Basic Skills update at Cabrillo

Highlights and future directions

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QUICK ACTIVITY:

Write down something you would like to do but can’t.

e.g. I can’t run a marathon, I can’t speak Spanish, I can’t play guitar
• **Volunteers:** Please read your statement and at the very end add the word “YET”

• **What happened?** Adding “yet” shifts you from a “fixed” to a “growth” mindset.

• **Cultivating a Growth Mindset**
  faculty team training
Basic skills for success: self-efficacy, reading and mindset

- Growth vs. Fixed Mindset
- Habits of Mind
- Reading Apprenticeship
- On Course (re-engagement & training)
Workshop at Cabrillo on Friday, 4/24

- Breakouts for Humanities, STEM, Student Services
- Gavilan experience – HoM college-wide
- Academic success & the Affective Domain
- Brainology/brain plasticity

16 skills/habits/attitudes

- Problem-solving, critical thinking
- Positive, motivated (growth mindset)
- Effective communication
Basic skills learning communities:

- **Academy for College Excellence (ACE)** - First semester focus on affective/cognitive connection; project-based contextualized skills; English sequence
- **AMAP** - 4 semester pathway to Medical Assisting certificate
- **Puente** - Engl 100/1A two-semester pathway with counselor/mentor support
- **STARS** - First Year Math/English/Reading sequence; math support and college readiness
- **Summer Migrant Program (SMP)** - English/Reading/Intro to College (CG 51)

LC’s coordinated pathways & support – success & retention
Trending focus for basic skills:

1. Success in transfer-level coursework and/or CTE pathway

2. Acceleration of successful progress through the basic skills sequence
Current initiatives:

Increased focus on Reading
  • Reading apprenticeship in the Fall, Reading for Math

Increase in Math PLUS offerings
  • 2 sessions in summer (early and late) and 1 session in winter
  • Expanding to three levels of math (pre, Beg, and Int. Algebra)

High school - S4C
  • High school partnership to make senior year count in transition to Cabrillo

Looking forward
2015-2016 initiatives:

- **Math focus** – Math PLUS, FYE program focused on math first year, stats pathway
- **Transcripts** for placement pilot
- **Acceptance** of CSU placement test for English 1A and math (taken junior year HS)
- **Acceleration** – English 255 to 1A