

PORTERVILLE COLLEGE

Guided Pathway Academy

Summary:

This immersive, 15-hour academy uses an informal, individualized, and workshop-based approach to reviewing multiple areas pertaining to each participating faculty member's program under the framework of Guided Pathways. Alongside a counselor partner, each faculty member will participate in a series of sessions facilitated by campus specialists and leading to discussion of the relationship of that specialist's area and the faculty member's program. The objective of this program-specific approach will be to consider where changes, such as streamlining and simplifying, may benefit students in areas such as:

- Outreach and promotion of programs and courses
- Improved retention, graduation, and transfer rates
- Student-centered scheduling
- Recognizing and closing equity gaps in courses and programs
- Understanding curriculum and articulation processes
- Incorporating outcomes assessment as a tool for course improvement
- Teaching-and-learning classroom strategies
- Career and transfer options in faculty member's subject area

Who Can Participate?

The Guided Pathways Academy provides a holistic, evidence-based, and student-centered approach to program management that will benefit all faculty regardless of the number of years of teaching experience or time at the college. It is especially ideal for:

- new faculty seeking to understand their programs holistically and meet campus specialists
- faculty interested in building campus partnerships to help support their programs
- faculty interested in making changes to their programs or developing new programs

The next Guided Pathways Academy will be held over three consecutive Fridays in the Spring 2022 semester: March 25th, April 1st, and April 8th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the PC campus. Lunch will be provided for participants. Faculty participating will receive a stipend for the 15 hours required to complete the academy.

Faculty completing the Guided Pathways Academy will receive a Certificate of Completion recognizing their accomplishment.

Additional dates for future Guided Pathways Academies will be announced in the coming months.

Faculty interested should contact the Guided Pathways Faculty Lead, Robert Simpkins.

Statements from past Guided Pathways participants:

Informal, emphasis on exploration, discussion, individualized approach

Using Guided Pathways framework to help

- Streamline experience
- Simplify process
- Support our students

Goals:

Student-Centered Approach to Program Management

Team building, working with campus partners

Requires Campus-wide culture change

Involvement of all faculty

New faculty training