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**Focus on Action:
What Policymakers + Colleges Are Doing
to Promote Student Success**

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About the Booklet

Includes:

10 articles focused on demonstrating value through student success at the institution, state and federal policy level

Examples:

- How colleges are bridging FAFSA filing gaps
- Scholarships for completion at Austin Community Colleges
- Georgia State's new transfer center
- Strategies for re-enrolling stop-outs
- Supporting students who are parents
- How belonging impacts retention

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State-Level Case Studies in Student Success

Focus on Action: Louisiana

● August 30, 2024

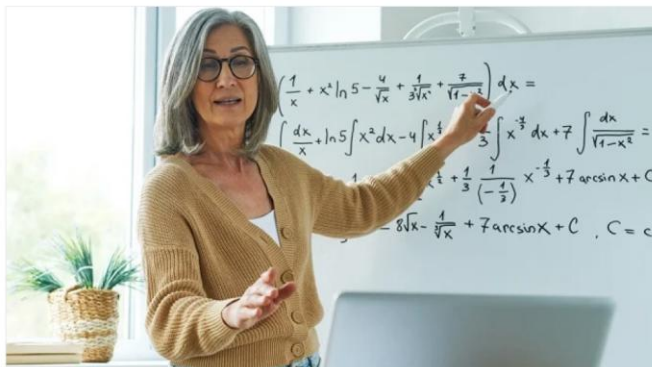
NEWS

STUDENTS

Louisiana's Corequisite Math Courses Boost Completion

In its first year of implementation, the new course structure—which replaces remedial classes with credit-bearing support sessions—has increased the passing rate for entry-level math by nearly 400 percent.

By [Jessica Blake](#)

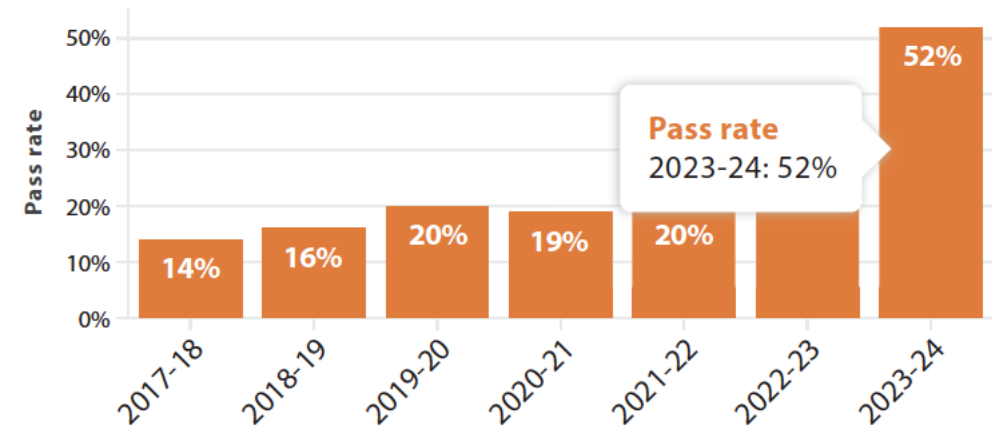


Corequisite math and English courses are gaining momentum as colleges look for new ways to replace remedial education.

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Scaling Corequisites and Boosting Course Completion Rates

Louisiana has been steadily growing its offering of corequisite math courses. Although the increase in completion rates has been steady for several years, the steepest jump came after the first year of statewide implementation in 2023-24.



Source: The Louisiana Board of Regents

Focus on Action: Texas

● July 15, 2024

NEWS

INSTITUTIONS

A Hopeful First Year for New Texas Funding Model

Texas embraced a new, performance-based funding model for community colleges. A year later, campus leaders believe they are starting to see the rewards.

By [Sara Weissman](#)



The new performance-based funding model for Texas community colleges is starting to get positive reviews from campus leaders.

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About the model:

- Bipartisan effort passed in 2023 (House Bill 8)
- 95% of state funds are allocated to CCs based on student success metrics including “credentials of value” earned, no. of students who transferred after 15 credits, and no. of HS students who earned 15+ credits in dual enrollment
- Colleges get extra funding for awarding credentials in “high-demand” fields and for enrolling lower-income, older adult and academically underprepared learners
- Funds dependent on improvement; colleges not measured against each other
- Base funding measures benefit small, rural colleges
- Old model based 10% of funding on student success outcomes

Focus on Action: Colorado

● May 07, 2024

NEWS

GOVERNMENT

Colorado Bill Seen as Model for Improving Credit Transfer

The measure, passed on a bipartisan basis, would guarantee that more courses count toward students' majors and require transparency on colleges' transfer activity.

By [Jessica Blake](#)



Lawmakers and credit transfer policy experts hope the legislation will save students time and money, boosting degree attainment rates in the state.

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“Transferring college credits is becoming more and more common as students look for opportunities to save time and money in their higher education careers. However, it’s currently a confusing and time-intensive process that, when done incorrectly, can result in students losing a full semester of credits. My hope is that this commonsense, bipartisan bill will stand as an example for other states so that we can improve educational attainment and economic mobility for students across the country.”

—State Senator Janet Buckner,
co-sponsor of the credit transfer legislation (D)

Panel Discussion



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