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SAINT PAUL COLLEGE

Concurrent Enrollment Program

Student Manual



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Dear Concurrent Enrollment Program Student,

Welcome to Saint Paul College!

We are excited and honored to partner with your high school to offer Concurrent Enrollment courses to you as you expand your academic horizons in beginning your college career.

The Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) provides an academic opportunity that will help you transition from high school to college. Through Concurrent Enrollment, you will earn valuable course work experiences that will help you build a strong base for your future college career.

Your Saint Paul College transcript starts now and your grades/successful completion of these courses could affect your academic scholarships, financial aid, and academic standing when you apply for admission to your college of choice after your high school graduation. Take these courses very seriously and do your best!

This handbook has been created to help you maximize your Concurrent Enrollment experience. Please review the information included to ensure a smooth and rewarding experience here at Saint Paul College. Also, please review this information with your parents/guardians to become more familiar with how the program works.

Have a good year and a great CEP experience!

Best,

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Saint Paul College Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

Education for Employment...Education for Life

Saint Paul College offers comprehensive learning opportunities in both career and transfer education to enhance personal knowledge and advance economic opportunity for the benefit of a diverse population of constituents which includes students, business/industry/labor and the community.

Vision 2020

Saint Paul College will be a leader in providing comprehensive life-long learning through innovative and quality-focused strategies and services.

Values

Saint Paul College is committed to the following values. The College mission and strategic goals are based on its values which are central to an effective learning organization.

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Success

Customer Service Standards

Saint Paul College is a student-centered institution and we aspire to provide the highest level of customer service to enhance the learning experience.

Concurrent Enrollment Program Overview

Saint Paul College's CEP provides high quality, college-level educational opportunities to school districts and high school students in St. Paul and surrounding suburbs. Currently, our program partners with Saint Paul Public Schools, Roseville Area Schools, and Minnesota Math and Science Academy to provide college-level courses to high school students.

According to Minnesota Statutes section 124D.09 and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Policy 3.5, a Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) concurrent enrollment course is a college or university course made available through the PSEO program, offered through a high school, and taught by a high school teacher. Concurrent enrollment courses enroll only high school students who may earn both high school and college credit for satisfactorily completed courses.¹

Saint Paul College's CEP works closely with partner high schools to determine course offerings, identify partner high school teachers credentialed to teach specific courses, and select students who meet the minimum requirements for participation. Creating close, mutually-beneficial partnerships between the College and participating high schools has led to an increase in the number of CEP courses offered and the number of high school students earning both high school and college credit simultaneously while still in high school.

¹ Please see Appendix 1 for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Policy 3.5 and Procedure 3.5.1.

Concurrent Enrollment Eligibility

To participate in Saint Paul College's CEP, students must meet a number of eligibility requirements. Students must meet class rank requirements established by the Minnesota Statutes section 124D.09 and Minnesota State Board Policy 3.5 and Procedure 3.5.1.²

Saint Paul College's CEP places the onus of verifying the enrollment eligibility of students taking its courses squarely on the Partner High School. Failing to adhere to eligibility requirements and/or registration policies and procedures may jeopardize Saint Paul College's ability to offer CEP courses at institutions and/or award college credit to students enrolled in courses. Thus, it is extremely important that Partner High Schools abide by the eligibility requirements.

Course Registration Information

Enrollment in courses is coordinated at your high school. High school students will complete the online application following concurrent enrollment application instructions. Once the application is complete, a student will be able to register for their course by logging into eServices and using the directions the Director of College Partnerships or college staff will provide to their High School Instructor. Once the class had completed registration, the High School Instructor will send a final roster to the Faculty Mentor and Director of College Partnerships.

Saint Paul College Concurrent Enrollment Program Grading Policy

To support meaningful, beneficial partnerships that give students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school, Saint Paul College's High School Partners are responsible for adhering to the policies, procedures, and practices of the CEP. Failing to adhere to these policies, procedures, and practices jeopardizes Saint Paul College's ability to offer CEP classes at secondary institutions and/or award college credit to students taking these courses. Adherence is critical.

