



## February 2014 Update

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Complete College Wyoming (CCW) remains very active, working on the metrics, the goals, and coordinating planning with other entities such as the Wyoming Community College Commission Strategic Plan.

The Goals that are guiding the CCW efforts are listed below along with some information on recent activities related to each one:

1. ***Increase completion at the community colleges significantly by 2022.***

*The Community College goal, established by CCW in October 2013, is to increase community college certificate and associate degree recipients by 5% annually, with a base year of 2011-12 and a time period of 10 years to end in 2021-22. This goal was approved by the Wyoming Community College Commission in October 2013 and endorsed by all community college boards in Fall 2013. The 2011-12 base year provides a comparison point for measuring goal attainment and effectiveness of success strategies implemented after that year. Expected impact will begin to be measured in 2014-15.*

*The UW President and Board of Trustees support the goal to increase the number of baccalaureate degrees conferred at UW by 2% annually (base year of 2011-2012) beginning in the academic year 2016-2017 and ending in the academic year 2021-2022.*

Every institution is working on initiatives in this area and a comprehensive list of completed projects, projects underway, and future projects that address student completion will be made available in the next couple of weeks.

2. ***Ensure that every degree-seeking student completes gateway courses in English and Math within their first 30***

***credit hours at the Wyoming Community Colleges.***

Every community college is working on revamping remedial education to move students more quickly into college level math and English and to increase the percent of students to successfully complete the first college-level course in each area (Gateway Courses). The University of Wyoming is working on the successful completion of the Gateway courses as well through its synergy program and other efforts targeted to helping students complete.

CCW applied for and has been accepted to attend a Lumina Foundation sponsored Developmental Education Boot Camp held in April. The team will send two community college faculty (math and English) and two high school faculty (math and English) as well as other team representatives to this effort to help states move change efforts forward and implement best practices related to student readiness for college-level courses.

3. ***Create statewide stakeholder buy-in for achieving Wyoming's completion goals.***

The CCW Team continues to educate and inform people on the goals and activities of Complete College Wyoming.

- The Website is fully functional at [www.completecollegewyoming.org](http://www.completecollegewyoming.org). Documents are added regularly that help educate people on the Wyoming effort, the Complete College America initiative and other regional and national best practices.
- The Website now includes a blog where

people can use to dialog about completion-related topics.

- A video was created to introduce people to the CCW effort and to provide a context for our effort. It is available on the CCW site <http://completecollegewyoming.org/about-ccw> and on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4h8oLczUPo>. Its purpose is to educate legislators, people on college campuses and anyone interested in the movement. It was shown to the Wyoming House of Representatives on Feb. 14.
- Each campus is working to involve and educate their internal stakeholders.
- The full notes and highlighted faculty priorities have been published from the November faculty forum held at Central Wyoming College. Notes are also on the CCW site.
- The joint student services and academic affairs conference in June will focus on student success and completion.
- Dr. Rose attended the Summit in Washington DC this month and had contact with a number of influential people in the completion area. There were only a few community colleges represented and many selective-admission institutions but it is an opportunity for us to build relationships throughout the nation.

#### **4. Develop capacity and support for Guided Pathways to Success strategies.**

- Many of the institutions are working on strategies to clearly define degree pathways and limit excessive choice.
- Several of the institutions are moving to meta-majors doing away with undecided and general studies in favor of broad categories such as math and science; humanities; social science; technologies. Students can choose a broad category and learn more about majors and careers within the category through advising, career counseling, and targeted freshman experience classes.
- The CCW team will sponsor a faculty workshop focusing on guided pathways to success. This will probably occur in the early summer and will involve presenters sent to us through Complete College America to help with an overview of best practices and to review data from efforts

that are already in place nationwide.

#### **5. Identify the metrics that are important to Wyoming.**

- The general metrics have been reviewed by the community college institutional research group and determined to be very feasible and data can be generated from current state and national reports. A detailed document is being prepared to show the source of each data element and to show how it is validated and compared. This will be available soon.
- UW IR staff are also reviewing the data elements and will provide the same information for regular reports and dashboards.
- The next step is to begin the review of the more detailed metrics that are part of the 4 P's found in the CCW White Paper.
- The 4 P's are serving as the foundation for the Community College Commission's subcommittee activity on updating the strategic plan.



Complete College Wyoming encourages involvement from all stakeholders in our State. Visit the website, contact team members, volunteer to serve in various capacities, and share your insights on student success and completion in Wyoming.

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