

RURAL GUIDED PATHWAYS PROJECT

Institute #5

Orientation Webinar

September 15, 2023



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Orientation Topics

- **Rural Guided Pathways Project Overview**
- **Institute #5 Objectives and Framing**
- **Institute Agenda Advance Work and Norms**
- **After the Institute**

Rural Guided Pathways Project Overview

This is a three-year project with a national cohort of 16 rural community colleges who will work with each other — and with community partners in their regions — to implement the guided pathways framework. The goals of the the project are to support participating colleges as they:

- Design and implement a better student experience at their colleges.**
- Collaborate with key local stakeholders to increase economic opportunity and partner on a cross-sector approach to implement guided pathways.**
- Adopt evidence-based reforms that will address inequities and lead to improved educational and workforce outcomes.**

What is innovative about this project?

This project is the first of its kind in two ways:

- **Rural focus - This is the first time a pathways project is focused specifically on the needs of rural institutions.**
- **Community partners - This is also the first time community partners are deeply engaged in pathways implementation.**

Six Rural Pathways Institutes

INSTITUTE #1

Creating an Infrastructure
of Opportunity

June 27-29, 2022

Minneapolis, MN

INSTITUTE #2

Reconsidering and Redesigning
the Institutional Program Mix

Oct. 19-21, 2022

Cheyenne, WY

INSTITUTE #3

Connection to College and
Connection to Programs

Feb. 8-10, 2023

Birmingham, AL

INSTITUTE #4

Ask, Connect, Inspire and
Plan: Reimagining

Onboarding

June 5, 8, & 15, 2023

Virtual

INSTITUTE #5

Teaching and Learning Inside
and Outside the Classroom

Oct. 18-20, 2023

Salt Lake, UT

INSTITUTE #6

Building Continuous Improvement
& Sustainability Structures

April 10-12, 2024

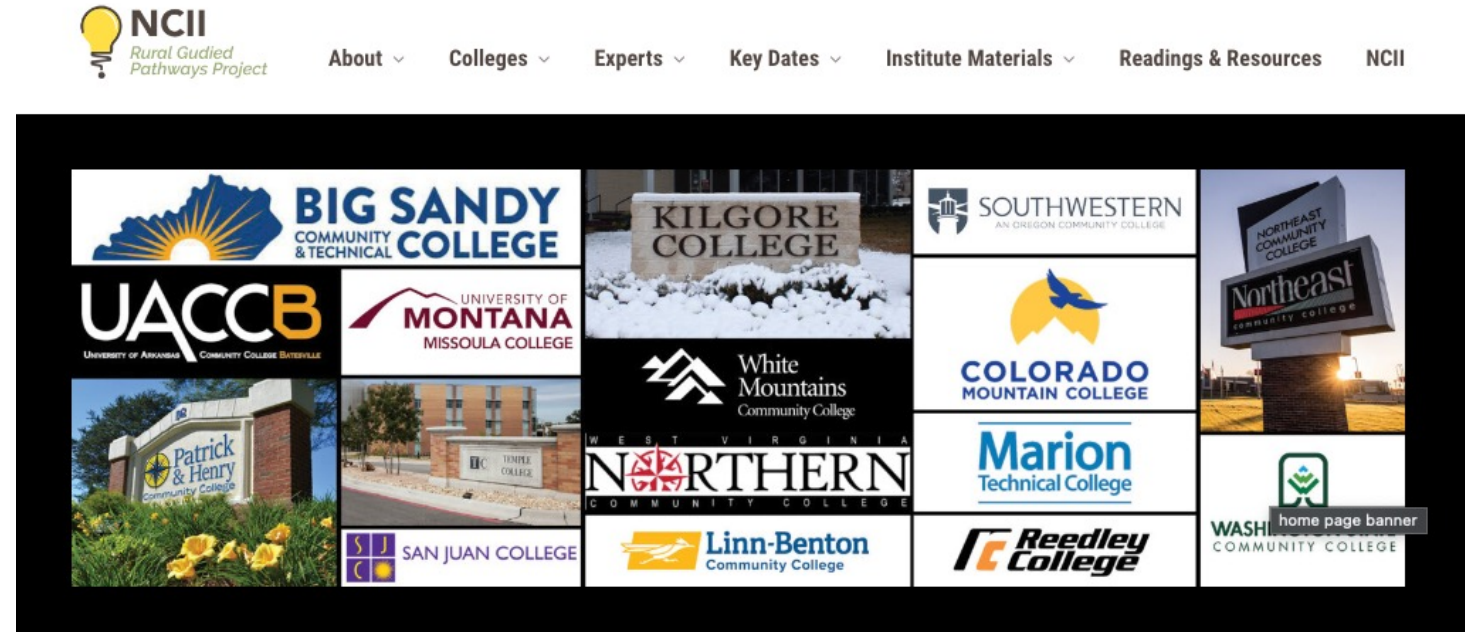
Pittsburgh, PA

RURAL GUIDED PATHWAYS PROJECT WEBSITE

<https://ruralguidedpathways.org/>

Includes:

- Background on the project
- List of colleges in the cohort
- Experts supporting the colleges
- Key dates
- Previous institute materials
- Readings and resources



Rural + Pathways + Community Partners

The Rural Guided Pathways Project is a three-year project in which a national cohort of rural community colleges is working with each other — and with community partners in their regions — to implement evidence-based, institution-wide reforms grounded in the guided pathways framework. The project's rural focus and in-depth participation of community partners set it apart from other guided pathways efforts.