It is expected that High School Administrators, Counselors/Deans, and Teachers provide the same academic rigor at all Concurrent Enrollment Program secondary institutions as found in on-campus Saint Paul College courses. A clear grading policy for Concurrent Enrollment courses at the Concurrent Enrollment secondary institution that is consistent with Saint Paul College on-campus courses reinforces that students taking CEP courses are graded and assessed at a level consistent with on-campus college courses.

Awarding extra credit is not an acceptable Saint Paul College practice. Thus, this practice should not take place in Concurrent Enrollment courses at the Concurrent Enrollment secondary institution. Opportunities where students can re-test or re-learn for mastery of content and learner outcomes are acceptable.

Saint Paul College's Concurrent Enrollment Program's grading policy is grounded in National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Accreditation Standards.³ Students taking Saint Paul College Concurrent Enrollment Program courses are to be held to the same learning expectations and outcomes, same grading standards, and assessed using the same methods as students in on-campus sections. The grade given for Saint Paul College credit must be the same grade given for high school credit.

² Please see Appendix 1 for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Policy 3.5 and Procedure 3.5.1.

³ Please see Appendix 2 for NACEP Assessment Standard A1 reads, "The college/university ensures concurrent enrollment students' proficiency of learning outcomes is measured using comparable grading standards and assessment methods to on campus sections."

Adding, Dropping or Withdrawing from a Class

Before adding, dropping, or withdrawing from a course, it is highly recommended students meet with their high school counselor. Some high schools require a meeting before students can adjust their class. See your counselor for details.

Add/Drop

Concurrent Enrollment students can add/drop a class through the 15th business day of the class. A drop has no impact on academic standing and will not appear on any transcript.

Withdraw

Concurrent Enrollment students can withdraw from a course starting the 16th business day of the class, through 80% of the term. A withdraw can affect your academic standing and will appear as a 'W' on your official transcript at Saint Paul College.

Saint Paul College Policies and Procedures

Students are expected to follow all rules, policies, and procedures that pertain to Saint Paul College students. All of these rules, policies, and procedures are found in the Code of Student Conduct. Please review the Code of Student Conduct here: <http://saintpaul.edu/student-services/code-of-student-conduct>.

Students taking CEP courses through Saint Paul College are beholden to the same rules, policies, and procedures as all other students. Students taking CEP courses are held to the same standards of achievement as those expected of students enrolled in on-campus sections. Grading standards are also the same as those used in on-campus sections at Saint Paul College.

Each student is responsible for being familiar with all student rights, responsibilities, and all campus-wide College Policies. All policies are published yearly in the Student Handbook and available on the College Website. The following policies are included in the official Saint Paul College Policies section in the Student Handbook: Academic Integrity Policy, Code of Student Conduct, Computer Usage Policy, Drug and Alcohol-Free Campus, Smoking/Tobacco Policy, Transfer of Credit Policy.

Data Privacy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA), Minnesota Statute (Chapter 13) are federal and state laws that provide for disclosure and privacy of student educational records.

Consent for Release

Saint Paul College does not permit access to or the release of personally identifiable information in student educational records without the written consent of the student to any third party (including parent/guardian, dependent, or spouse/domestic partner), except as authorized by FERPA and MGDPA or other applicable law. A student may grant consent by completing a Release of Information form available at the One Stop Office.

Academic Resources and Information

Students taking CEP courses through Saint Paul College have the same level of access to learning resources as all other students. Below is a list of websites, student services, resources, and academic resources for student use. Many of these resources are available online and on-campus. CEP students have access to these on-campus and online resources.

The Saint Paul College website is a great place to start: <https://www.saintpaul.edu/>

A thorough listing of Student Resources is located here: <https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services>

Grade Point Average

A college-level cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) is required to graduate with a degree, diploma, certificate or completion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

Grade Point Average Computation

For each grade students earn in a course, they will be assigned honor points.

