



Introduction to Pathways

MJC is one of 20 California Community Colleges accepted into the California Guided Pathways Project. Participating in the project means that under the mentorship of two peer mentors, the campus will create and implement pathways for students that:

1. Create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education
2. Help students choose and enter their pathway
3. Help students stay on their path
4. **Ensure that learning is happening with intentional outcomes.**

Representatives from the campus will attend trainings as institutional ambassadors and upon return, will host sessions where training is disseminated amongst all constituent groups, thus ensuring that communication and training are shared.

Institute Day Homework

During Institute Week, on Thursday from 8:30 – 12:00, there will be a working session where all who are interested in the Guided Pathways Project can contribute to our institutional self-assessment and goal setting. Large and small group work will be accomplished and compiled results will be delivered on Friday at the Campus-Wide Institute Day presentation. The work we will complete will be used at the first Pathways Institute that will be attended in September. Please join us and participate in this foundational work for the students of Modesto Junior College!

Pathways Resources and Preparation

As we look to the Thursday of Institute Week and our Homework Session, please take time to read this article: [Guided Pathways Demystified](#) . If you have further interest in exploring the concept of Pathways and how it has worked at other institutions, please consult the resources below.

[IEPI Guided Pathways Website](#)

[Principles of Guided Pathways](#)

[What We Know About Guided Pathways](#)

[Podcast with Chancellor Eloy Oakley and Davis Jenkins](#)

Next Steps

In September, the first team of 5 will go to the Leadership Training for the Pathways Initiative, and upon return, this team will present in the appropriate campus forums and venues what has been learned. The composition of the team is largely scripted by the organizers, though it possibly could change from training to training depending on the topic. The first session is about leadership, and the attendees will be President Stearns, VPs Hamilton (Instruction) and Todd (Student Services), Academic Senate President Curtis Martin, and Dean Jenni Abbot (Grants and Institutional Research).