



Friday, April 22, 2022

High Impact Retention Practices: How to Implement

Every college and university works to improve the retention (persistence) of its students through to graduation.

Higher retention means more institutional revenue and less student debt.

Some schools do it better than others, in part because of leadership driving good policies and practices, in part because of the nature of their student bodies, and in part because of differences in resources.

As we try to emerge from the pandemic and all the sacrifices it has forced, student success and retention have been severely challenged.

At most schools, the “achievement gap” (“opportunity gap”) has gotten worse for underrepresented and first generation students. If we can significantly increase the retention of these students, we can increase the retention of all students, and even “reclaim” some students who have dropped out.

In Connecticut, and nationally, four-year institutions have higher retention rates than publicly financed community colleges, and there are policies and practices which, if adequately financed and implemented properly, will make a difference at any type of school. Some schools have the resources, and leadership, to implement these practices for maximum effect, while others, especially community colleges, do not.

Although there are many schools across the country, including in Connecticut, with effective practices, many schools could do this better.



On Friday, April 22 join CHERE at Manchester Community College for our second hybrid conference. We will:

- share best practices at several colleges and universities,
- examine high impact retention practices, and
- introduce a “self-assessment” survey instrument that CHERE has developed to support these practices.

Several schools will highlight their approach, and staff and students will highlight their ideas about retention.

IN-PERSON & ONLINE CONFERENCE



REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, April 22, 2022 9:00AM – 2:00PM

High Impact Retention Practices: How to Implement

at Manchester Community College and Virtual

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title/Responsibility _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (indicate if cell) _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Indicate if you plan to attend VIRTUALLY or IN-PERSON

Team members _____

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Either mail your registration form to:

Hartford Consortium for Higher Education
349 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118

Or register on-line at:

www.purplepass.com/highimpactretention

Registration is processed through PurplePass.

\$75 for in-person, \$40 for virtual

Questions? Contact David Johnston at
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*Looking forward to seeing you in-person
or on-line at our hybrid conference!*

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00

Welcoming & Introductory Remarks

9:30

Framework for High Impact Retention
Practices & The 10 Most Important Practices

9:45

Expert Panel Response

10:45

Student Panel (Representing Multiple Schools)

11:30

CHERE's "Retention Self-Assessment Tool"

12:00

Lunch

12:45

Roundtable Discussion of High Impact
Retention Practices & Self-Assessment Tool

1:30

Next Steps, Pilot Projects, and
Conference Concluding Remarks