Grade	Honor Points
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0
FN = Failure for Non Attendance	0
FW = Failure due to Unofficial Withdrawal	0
P = Pass	0
AU = Audit	0
W = Withdrawal	0

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Saint Paul College is dedicated to providing all students with the opportunity to reach their educational goals. Students are responsible for maintaining an acceptable level of academic progress. To support their efforts to meet academic standards, students should attend class regularly and actively engage in the learning process. Students are also expected to monitor their own academic progress.

Federal regulations require that a college develop a standard of satisfactory academic progress. This satisfactory academic progress standard must have both a qualitative standard (grade point average) and a quantitative standard (course completion). Students bear primary responsibility for their own academic progress and for seeking assistance when experiencing academic difficulty. The following standards are used to determine a student's academic and financial aid standing. Satisfactory Academic Progress is reviewed at the end of the Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and Summer Term of each academic year.

Qualitative Standard

Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA for all coursework including withdrawals, incompletes and non-credit courses. For repeated courses, the highest grade achieved will be used for the GPA. Transfer credits do not affect the student's GPA.

Quantitative Standard

Students must complete 67% of the cumulative credits attempted based on their enrollment status. All credits attempted will be calculated into the completion percentage. This includes courses that are designated with a withdrawal, incomplete, non-credit courses and courses that have been repeated. Any coursework that has been accepted as transfer credit toward current program completion will also be included in progress made toward the current program.

Academic Warning

The first time academic standards are not met, the student will be placed on academic warning for the next term of enrollment. Once the warning is issued, a hold is placed on the student's account. The student must fill out the online Academic Warning Agreement Form to have the registration hold removed.

While on academic warning, a student is required to earn the following:

1. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher and
2. Maintain a minimum cumulative completion rate of 67%

Students who successfully earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA and cumulative 67% completion rate while on warning will return to good standing.

Academic Suspension

Students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress standards while on academic warning will be placed on academic suspension for two terms. All students placed on suspension must appeal to be reinstated. First-term students earning grades of all F's, FN's, and/or FW's will be immediately placed on academic suspension.

Appealing Academic Suspension

Appealing Due to Extenuating Circumstances

Students who believe they failed to achieve satisfactory academic progress due to extenuating circumstances may file an appeal prior to taking the required two terms off. However, students must provide documentation supporting their claim of the extenuating circumstances which interfered with their ability to be successful in school.

Appealing for Reinstatement After Serving the Required Two Semesters

Students who have served their suspension period must appeal for reinstatement by submitting the required suspension appeal paperwork along with a letter detailing the following:

- What led to the academic suspension
- How your life circumstances have changed to support your efforts to be successful in school
- What you will do differently to ensure academic success if your appeal is granted

The Academic Suspension Appeal packet can be obtained in the One Stop office or downloaded online.

Academic Probation

Students who have successfully appealed their suspension will be placed on probation for the next enrolled semester. During probation, students must meet the college's 2.0 cumulative grade point average and cumulative 67% completion rate requirement to return to good standing at the end of the semester. Students who fail to meet the cumulative requirements for GPA and completion will be placed back on suspension. Students who fail to meet the conditions specified in their academic plan will also be placed back on suspension.

Academic Resources

College Catalog	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services
Tutoring Services	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/Pages/Tutoring.aspx
Campus Library	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/Pages/Library.aspx
Access and Disability Resources	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/Pages/Access-and-Disability-Resources.aspx

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Academic Advising	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/Pages/Academic-Advising.aspx
Academic Calendar	https://www.saintpaul.edu/admissions/Documents/College%20Calendar%202019-2020.pdf
GPA Calculator	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/gpa-calculator
IT Services	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/Information-Technology-Services
Student Policies and Procedures	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/student-policies
Code of Student Conduct	http://saintpaul.edu/student-services/code-of-student-conduct
Testing Center	https://www.saintpaul.edu/admissions/TestingCenter
Data Practices Policy	https://www.saintpaul.edu/student-services/student-data-practices-policy

Appendix 1:

Board Policy 3.5 Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Program

Part 1. Definitions.

