Lessons Learned in Becoming a CTP

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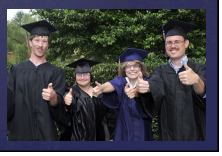

#1: Don't Be Afraid to Apply

Myths About Becoming a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program (CTP)

- Too hard or time consuming? 30 page application
- Will it make a difference?
- Will the financial aid office partner with us?
- What do all the terms and stipulations mean in the CTP application?
- Yikes…An accreditation review process and letter with the CTP application? Clock hours vs credit hours?
- Is the timing right? Recertification renewal? Administrative changes?

#2: Network, Divide, & Conquer

- Talk to those who have been there, done that…ask for samples of CTP applications

Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) Program

As of May 1, 2012, the following schools' Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) Programs have been approved for Title IV eligibility:

SCHOOL	LOCATION
California State University	Fresno, California
Taft College	Taft, California
Southeastern University	Lakeland, Florida
Elmhurst College	Elmhurst, Illinois
Heartland Community College	Normal, Illinois
The College of New Jersey	Ewing, New Jersey
New York Institute of Technology	Old Westbury, New York
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee, North Carolina
Kent State University	Kent, Ohio
College of Charleston	Charleston, South Carolina
Clemson University	Clemson, South Carolina
University of South Carolina	Columbia, South Carolina
Coastal Carolina University	Conway, South Carolina
George Mason University	Fairfax, Virginia

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- Build or expand on what you already have
- Explore Think College for CTP resources and FAQs
  - http://www.thinkcollege.net/for-professionals/professionals-financial-aid/fafsa-questions
- Meet with your financial aid office to divide and conquer

#3: Submit, Wait, & Be Flexible

- Contact your assigned School Participation Team with questions or updates www.eligcert.ed.gov

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Boston (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI,VT) 617-289-0133	**Dallas** (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) 214-661-9490
New York (NJ, NY, PR, Virgin Islands) 646-428-3750	**Kansas City** (IA, KS, KY, MO, NE, TN) 816-268-0410
Philadelphia (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV) 215-656-6442	**Denver** (CO, MI, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) 303-844-3677
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Chicago (IL, IN, MN, OH, WI) 312-730-1511	**Seattle** (AK, ID, OR, WA) 206-615-2504
Foreign Schools Team 202-377-3160	

- Wait patiently, but periodically check the status of your application. Send items requested during review process
- Continue to work with your financial aid office (e.g., new students, updates on application)
- Be ready to participate in CTP informational webinars

Additional CTP Resources

- Informational PowerPoint from last year's project directors meeting on CTPs http://www.thinkcollege.net/images/stories/CTP_Programs_handout.pdf
- Financial Aid Resources from Think College http://www.thinkcollege.net/for-professionals/professionals-financial-aid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/
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