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Teaching + Learning Tuesday



A CLEAR PATH

Individualized Degree Planning for Every Student

The Landscape

Community colleges were designed to increase access to college

While access has increased, completion rates at both 2-year and 4-year institutions has not improved

Institutions are seeking out solutions to increase completion and become more student ready

Designing individualized, structured degree plans is a piece of the solution in improving student completion

The Research

- Too many students are not finishing- Longitudinal study by the Department of Education found that 66% of new college students starting in AY 03/04 had still not earned a degree six years later.¹
- The national average credits taken for students enrolled in an associates degree (60 credits required) is 79. This means that on average students are taking 19 credits that do not apply to their degree.²
- Guided Pathways Model: The model focuses on laying out a clear, cohesive academic program for students and aligning the support services to assist students down their program path to successful completion.³
 - Alexandria Walton Radford, Lutz Berkner, Sara C. Wheeless, and Bryan Shepherd. Persistence and Attainment of 2003-04
 Beginning Postsecondary Students: After 6 Years Washington, D.C.: National Center for Education Statistics: Institute of
 Education Sciences, 2010, 5. (https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2011/2011151.pdf)
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 - 3. Thomas R. Bailey, Shanna Smith Jaggars, and Davis Jenkins, *Redesigning America's Community Colleges: A Clearer Path to Student Success* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015); and Davis Jenkins, "Redesigning Community Colleges for Completion: Lessons from Research on High-Performance Organizations," Working Paper No. 24 (New York: Columbia Teachers College, Community College Research Center, 2011).



Context: The University of Hawaii System

- 10 campuses (across the Hawaiian Archipelago)
- 3 four-year universities
- 1 two-year and four-year campus
- 6 two-year campuses

The Charge

UH System president called for individualized academic plans for every student by Fall 2017

Leadership is essential for success

- President called for the change
- State supported: 55 by '25, money for additional development of STAR (in-house technology solution)
- STAR team drove development
- UH System stakeholders provide feedback

Transformative Change

Structural:

Changes to design, policy or organization



Process:

Changes in individual actions or behavior and changes to the way individuals interact

Attitudinal:

Changes in values and beliefs

How Students Previously Picked Classes

1

Use catalog or program sheet to see what courses are required

2

Check class availability website to see what classes are offered 3

Meet with an advisor to verify courses meet degree program requirements

Why a technology tool was needed

Insufficient advisor resources to individually work with every student to maintain an up-to-date academic plan

Technology can automatically respond to variations based on placement, student choice, and course load differences

