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TIME IS THE ENEMY

Reducing Time To Degree
Why Reducing Time Is Important

From the students perspective
- Reduces Opportunity Costs
- Increases greatly likelihood of success
- Completion (Credential) has value beyond skills/academic acquisition

From institution and state’s perspective
- Increases efficiency of the enterprise
Categories of Strategies

The Focus of Action
- The Institution
- The Faculty
- The Student

The Target of Action
- Traditional Aged Students
- Adult Students
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    - Work w/ K/12 on brush up courses
    - Provide the courses needed (or find them elsewhere)
- Adult Student
  - Assess adult friendliness – **CAEL ALFI**
Faculty As The Focus

- Embrace Institutional Efforts
- Develop Co-requisite college readiness courses to replace many remedial courses
- Develop co-op work study programs for applied associate and certificate programs
- Don’t let exceptional students escape before completing
- Embrace Acceptance of Prior Learning (PLA, Military, Etc.)
Students As The Focus

Encourage maximum engagement possible – full-time students complete/part-time students/not so much

Concierge services

- Academic support (forget the deficit model)
- Student support (make college life fun)
- Life support (day care, patience, etc.)