The **EDUCATION PLANNING INITIATIVE** (EPI) is developing a student services web portal that will personalize and sequence information and activities to help students complete their academic goals. Initiative staff are also working on transcript, articulation, and curriculum inventory systems that will support existing college systems, as well as developing a new Education Planning and Degree Audit system that will offer tools for counselors to assist students and provide self-serve functionality for students.

The education planning system will develop and use centralized and integrated technology to assist students in achieving their educational goals, ultimately reducing the amount of unnecessary courses taken by students due to lack of planning. The project will provide more students with education planning and degree audit services while streamlining the process for students, faculty, and staff. Examples of information and activities available to students in the portal include:

- Career planning
- Application for Admission
- Financial Aid
- Priority Enrollment
- Transcript Ordering
- Education Planning
- Orientation
- Time Management
- Transportation
- Child Care
- Test Anxiety
- Substance Abuse
- Food Assistance
- Academic Counseling/Advising
- Basic Skills (Reading, Writing, Math)
- CalWorks
- Personal Counseling
- DSPS: Disabled Student Programs and Services
- EOPS: Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
- ESL: English as a Second Language
- Health Services
- Housing Information
- Employment Assistance
- Online Classes
- Re-Entry Program (After 5 years out)
- Scholarship Information
- Student Government
- Testing and Assessment
- Transfer Information
- Tutoring Services
- Veteran’s Services
- Athletics
- Foster Youth
- TANF, SSI, or General Assistance
- Dream Act
- LGBTQ

**EPI TIMELINE:**

The Education Planning Initiative has established its management team, stakeholder steering committees and work groups with representation from systemwide organizations, and is moving forward on work plans outlined in their five-year awards.

Over the course of 2015, the portal, education planning system, and degree audit system will be implemented in a pilot phase with the following 10 colleges:

- City College of San Francisco
- Crafton Hills College
- El Camino College
- Fresno City College
- Fullerton College
- Los Medanos College
- Mt. San Jacinto College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- Victor Valley College

By 2016, the portal, education planning system, and degree audit system will be made available to all California Community Colleges for free or at greatly reduced cost.

**EPI PARTNERSHIP:**

Together, the Educational Planning Initiative, Common Assessment Initiative, and Online Education Initiative represent a comprehensive and collaborative program seeking to take advantage of technological tools to increase student completion rates and to provide more individuals with the opportunity to achieve higher education in California.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

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