Subpart A. Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program or "PSEO." The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program is the program established by Minnesota State Statutes 124D.09 to "promote rigorous educational pursuits and provide a wider variety of options for students." Through PSEO, high school students may earn both secondary and postsecondary credit for college or university courses completed on a college or university campus, at a high school, or at another location.

Subpart B. PSEO Concurrent enrollment course. A PSEO concurrent enrollment course is a college or university course made available through the PSEO program, offered through a secondary school, and taught by a secondary teacher.

Part 2. Postsecondary Enrollment Options Expectations. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall provide opportunities for students to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program. Students shall be admitted according to criteria that promote progress through college-level coursework and that augment their continued academic growth consistent with board policies and system procedures.

Subpart A. Enrollment on campus. Enrollment of PSEO students in courses on a college or university campus shall be allowed on the basis of available space as defined by the college or university.

Subpart B. Compliance with standards. Colleges and universities shall require PSEO students to perform to the college's or university's academic and student conduct standards.

Subpart C. Developmental Courses. Colleges and universities shall not enroll students in developmental courses through PSEO.

Procedure 3.5.1 Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Program for Board Policy 3.5

Part 1. Purpose. In accordance with Minn. Stat. §124D.09 and Policy 3.5, this procedure governs the implementation of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program by system colleges and universities.

Part 2. Admissions Requirements for PSEO Students.

Subpart A. Eligibility Standards. PSEO participation shall be available to juniors and seniors enrolled through a Minnesota high school, home school, or alternative learning center who present evidence of the ability to perform college-level work. Such evidence includes the following:

1. for juniors, class rank in the upper one-third of their class or a score at or above the 70th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test;
2. for seniors, class rank in the upper one-half of their class or a score at or above the 50th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test; or
3. for juniors or seniors, documentation other than that specified in Part 2, Subpart A1 and Subpart A2 of this procedure of the student's readiness and ability to perform college-level work as determined by the college or university.

A college or university may set higher standards than those specified in Part 2 Subpart A1 and Subpart A2 for all students as needed to ensure student success.

Subpart B. Eligibility Review Process. Each college and university shall have a process for reviewing evidence presented by students seeking to participate in the PSEO program. This process shall address each of the criteria in Part 2 Subpart A of this procedure and shall include faculty participation as appropriate.

Subpart C. Career and Technical Education. Notwithstanding the eligibility standards established in Part 2, Subpart A of this procedure, a student who is in 10th grade and has attained a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading and meets any the other course prerequisites or course enrollment standards established by the college, including but not limited to assessment test scores, program admission, or other requirements, may enroll in a career or technical education course at a system college. If the student receives a grade of C or better in the course, the student shall be allowed to take additional career or technical education courses in subsequent terms. A career or technical course is a course that is part of a career and technical education program that provides individuals with coherent, rigorous content aligned with academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current and emerging professions and provides technical skill proficiency, an industry recognized credential, and a certificate, diploma, or an associate degree.

A student who first enrolls under this provision while in 10th grade and wishes to enroll in general education courses as an 11th or 12th grade student must take the system Assessment for Course Placement and achieve the required scores prior to enrollment.

Students admitted under this provision may be required to attend counseling or advising sessions at the discretion of the college.

Part 3. PSEO Student Support, Enrollment, and Performance.

Subpart A. Student Support. A college or university offering courses through the PSEO program shall ensure that PSEO students are provided with information that:

1. describes available academic and student support services and
2. outlines student responsibilities, including their responsibility to communicate with their high school about their academic performance in courses offered through PSEO.

Subpart B. Student Enrollment. Students choosing to enroll in PSEO courses, including PSEO concurrent enrollment courses, shall meet the requirements of Board Policy 3.3 and System Procedure 3.3.1, Assessment for Course Placement, before enrolling.

