

# Austin Community College

Academic, Career, & Financial Planning

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## Description

Redesigning programs and services for guided pathways has helped more students complete what they start by making it easier for them to find the programs and coursework best suited to their goals and receive the help and support they need. The integration of academic and career planning software enables students to stay on track to graduate, transfer, and obtain gainful employment.

- Guided Pathways: 10 Areas of Study
- CIVITAS Degree Map

- Focus2 and Campus2Careers
- Student Money Management Office

### Impact on Student Supports

The full-time, credential-seeking FTIC student persistence and graduation rates increased across five cohorts. The number of students persisting through or graduating in their first spring increased 7 percent from fall 2010 to fall 2014, while the number of students persisting through or graduating in their second fall increased by 6 percent.

Students successfully completing their first 15 credits increased 7 percent from FY 2013 to FY 2015.

#### Top Successes

- Graduation rate for full-time, credential-seeking FTIC students increased from 4% to 8%
- Degree, certificate, and other completions rose 71% overall AY10 AY15 (5,851 compared with 3,428) Specifically:
  - Academic degrees increased 102%
  - Core curriculum/field of study completions rose 113%
  - Skills awards increased
    87%

### Challenges

- Software system compatibility
- With rolling admissions process, advisor student assignment and management.

