

# **Building Institutional Engagement**

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# Program Description

- Is your *program* integrated into your Institution of Higher Education (IHE)?
- Is your *curriculum* integrated into your IHE catalog?
- Is your *program admission* integrated into your IHE admission?
- Are the *costs* of the program integrated into the IHE cost structure?

# Program Description

## The FAU Academy for Community Inclusion...

- ACI lives in a Department housed in a College within the University
- Students apply to the University to participate in the Academy
- If admitted, they enter a program and take courses that lead to program completion
- The fees? Regular University tuition and fees
- If that sounds like “*going to college*” ...

# Program Description

## Some Background on FAU's ACI...

- Post Secondary Certificate programs
- First Academy Admission: January 2016
- Five Cohorts: 9-15 admitted per cohort
- First Academy Graduate: December 2017
- 42 students; 9 graduates
- 8 of 9 employed (1 on to “Grad School”)

# Curriculum Design

## Three Certificate Programs

- **Supported Employment**
- **Supported Community Access**
- **Supported Community Living**

Supported Employment Certificate is Required for Everybody

# Are Your Courses & Curriculum Integrated?

- How does curriculum development happen at your IHE?
- Shared Governance?
- SACS & SAP

# Coursework

## At FAU ACI...

- Each certificate is approximately 20 credits
- Combination of specialized ACI courses & other courses from FAU catalog
- Some electives are available
- Some audit options exist
- Most ACI courses = 2 credits
- Most ACI courses designed under UDL principles

# Prerequisite Courses

- SLS 1200: Increasing Personal Effectiveness
- SLS 1304: Career Exploration
- SLS 1570: Learning with Technology 1
  
- Launch Pad
- HSC 2100 Health & Fitness for Life



# Are Your Instruction and Advising Integrated?

- Who teaches the “core” courses?
- Who teaches the elective courses?
- Who are the academic advisors?
- Who else advises and supports your students?

# Advising

## At FAU ACI...

- Combining Person Centered Planning
- Faculty Advisors
- First Planning Meeting
- Annual Planning Meetings
- Oh, those PowerPoints!
- Oh, those Decisions!!

# Is your Employment Support Integrated?

- Is employment part of your IHE mission & practice?
- Are internships available on & off campus
- What job opportunities exist?
- Are Job Coaches part of your IHE?
- Is there support for employers and supervisors?

# Employment Support

At FAU ACI...

- Internships: On & off campus
- Job opportunities based on students' interests and goals
- Job Coaches for OJT
- Support for employers and supervisors

# Are Your Co-Curriculum Options Integrated?

- Clubs
- Mentors
- Social Activities
- Newspaper
- Book Club

# Co-Curriculum Options

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# Financial Aid

- How do scholarships and other financial aid decisions happen at your IHE?
- How does financial aid work for *any* students at your IHE?

# Financial Aid

At FAU ACI...

- Regular tuition and fees
- Scholarships through FCSUA for students with ID
- Parents and families pay some costs
- Other agencies and scholarships might be available
- The role of VR



# What Does “Institutional Engagement” Really Mean?

What does it mean to be a college program?

- Admissions → to the program and University
- Curriculum → Adding new programs added to the catalog
- Courses → Adding new courses added to the catalog
- Grades → individual courses & program progress
- Faculty → credentials to teach their courses
- Clubs & Campus Activities
- Advisors
- Mentors
- Financial Aid

# “Da Playas” on Campus

## Campus Collaboration

- Admissions
- COE Dean
- Undergraduate Dean
- Financial Aid
- Curriculum Committees
- Student Affairs
- Academic Affairs
- Provost Office
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Development Officer
- Police Department

# “Da Playas” off Campus

Including School, Agency, & Community Leadership

- ESE Directors / Transition Program Coordinators
- Local Teachers
- Vocational Rehabilitation Area Supervisor; Counselors
- Local Businesses
- Organizations (e.g., Down Syndrome Association)
- Potential Donors
- FCSUA

# The Quality Difference

It is *like* college

vs

It *is* college...

But only if the program is integrated into  
the life of your IHE...

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