Creating CTE Pathways to Community College: Tips for High School Educators

Step 1

Why Connect with Community Colleges?

- To prepare your students for success in college classes.
- To connect your course content to what is taught in college.
- To educate colleges about what your students need in order to enroll and succeed.

Step 2

Assess the Community College Landscape

- Identify courses with relevant content by searching course catalogs.
- Identify existing concurrent enrollment possibilities by contacting the outreach or Admissions Department.
- Identify existing articulation agreements by talking to Transfer Services or Department Chairs.

Step 3

Find the Right Partners

- To create course content, talk to a faculty member that teaches the introductory courses.
- To have guest speakers from the college come to your high school, contact staff in the Outreach and Recruitment Department.
- To connect your students with programs that provide academic and emotional support for the transition to college, contact staff in the Student Services or Extended Opportunity Programs and Services departments.

Step 4

Get Them on Board

Send emails, publicize your needs, and attend professional networking and community activities to talk to community college instructors or staff. Aim to:

- Find out what the college needs—they may have a goal to increase your enrollment in certain majors.
- Connect ideas to the college’s existing outreach plans.

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