

About the Student Success Workgroup

The Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Collaborative is a consortium of 12 colleges and universities in the region that are committed to advancing the goals of the L.A. Compact. As signatories of the L.A. Compact, the IHE Collaborative includes both 2-year and 4-year higher education institutions that are either public or private and not-for-profit institutions.

The IHE Collaborative understands that postsecondary attainment drives labor market success for individuals as well as shared economic prosperity for the region. Yet, students in our region currently experience numerous challenges to completing a postsecondary credential. Greater coordination is needed across K-12 systems, higher education campuses, and regional employers to ensure that all students succeed. This is particularly true as students transition from high school to college, as they move across 2-year and 4-year institutions, and as they enter the workforce.

In response to these challenges, the IHE Collaborative is launching the Student Success Workgroup to develop a coordinated plan to increase postsecondary attainment in the region. Comprised of senior-level campus administrators and other key stakeholders, the Student Success Workgroup will:

- 1) Identify a shared vision for student success that cuts across differences in institutional missions;
- 2) Set regional targets for postsecondary completion that align with the capacity of educational systems and needs of our workforce in Los Angeles County;
- 3) Identify student success indicators to measure progress toward meeting regional targets, in conjunction with the L.A. Compact's Data Workgroup;
- 4) Examine institutional policies, practices, and partnerships that facilitate students' enrollment, persistence, and completion, as well as those that impede student success, and share research and best practices to inform Workgroup strategic planning; and
- 5) Identify sources of possible funding to implement and expand evidence-based practices and identify priorities for state and federal policy advocacy.

In order to further develop its vision, goals, and work plan, the Student Success Workgroup will convene quarterly. It will maintain ongoing engagement of members through phone, email, and web communications, and will establish ad-hoc committees of members and their designees as needed.

The Student Success Workgroup will receive staffing and coordination support from UNITE-LA and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.