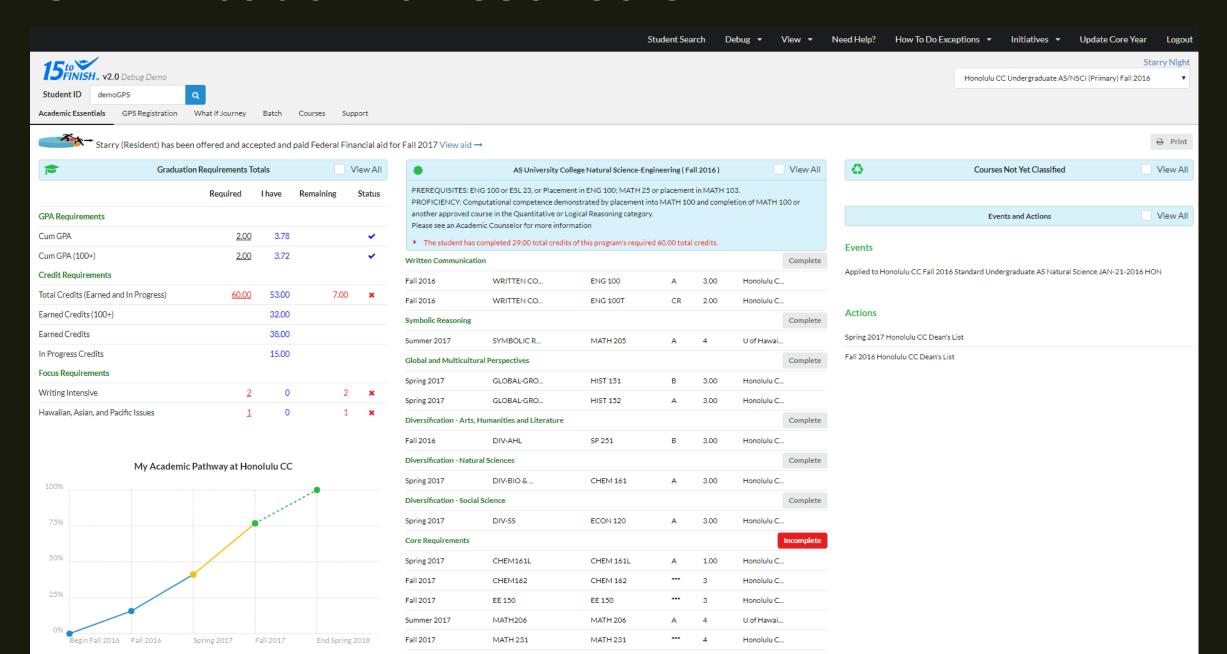
Tracking student progress

STAR: Functionality

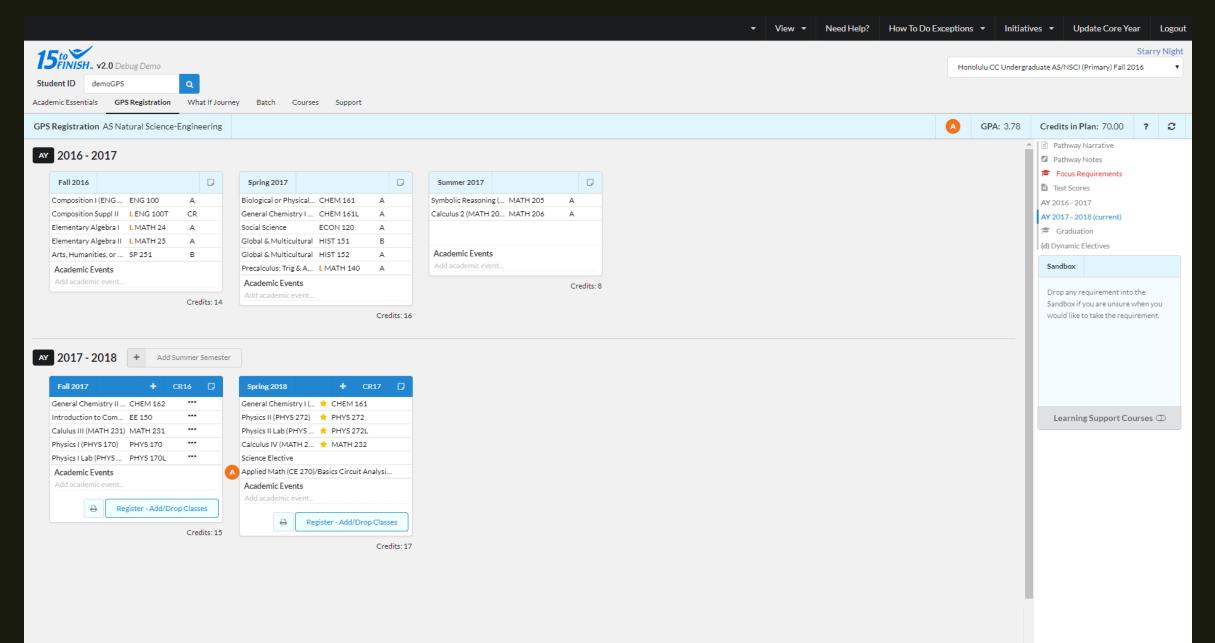
STAR is a UH homegrown degree planning, registration and audit system

- Key Features
 - Academic Essentials
 - GPS Registration (Individualized Pathway)
 - What If Journey

