

# CSU-CCC PROGRAM PATHWAYS MAPPER PROJECT

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## OVERVIEW

### 1. Project Background and Description

All students entering the CSU need a clear roadmap to their degree, and the purpose of this project is to increase the number of students utilizing digital degree maps from enrollment through graduation. In support of the [Graduation Initiative 2025](#) goal to increase graduation rates for all students, the College Futures Foundation has provided grant funding to digitize degree maps for first-year and transfer students. This project aims to digitize degree maps across the system, capitalize on the success of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program, and advance the explicit goals of improving partnerships between California Community Colleges (CCC) and the CSU.

CSU campuses are invited to map four-year programs for first-time students who begin at their campus and 2+2 maps with their CCC partner. Building from the momentum of the [Bakersfield College-CSU Bakersfield partnership](#), the CSU Office of the Chancellor (CO) intends to support the development of additional CCC-CSU partnerships and increase faculty engagement. The digital tool will clarify pathways to high-demand majors and ADTs.

At the conclusion of this grant-funded project, more students will:

- access and use a digital mapper tool to visually plan a degree path from the very first course to the final course required for a CSU bachelor's degree,
- easily understand the various transfer pathways available to them and the consequences of course selection using the digital transfer mapper tool, and
- enroll in a higher percentage of courses that are on their degree map

If these goals are met, more students will successfully graduate with a bachelor's degree based on their academic and career goals. It is anticipated that this project will increase graduation rates and decrease time to degree for first-time and transfer students.

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## 2. Project Scope

Over the course of the 2021-22 academic year, the goal of the project is to empower and equip faculty and counselors/advisors with the structure and technical tools to improve “on-path percentage”—the percentage of courses in which students enroll that are on their degree map. This project will clarify the course sequence and requirements for a particular degree program from beginning to end. **To accomplish this goal, the project will engage faculty, staff, and administrators in the process of developing a digital transfer mapper tool that outlines and clarifies four-year maps, established ADT pathways, and other high-demand majors.**

In order to facilitate progress developing a digital transfer mapper tool spanning a four-year course sequence, the CO will execute the following grant-funded activities:

- Host **virtual convenings** including an opening session to establish goals, a concluding event to highlight successes, and monthly project meetings.
- Provide funding to **support faculty/staff participation** and campus incentives for meeting milestones through AY 2021-2022.
- Provide **yearlong technical support** for participating campuses to ensure sufficient progress toward achieving the stated goals. Technical support will include monthly office hours as well as working meetings between the institutions to develop the transfer pathways.
- Provide direct funding to support the **digital transfer mapper technology**, including onboarding and one additional year of maintenance payments on behalf of the campus.

## 3. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

| Activity   | Tentative Timeline              |
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| <b>Opening session</b> – Campuses will come together to establish project goals, learn about the digital mapping tool, and the success of the pathway mapper partnership between Bakersfield College and CSUB.   | September 2021                  |
| <b>Program mapping and partnership building</b> – Campus faculty and staff will engage to create four-year paths to a bachelor’s degree using pre-existing ADT pathways between the CCC and the CSU <i>and</i> four-year maps for students beginning at the CSU. | September 2021 through May 2022 |
| <b>Concluding convening</b> – Campuses will come together to celebrate their progress and highlight the work of the partnerships, the mapper, and plans for continuing the student success efforts.  | May 2022                        |
| <b>Conclusion of grant-funded activities</b> – Campuses will continue their work and technical support will be available from the CO through the calendar year.  | Ongoing                         |