Subpart C. Student Performance and Program Effectiveness. A college or university shall collect data about the performance of each student enrolled in courses through PSEO for use in monitoring student progress and measuring PSEO program effectiveness. These data shall be reported to the system office.

Part 4. PSEO Offered through Concurrent Enrollment Courses.

Subpart A. Definition. As defined in Policy 3.5, a PSEO concurrent enrollment course is a college or university course made available through the PSEO program, offered through a high school, and taught by a high school teacher. As specified in Minn. Stat. §124D.09, concurrent enrollment courses enroll only high school students who may earn both high school and college credit for satisfactorily completed courses.

Subpart B. PSEO Concurrent Enrollment Courses. PSEO concurrent enrollment courses shall be college-level courses approved through the college or university curriculum process, shall meet institutional standards required for accreditation, and shall follow the college- or university-approved course outline.

Subpart C. Concurrent Enrollment Agreements. Each college or university and school district wishing to offer one or more concurrent enrollment courses shall complete an agreement, signed by the appropriate representative of each party, which shall, at a minimum, address:

1. qualifications and responsibilities of high school instructors as defined in Subparts E and F of this procedure, including documentation of high school teacher qualifications;
2. college/university support to be provided to the instructor as defined in Subpart D of this procedure;
3. other resources, such as laboratory space and course materials, needed to support quality concurrent enrollment teaching and learning;
4. compliance with student participation requirements as specified in Part 2 and Part 4, Subpart H of this procedure;
5. financial arrangements for offering the course(s); and
6. duration of the agreement and frequency of its review, which shall be at least annually.

The form of the agreement between a district and a college or university and the financial arrangements for delivering concurrent enrollment courses shall be in conformance with system-determined practices for concurrent enrollment agreements that exist at the time the agreement is signed.

Subpart D. PSEO Concurrent Enrollment Instructor Support. For each high school teacher approved to provide PSEO instruction as a concurrent enrollment instructor, the college or university shall:

1. provide a college or university faculty member who shall communicate regularly with the concurrent enrollment instructor and monitor assignments, exams, projects, student academic achievement, and instructional effectiveness to ensure that the course meets the learning outcomes contained in the course outline approved by the college or university and that students are held to college-level standards; and
2. provide each concurrent enrollment instructor with a required orientation to the concurrent enrollment program and ongoing opportunities to participate in appropriate campus-based and/or program-specific faculty development activities.

Subpart E. PSEO Concurrent Enrollment Instructor Designation. Designation of a high school teacher to be a concurrent enrollment instructor requires:

1. completion of an application by the high school teacher;
2. approval by the teacher's principal as part of the application; and
3. approval by the college or university after consultation with faculty in the relevant discipline, consistent with Subpart F of this procedure.

Participation in a concurrent enrollment program by a high school teacher shall require compliance with all expectations for communicating with the college or university faculty member and participation in any required orientation and professional development activities, as outlined in the concurrent enrollment agreement and as described in Subparts C and D of this procedure.

Subpart F. PSEO Concurrent Enrollment Instructor Qualifications. The minimum qualifications for concurrent enrollment instructors shall be those determined by the college or university of record, consistent with the following:

1. for two-year colleges, the system established credential fields and minimum qualifications for faculty are designated in Board Policy 3.32 and System Procedure 3.32.1 College Faculty Credentialing;
2. for state universities, minimum qualifications for faculty are determined by academic departments.

When no teacher in the high school meets these qualifications, the partners shall explore a variety of options for providing access to courses through the PSEO program, including:

1. on-line courses taught by college or university faculty members;
2. on-campus college or university courses; and
3. college and university courses offered by a college or university faculty member in the high school.

If the partners determine that none of these options is feasible, and with the approval of the school district and the college or university as specified in Subpart E of this procedure, a teacher who does not meet the minimum qualifications may be approved to teach a concurrent enrollment course based on evidence of a combination of substantial teaching experience, advanced coursework appropriate to the discipline, and/or other relevant experience and expertise. Approval to teach a PSEO concurrent enrollment course on this basis may be made contingent upon:

1. completion of additional graduate coursework;
2. field experiences; or
3. a program of structured independent study appropriate to the discipline or credential field within mutually agreed upon time parameters.