STAR Academic Essentials



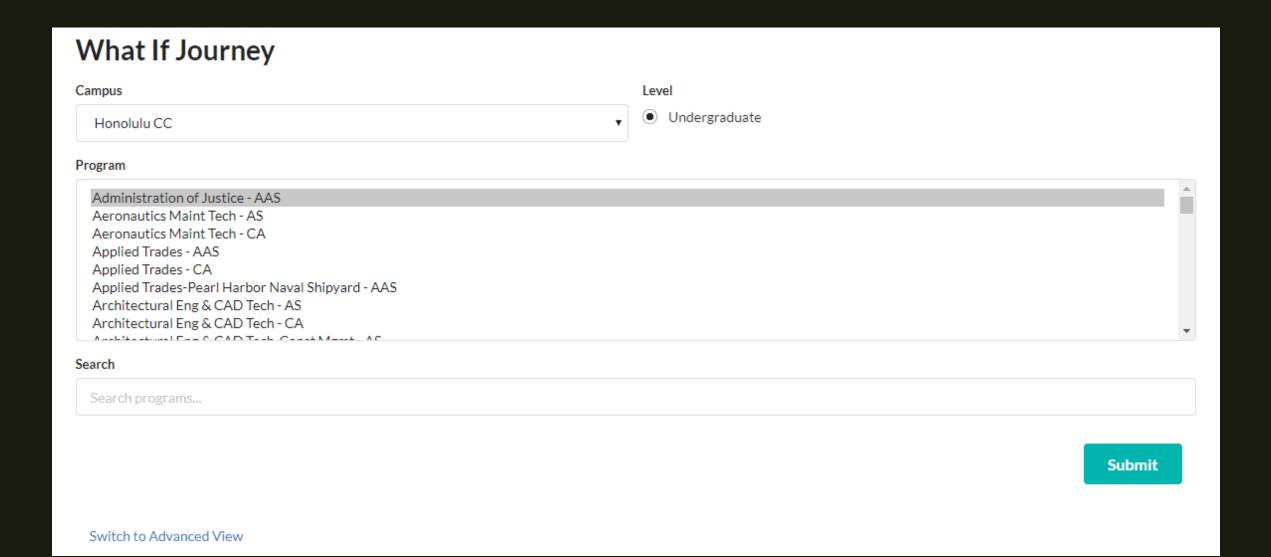
STAR GPS (Individualized Pathway)



STAR GPS Registration

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STAR What If



Increased collaboration between academic programs and academic counselors to ensure course sequencing/offerings make sense for student needs

Changes to student course selection process

Process Changes

Changes to how students plan for degree changes/transfer

Teaching students how to use the tool

Responding to real time date about course registration errors and institutional obligations

Attitudinal Changes

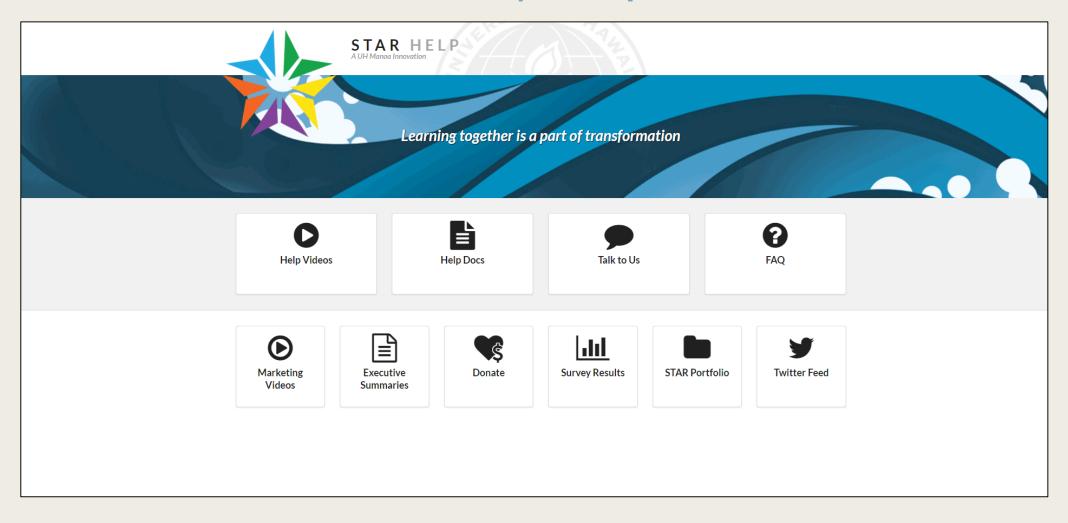
Shift in understanding about the optimal student experience

Counselors understand the value of using the tool

Shift in the understanding of the role of the academic counselor

For more information:

www.star.hawaii.edu/help



Give us your feedback

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nov2017TLT



See you on January 16, 2018 for our next TLT!

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