Students who persisted through the course and received a grade of A, B, C, D, or F</td>
<td>299/374 (79.9%)</td>
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<td>Grade of “C” or higher</td>
<td>272/374 (72.7%)</td>
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Engage!

How do you define Student Success?

Excerpted from survey submissions:

“Student Success starts with believing that you can succeed. Making goals that are reasonable for you and your needs, not comparing to everyone else. Then making your dreams come true by taking small do-able steps towards those goals. To me, to make and to reach my own goals is most important. Then, if I accomplish other things along the way: extra credits, experience, knowledge and even rewards and honors, that just makes it much more fun! I am successful so far and yes, it takes dedication and hard work. I think the biggest hurdle is asking for help when you don't know how to do or what to do and getting the answers you need from a reliable source. So I have learned to ask, ask, ask until I get my answers.”

--Anonymous

Get inspired!

“Many of our fears are tissue paper thin, and a single courageous step would carry us clear through them.”

-- Brendan Francis