

New Degrees of Opportunity at Open College: Addressing the Needs of Today's Learners



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Presentation Overview

This presentation addresses the following question:

“How do institutions of higher education address the needs of flexible, cost-efficient education for today’s adult learners?”

Topics include: An overview of Open College at Purdue University Global, PLA (Prior Learning Assessment) course efforts, and open degree programs.

What is Open College?

Open College is a division of Purdue University Global (PG). Learners create their own pathways to reaching goals via a variety of educational materials and courses, both from within PG and outside

Learners may elect to take free, open courses at no cost

Enrolled students may choose to pursue Associate or Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies degree

Open College Website

Finish your degree
by taking courses from anywhere



EARN CREDIT
from work and life experiences



TAKE COURSES
online, anytime, anywhere



COMPLETE A DEGREE
to meet your learning goals

Earning Credit through Prior Learning

- Articulate college-level skills
- Earn credit for what they know
- Decrease costs
- Save time
- Reflect on experiential learning
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Higher propensity to complete degree

Career Development, Critical Thinking, AND Credit

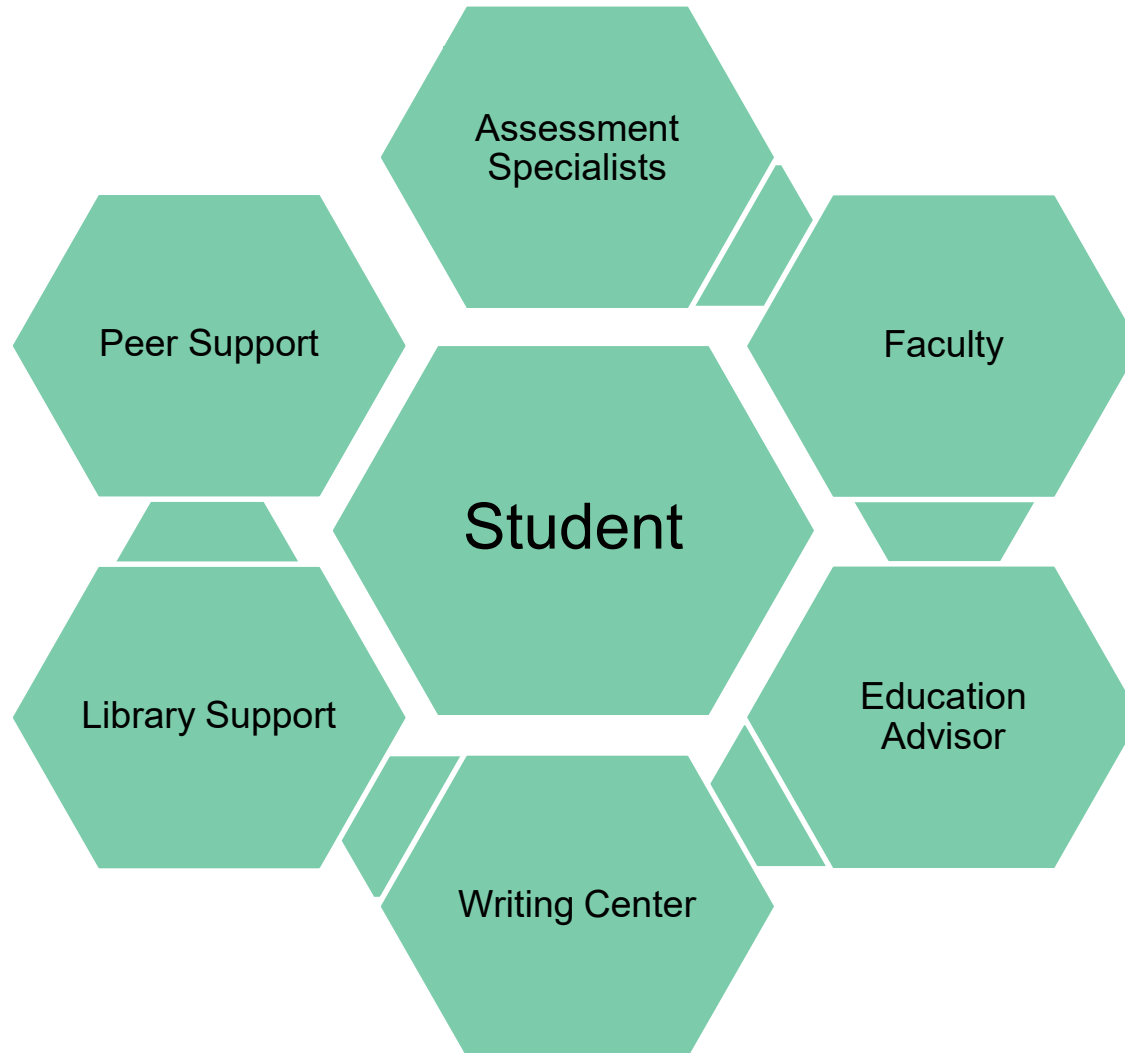
This class has taught me that critical thinking is critical in every aspect of your professional/academic career. Also, self-reflection and self-advertisement is essential to the advancement of one's career(s). I also have a full understanding of reflecting of one's experience, learning, college level learning is key to the success of this class.

(Quinton H. 2017)

Faculty Serve as Mentor/Coach

- Invested in student success
- Build trust - Create warm, interactive, stimulating environment
- Provide substantive, personalized experience
- Challenge students to think critically and exceed their own expectations
- Prompt students to think creatively about experiential learning
- Guide students in areas of opportunity
- Employ scaffolding in classroom discussions
- Tap into prior knowledge
- Elevate discussion using real examples and Socratic questioning

Team collaboration to support student success



Professional Studies (ASPr/BSPr): Overview

The Associate/Bachelor degrees in Professional Studies provides learners with the ability to customize their degree path. The degrees provide learners with the opportunity to:

- Create a customize degree
- Save time and money through progressing at an individual pace
- Focus their degrees to align with career outcomes based on learner interests
- Choose electives alongside required general education coursework

Professional Studies (ASPr/BSPr): Student Experience

- Learner identifies course and notifies FA if a course assessment or PANE L will be taken;
- Outcomes, description, and resources (MOOCs, videos, readings, OERs) are provided;
- Faculty support provided;
- Learner must pass at 80%.

