

Message from the Provost

Welcome to SUNY Canton! We want to see you reach your goals and complete your degree!

The **Gateway to Success** program is designed to help you complete the coursework necessary to enroll in your program of choice while providing you with a supportive structure. This is a campus-wide effort to help students that need some preparatory coursework to attain the skills necessary to do college-level work.

College takes time, motivation and dedication. You have to be willing to work hard and challenge yourself in ways that you never have before. If you are ready and willing to put the effort into your studies, we are ready to use some of our best resources to help you make the most of your time with us.

On behalf of the Gateway to Success faculty and staff,

Dr. Carli Schiffner

Education
is the key to
unlock the
golden door of
freedom



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About *Gateway to Success*

Gateway to Success is built around three main ideas:

1. To assist students in completing required preparatory coursework to be fully admitted into their program of choice by the 2nd semester of college
2. To help students adapt to college level work, and increase academic achievement through a supportive and collaborative course model
3. To expose students to their chosen major and future career by enrolling in a professional course in the 1st semester!

Students in this program will:

- Be assigned a **Gateway** mentor (often, this person is also your assigned academic advisor)
- Take a 1 credit First Year Experience course (FYEP 101)
- Gain insight and apply strategies early in their academic career to meet your future goals

"My meetings with my advisor were informative. She was interested in me as an individual and cared about my success as well."

-Sophomore, Liberal Arts major



What do I need to do?

- Return the *Gateway to Success* contract by August 1st
- Attend an informational meeting during Orientation (dinner with your mentors)
- Complete the Academic Success Plan
- Attend all classes and complete all course requirements
- Attend academic success skills workshops (Called *Smart Steps*)
- Meet with your assigned mentor every two weeks

"I could not have passed my math class if it was not for the Math Lab. The tutors made me feel welcome and I could ask any question without feeling embarrassed."

- Student returning to college after spending time in the workforce

SAMPLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Subject to change

Most college courses are a full semester (15 weeks). Your *major course and FYEP 101* will follow a 15-week schedule; additional courses are condensed to two, 7 week blocks- allowing you to complete all preparatory courses in the 1st semester!

First 7 weeks of the semester:

Monday:

9:00—11:30 **ENGL 097** Intro to Academic Reading and Writing
1:00—3:30 **MATH 100** Beginning Algebra

Tuesday:

9:00-9:50 **FYEP 101** First Year Experience
10:00—11:15 **Major course**
(Intro to Early Childhood, Intro to Media Studies, Intro to Business or Intro to Psychology)
1:00—3:30 **MATH 100**

Wednesday:

9:00—11:30 **ENGL 097**
1:00—3:30 **ENGL 097**

Thursday:

10:00—11:15 **Major Course**
1:00—3:30 **MATH 100**

Friday: Mandatory academic seminars, meeting with mentor, tutoring, and/or group study (1/2 day)

Second 7 weeks of the semester

In the second 7 weeks, MATH 100 and ENGL 097 will be replaced by:

ENGL 101—Expository Writing

MATH106—Intermediate Algebra

"My FYEP 101 instructor encouraged us to do our best, helped when needed and kept us informed about events on campus."

- First semester student