ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

AlamoADVISE

ABOUT

AlamoADVISE is a comprehensive academic and career advising model providing personalized pathways to success for every student. Through integrated practices and shared responsibilities, it empowers diverse students to navigate their academic and career goals. The model emphasizes proactive and case-managed advising, ensuring consistent, targeted support throughout their educational journey.

TIERED ADVISING MODEL

Certified Advisor

Advising Team Support Specialist

Certified Peer Advisor

WHY

AlamoADVISE was developed to address the challenges of excessive credit accumulation, high educational costs, and prolonged time to graduation. By providing personalized proactive advising, the model aims to streamline students' academic journeys, ensure efficient credit transfer, and support timely degree completion, ultimately enhancing student success and reducing financial burdens.

Touchpoints
Students must meet with Certified Advisors at 15, 30, and 45 credit hours to ensure progress on their academic and career pathways.

Professional Development (*Objective II)
Certified Advisors undergo over 60 hours of Master Advisor Certification training and participate in ongoing professional development to enhance their skills in academic, transfer, and career advising, as well as understanding of local workforce needs.

INNOVATIONS

Workforce
Integrating career development with academic advising to prepare students for local, state, and national workforce needs.

Enhancements
AlamoADVISE adopted a Tier Model with Certified Peer Advisors for transactional support, enabling Certified Advisors to focus on transformational interactions and maintain a 300:1 student-to-advisor ratio (AY2023-2024).

INITIATIVE IMPACT

The AlamoADVISE model has had a substantial impact on both students and the community, contributing to academic, economic, and student success. Here are some key highlights:

Academic Impact (*Objective III)
- **Reduced Credit Hours to Degree:** Average credit hours to complete an associate degree decreased from 86 semester credit hours in 2018 to 63.5 semester credit hours in 2023.

Economic Impact
- **Cost Savings:** Students saved approximately $1,008 each in tuition, reducing overall graduation costs by over $22 million between 2018 and 2023.

Student Success (*Objective I)
- **Improved Graduation Rates**: The 3-year graduation rate increased significantly from 28.6% to 33.1%, demonstrating the effectiveness of the AlamoADVISE model in supporting student completion.
- **Time to Degree Reduction:** The average time to degree decreased from 4.0 years to 3.6 years, allowing students to enter the workforce sooner and reduce their overall educational costs.

*ACD STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

I: Student Success
II: Principle-Centered Leadership
III: Performance Excellence