



G2C at VSU

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Presentation Overview

- Background of G2C initiative at VSU.
- G2C & student retention and success at VSU.
- VSU G2C course innovations.
- Current status of the G2C initiative at VSU.

Background of G2C initiative at VSU

- VSU is part of the USG's first cohort to participate in the John N. Gardner Institute's (JNGI) Gateways to Completion (G2C) study.
- G2C is designed to assist institutions in researching factors related to reduced student success, developing and implementing a plan to address the identified factors, and evaluating the impact of the implemented plan on improving teaching, learning, and student success.
- In the fall of 2015, VSU chose to

G2C & student retention/success at VSU

- The Valdosta State University (VSU) mission has three parts: student, university, and region. The student mission states (VSU, 2014):
 - *To provide a diverse student population with an inspired education, a safe learning environment, a nurturing community, and a wealth of experience that assists students in molding their futures in a creative, conscious, and caring fashion while preparing them to be lifelong learners who will meet the needs of a changing global society.*
- VSU's strategic plan 2013-2019 consists of 5 goals related to student success, financial stability, mission engagement, creativity

VSU G2C course innovations

Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think pair share activities• Active learning exercises• develop metacognitive skills• low stake assessments• open source textbooks study logs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• active learning exercises• lab practicals• lecture exams• low stake assessments• metacognitive skill development
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• active learning exercise in which students were required to explain the chemistry related topic that appeared in the movie <i>The Martian</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• active learning activities• required online practice problem completion• strategies for providing additional course aids
English	Exam Wrappers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions w/exam Wrappers•

History

Status of G2C initiative at VSU

- Comprehensive Report & Plan
 - Review
 - Share
 - Implement
- Beginning Year 2
 - Innovations
 - Measurement
 - Evaluation

Questions & Answers

