

Southeast Tech
Models of Excellence: Southeast Tech's Academic Recovery Program
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

The purpose of this summary is to provide a Good News Report on Southeast Tech's recent University Business magazine award for its Academic Recovery Program.

University Business is a print and online magazine dedicated to providing information to post-secondary institutes regarding higher education trends, college news from across the country, product showcases, educational resources, etc. Twice a year the magazine recognizes innovations in education through its "Models of Excellence" awards. Southeast Technical Institute's Academic Recovery Program was one of seventeen colleges who received the University Business Winter 2015 Models of Excellence award.

Southeast Tech requires that all students on Financial Aid Warning for the first time take a two credit Academic Recovery course. The course is designed to:

Build on the Student's Past Successful Experiences: Students discuss how they were successful in other academic or non-academic areas and apply those experiences to their current coursework.

Provide Academic and Personal Support: Students in the course are monitored closely for attendance and signs of attrition. If a need should arise, the Retention Coordinators, who facilitate the class, intervene early to help the student succeed.

Includes Lab Time: Many times students who have performed poorly in their coursework need more structured time to complete assignments or get additional help, either for academic or personal needs. The two-hour a week lab provides students additional time to complete homework individually, work in small groups, meet with tutors, counselors, or advisors, or receive other assistance as needed. The lab time is flexible to help meet student needs, but documentation of lab hours is required.

Lab Continuation: Students who have successfully completed the Academic Recovery course have the opportunity to take the one credit lab in future semesters to provide the structured time for course success.

The results have been impressive. Attrition rates of these students is down as much as 15%, and the number of students taking the course who return to good standing or remain on warning is up 20%. Students also value the course with a rating of 7.3 out of 10 on course benefits.

Southeast Tech's Academic Recovery Program shows students that we care about them and their success. It offers students a way to get their academics "back on track" and avoid losing their financial aid. The results have been excellent, and the program has now received national recognition for its effectiveness.

Administration Recommendation to the School Board:

Acknowledge the Models of Excellence: Southeast Tech's Academic Recovery Program Report.



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University Business Models of Excellence Award

- ▶ Academic Recovery Program
 - ▶ Required of First Time Financial Aid Warning Students
 - ▶ Two Credit Course:
 - ▶ Builds on Student Past Successful Experiences
 - ▶ Provides Academic and Personal Support
 - ▶ Includes Lab Opportunities for Course Completion
 - ▶ Opportunity for Lab Continuation in Future Semesters

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▶ Results

- ▶ Attrition Rates of Students on Warning Down 15%
- ▶ Number of Students Returning to Good Standing or Continuing on Warning Up 20%
- ▶ Students Rate the Course a 7.3 out of 10 for Course Benefits
 - ▶ Highest Ratings:
 - ▶ Time Management
 - ▶ Budgeting
 - ▶ Taking Personal Responsibility

Questions?