A high school teacher who was approved as a concurrent enrollment instructor prior to November 10, 2008 may continue to teach the same course or courses at the discretion of the college or university of record after consultation with the faculty member assigned to work with that high school teacher.

An annual report of high school teachers approved by a college or university as concurrent enrollment instructors shall be provided to the system office. The report shall include the total number of concurrent enrollment instructors, the number of concurrent enrollment instructors who do not meet the minimum qualifications, and information about the basis for approving those concurrent enrollment instructors who do not meet minimum qualifications.

Subpart G. Students in PSEO Concurrent Enrollment Courses. PSEO concurrent enrollment courses shall not simultaneously enroll PSEO and non-PSEO high school students except as provided in Subpart H of this procedure.

Subpart H. PSEO Concurrent Enrollment Exceptions. A high school that wishes to have a college or university offer a PSEO concurrent enrollment course to its students, but cannot generate sufficient enrollment to offer that course only to 11th and 12th grade students who meet the PSEO eligibility requirements of Part 2, Subpart A may:

1. request approval for an exception from the president of the college or university to allow 9th or 10th grade students who rank in the upper one-tenth of their class or attain a score at or above the 90th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test, or have a favorable recommendation from a designated high school official to enroll in that course; or
2. request approval for an exception from the president of the college or university to allow non-PSEO students to enroll in that course. The president of the college or university shall approve or deny the request after the appropriate college or university consultation process. In any concurrent enrollment course that enrolls both PSEO and non-PSEO students:
 - a. PSEO students shall be the majority of the students in the course; and

- b. the concurrent enrollment instructor and college or university faculty member shall ensure that all PSEO students are held to college-level course standards.

An annual report of all concurrent enrollment exceptions granted by a college or university shall be provided to the system office and shall include information about efforts made to reduce the number of exceptions approved.

Appendix 2:



2019 COLLEGE PROVIDED FACULTY MODEL STANDARDS

Adopted October 2019

Partnership Standards

Partnership 1 (P1)	The college provided faculty model program aligns with the college/university mission and is supported by the institution's administration and academic leadership.
Partnership 2 (P2)	The college provided faculty model program has ongoing collaboration with secondary school partners.

Faculty Standards

Faculty 1 (F1)	All college provided faculty are approved by the appropriate college/university academic leadership and must meet the minimum qualifications for instructors teaching the course on campus.
Faculty 2 (F2)	The college provided faculty model ensures instructors are informed of and adhere to college/universities' policies and procedures. For college provided faculty teaching high school students

Assessment Standard

Assessment 1 (A1)	The college/university ensures college provided faculty model students' proficiency of learning outcomes is measured using grading standards and assessment methods comparable to traditional campus sections.
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Curriculum Standards**Curriculum 1 (C1)**

Courses administered through a college provided faculty model are college/university catalogued courses with the same departmental designations, course descriptions, numbers, titles, and credits.

Curriculum 2 (C2)

Academic administrator reviews/conducts faculty evaluations and classroom observations following the college policy and procedures.

Student Standards**Student 1 (S1)**

Registration and transcripting policies and practices for college provided faculty model students are consistent with traditional college students.

Student 2 (S2)

The college provided faculty model has a process to ensure students meet the course prerequisites of the college/university.

Student 3 (S3)

CPF students are advised about the benefits and implications of taking college courses, as well as the college's policies and expectations.

Student 4 (S4)

The college/university provides, in conjunction with secondary partners, CPF students with suitable access to learning resources and student support services.

Program Evaluation Standards**Evaluation 1 (E1)**

The college/university conducts end-of-term student course evaluations for each college provided faculty model courses to provide instructors with student feedback.

Evaluation 2 (E2)

The college/university conducts and reports regular and ongoing evaluations of the college provided faculty model effectiveness and uses the results for continuous improvement.