

Project Pathfinder

A Pathway to the Possible

Quality Enhancement Plan Executive Summary
Big Sandy Community and Technical College

Project Pathfinder, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC), will empower students to identify and successfully pursue their career paths. The core of the QEP is concisely summarized in the following focus statement:

Project Pathfinder will provide students with resources designed to facilitate self-assessment, promote career awareness, and support career planning and persistence.

To this end, BSCTC will foster a campus-wide ecosystem of career awareness and readiness. The core of this ecosystem will be a career center, which will work in collaboration with all departments to serve students at all stages of their passage.

Project Pathfinder was developed in response to needs identified by multiple surveys and forums encompassing the students, employees, and community of BSCTC. To fulfill these needs, the Project Pathfinder will create a Career Services Center which will assist students to:

- 1) identify interests and abilities through self-assessments;
- 2) understand available career opportunities through workforce analysis;
- 3) determine a viable career path using the above information;
- 4) follow their path towards a future career and persist through program completion.

The goals and the presence of Project Pathfinder will become an integral part of BSCTC's culture. Promotion of Project Pathfinder through college media will support successful implementation and ongoing achievement. Project Pathfinder goals and relevant language will permeate throughout all campus resources and offices as career awareness becomes a college-wide focus. Project Pathfinder goals will be reinforced through a physical career center presence.

An array of tools has been selected to assess Project Pathfinder and, in particular, student learning and institutional outcomes. As a college-wide focus, QEP assessment will occur on various levels and throughout various departments within the College making it an integral part of the assessment and planning process at BSCTC.

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