

“Highlights” from Basic Skills Presentations

Results from CCSF Basic Skills Committee’s Listening Sessions - Spring 04

1. English

- Master teacher model
- Formal education in developmental education
- Shared teaching philosophy

2. Math

- Workshops on learning strategies, time management, math anxiety
- Communication among faculty
- Support lab requirements
- Connections with counselors

3. ESL

- Professional development institute
- Communication among faculty and counselors
- Integration of skills from course to course

4. Transitional Studies

- Ease the bottleneck at basic skills level
- Link college success courses with Transitional Studies courses
- Communication between credit departments and Transitional Studies department.

5. Learning Assistance

- Academic support workshops, courses, small groups, tutorials and mentoring
- Connection of lab work with classroom activities
- Use of professional tutors and faculty along with peer tutors
- Shared mission among all departments
- Trained tutors
- Website that supports basic skills faculty

6. Peer-Mentoring Program

- Peer-mentoring project for basic skills students
- Service learning project connecting academic and basic skills students

7. Multicultural Infusion Project

- Effective teaching from students’ viewpoints
- Students’ strong sense of self and community
- Instructional commitment to integrate diversity issues into class curricula
- MIP year-long study group

8. Student Development

- Community of support, peer support network
- Longevity and consistency of support
- Customized support with high expectations and confidence-building
- Personally known by faculty, staff and peers