

**DEVELOPMENTAL FOCUS***Learner, Self***LENGTH****3 days**

The Student Success Institute is based on the premise that a key role of educators in higher education is that of a mentor who fosters a learner's growth and the development of his or her cognitive, social, and affective skills. Success is referred to not simply in terms of academic success but rather in terms of a broad set of those skills required for success beyond college.

**OUTCOMES**

The institute will provide strategies, techniques, and tools which foster personal growth and development of students in the context of first-year courses and learning-to-learn camps. Institute participants will learn how to:

- Create a productive learning environment,
- Elevate the use of assessment and integrate an assessment system into a course
- Design, build, and facilitate effective learning teams and cooperative learning
- Facilitate active learning with timely constructive interventions on key issues and skills
- Use journaling and self-reflection
- Foster learner ownership and implement strategies for resistance to behavioral change
- Challenge performance (raising the bar)
- Grow learner performance (including a special emphasis on reading)
- Pre-assess individuals and assess learning outcomes
- Design a process-oriented syllabus with clearly defined expectations and requirements
- Connect with students, believe in their potential, and publicly commit to their success
- Help students take ownership for their own success (student buy-in)
- Help students to build strong individual identities that are consistent with their life visions

**INSTITUTE FOCUS AND THEMES**

The institute will provide strategies, techniques, and tools which foster personal growth and development of students in the context of first-year courses and learning-to-learn camps. During the institute, participants will be introduced to a variety of tools which support the philosophy of Process Education and lead to a quality first-year course. These tools include:

- life vision portfolio
- self-growth paper
- the Student Success Toolbox
- methodologies
- levels of knowledge
- peer assessments
- guided-discovery activities
- learning communities
- classification of learning skills
- performance measures

**PERFORMANCE AREAS**Assessor  
LearnerCollaborator  
MeasurerDesigner  
MentorEvaluator  
PlannerFacilitator  
Problem SolverInnovator  
ResearcherLeader  
Teacher