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Communication Update:

Student Success Center... A Success!

Words From Our Students:

► "I met with Georgann (Frietchen) for the meeting. She was very nice and helpful. I was not at all surprised with my results. She went through everything very thoroughly. Thanks for being so nice!!!"

► "Jim (Mudra) was helpful in many different ways. He helped me improve a little on my study habits, test taking skills, and he even helped me find out information about the college. Whenever I go to the SSC, I will look for Jim's helpful smile."

► Kay (Leitenberger) was very helpful and I enjoyed her input on my situation. I believe the CSI report and the advice will be very instrumental in the process of my success.

Send us your stories, questions, and/or comments!

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THIS IS PLATO!



Joyce Karbula assists a student with an assignment

Engaging students on their terms, enhancing the learning process while providing the flexibility, interactivity, and online access that fits their lifestyles – this is Plato.

What is the Plato Lab?

Basically, Plato is a name brand of instructional software that is geared toward middle school, high school, and adult age groups. The curriculum is easy to navigate and self paced (see www.plato.com for more information).

Integrating Plato into Achieving the Dream

The Plato lab is a collaborative effort between Pioneer Career & Technology Center's CONNEXT Program (they purchased the licenses) and NC State (we supplied the lab equipment and location of Kee Hall, Room 122). The lab is used by students who, through COMPASS, test into Reading, Writing and Math courses where skills need a refresher.

There are 140 NC State Students who are currently enrolled in Plato courses. Ages range from recent high school grads to non traditional and everything in between.

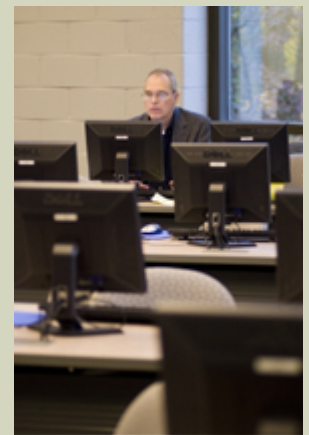
Plato has been a wonderful success for many reasons. It is self paced – students learn at a pace they are comfortable with, and they can come and go at any time during the lab hours. The program provides individualized instruction in areas where improvement is needed. It evaluates each student and targets learning in the portions where the most assistance is needed. An instructor is available at all times to help students succeed.

(Plato Continued...)

Check It Out!

The Plato lab is monitored by three instructors, Richard Birk, Joyce Karbula, and Joe Bridenbaugh (Pioneer). The lab is currently utilized for Writing 116, Reading 116 and Math 102 & 103.

Richard, Joyce or Joe would love to share their excitement about this innovative way of learning. It is an incredibly advanced method and NC State is proud to be a part of it. In fact, it has been such a wonderful success that there are plans to purchase 10 more licenses, making a total of 40 Plato computers in the lab.



Richard Birk in the Plato Lab

Data Update:

- Our data suggests that COMPASS scores may be predictors of success in gatekeeper courses.
- Students who enroll in a developmental course simultaneously with a gatekeeper course have significantly higher failure rates than those who do not.
- There has been a significant increase in the percentage of cohort students who take a gatekeeper course in their first quarter of attendance at the college.
- There has been a significant increase in the percentage of cohort students who leave the college (and do not return) after failing a gatekeeper course. This percentage is approaching 60%.