Rural Colleges Have Unique Challenges and Opportunities

Carrie Besnette Hauser, President and CEO
Colorado Mountain College

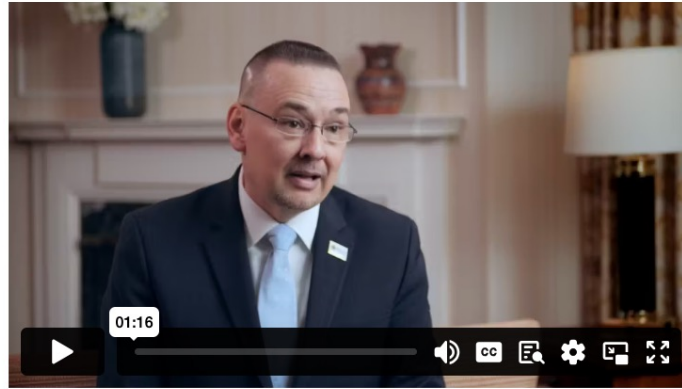


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Greg Hodges, President
Patrick & Henry Community College



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Octavia Lawrence, Interim VP of Student Services
Western Kentucky Community and Technical College



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Christy Ponce, President
Temple College



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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

<https://ruralguidedpathways.org/videos-in-their-own-words/>

Registration and Logistics

Sheraton Salt Lake City Downtown

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/slcsi-sheraton-salt-lake-city-hotel/overview/>

Registration closes September 25th

<https://ncii-cagp.brandlive.com/Rural-Institute-5/en>

Institute #5 - Objectives

- Examine the role of different stakeholders, including those outside of student-facing roles, in creating a holistic support experience for students**
- Rethinking the role that student services professionals play in supporting teaching and learning and the role that faculty play in advising and student support**
- Identify the necessary supports included in a holistic support ecosystem, and who can and should deliver them**
- Develop leadership strategies to deepen holistic student supports for all student populations**
- Identify strategies to ensure that scaled holistic support intentionally includes all areas of the institution, not just student services**

Institute #5 Agenda – October 18th

12:15pm – 1:15pm	College Team Leads/Coaches Meeting
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Institute Registration
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Welcome, Overview of the Institute and a Moment of Reflection
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Building Integrated Structures for Student Support
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Developing an Impactful Teaching and Learning Culture, Inside and Outside the Classroom
4:15pm – 4:20pm	Break and Transition to Team Time
4:20pm – 5:30pm	Team Time #1
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Opening Reception

Institute #5 Agenda – October 19th Morning

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am – 10:00am	Loving Our Students to Success – The Amarillo College Story
10:00am – 10:15am	Table Debrief
10:15am – 11:15am	Successful Implementation of Prior Learning Assessment, Competency Based Education and Non-Credit to Credit Transitions
11:15am – 11:30am	Break and Move to Team Time
11:30am – 12:30pm	Team Session #2
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch

Institute #5 Agenda – October 19th Afternoon

1:30pm – 2:00pm

The Inspire Part of the ACIP Framework

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Concurrent Sessions

- **An Overview of CCRCs Research on 1st Semester Coursetaking**
- **What Does it Mean to Have a “Light the Fire Course” in the First Term and How Do You Restructure Programs to Make It Happen**
- **Linking the Classroom to Career and Pathways**
- **Community College Baccalaureate Degree Roundup**
- **Moving from Conversation to Implementation – Program Data in Action**
- **Rethinking Advising Capacity**
- **CEO Session**

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm – 5:30pm

Topical Cross-college Conversations

Institute #5 Agenda – October 20th

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| 8:00am – 8:45am | CEO Breakfast |
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| 8:45am – 9:45am | A Whole College Transformation: Engaging the Entire Campus in Supporting Students |
| 9:45am – 10:00am | Debrief at Tables |
| 10:00am – 10:15am | Break |
| 10:15am – 11:15am | Team Session #3 |
| 11:15am – 11:50am | Establishing and Evolving a Teaching and Learning Culture |
| 11:50am – 12:00pm | Closing Thoughts and Evaluation |

Institute #5 Topics for Cross-College Sessions

- Onboarding redesign
- Rethinking dual enrollment
- Changes to advising structures
- Implementing changes based on program data
- Moving to 8-week scheduling model

Survey Monkey to be sent Monday with Agenda – Rank Choices 1-5 – Each College will have Two Topical Sessions

Institute #5 Advance Work

CCRC/NCII Cross-Sector Guided Pathways Self-Assessment

This survey was designed by CCRC for use by colleges assessing the extent to which they have implemented at scale (that is, for all students) practices that research by CCRC indicates are important for improving student outcomes. The survey reflects what CCRC has learned through our research on efforts by colleges to strengthen [program exploration, connection and completion through reforms within the college](#), as well as newer work on efforts by colleges to partner with employers and universities, on the one hand, and K-12 schools and community groups on the other, to [build cross-sector pathways to career-path employment for students from underserved communities](#).

We suggest that the team responsible for leading guided pathways reforms at your institution complete the survey as a group. We estimate that this will take up to 90 minutes.

Survey should be submitted to Sarah Cale (sarah@ncii-improve.com) and your coach by October 13th.

Institute Norms

- Start on time, end on time
- This is not a “conference” - everyone’s presence is needed, and participation is paramount. (It’s also not a staff meeting)
- All voices are valued and heard
- *Meet every college where it is* in the work of guided pathways reform
- Discussions/debates are disciplined by data and evidence
- Evaluations are important and used; PLEASE complete them
- Students are the focus: the question is not “Are students college-ready?” but “Are colleges student-ready?”

Following the Institute

- Sign up for SME office hours by October 2nd
- Set call with your coach to discuss the results of *the CCRC/NCII Cross-Sector Guided Pathways Self-Assessment*
- Set time for 2nd coaching visit between Institute 5 and Institute 6
- Stay tuned for information about virtual consultancies
- Development of 'Career Guides' with customized labor market data

QUESTIONS?

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