College and Career Readiness Initiatives

Best Practices
- First Year Programs: Individual plans for first-time, full-time students; Education 1105 Career Development course; college advisors partner with new students to prepare them for college
- Student Support: One-stop services at Campus Central; group counseling for at-risk students; intervention for developmental math students; special advising for Honors, 3+1, Athletes, Veterans; Retention Early Alert
- Workshops on Financial Literacy for students and Employment Literacy for job-seekers
- Center for Diversity & Inclusion focuses on African-American student success
- New call center assists students through all enrollment steps; supplemented by online FAQs
- Chaparral Edge - Student Engagement - Co-curricular software program

College and Career Readiness Alliance Activities with Local Schools
- Partnership for Student Success Meetings with HS superintendents; West Chicago HS Early College Initiative and Willowbrook HS pilot – on-site steps to enrollment; ACT Math Prep for Latino students

Early College Options
- Dual credit: 6,211 seats in AY13-14; West Chicago pilot allows 12 COD credits to be earned in HS
- Early admissions program; extensive dual enrollment program in CTE

Alternative Pathways in Mathematics – Designed to get students into college-level math faster and more successfully
- Math Curriculum Alignment Committee: College of DuPage staff/faculty and HS representatives; Math Retention Team, math faculty and counselors; counselor presentations on math sequences
- COMPASS Placement Testing for juniors and seniors at the high schools

Career and Technical Education
- CTE Roundtable for High School CTE Department Chairs: 4 meetings per year; CTE Advisory Board
- Non-Traditional Career Mentoring – Technology Center of DuPage; CTE brochures and newsletter

P-12 Career Exploration - such as career fairs, workplace visits, speakers, career materials
- Career and technical education events in eight career areas; non-traditional students; Black Student Leaders
- GED programs – Bridge to Healthcare Careers, Bridge to Information Technology
- Counselor Institute Day for HS counselors includes college and career readiness
- Manufacturing Expo: collaboration with DuPage Workforce Board and manufacturing companies

Internships and Apprenticeships
Internship Search and Success seminars; Service Learning placements at 63 partner locations

Participation in Illinois Pathways or STEM Learning Exchanges
Engineering Pathways to Illinois leading to admission to UIUC Engineering; CTE Career Clusters & Pathways Program; presentations to HS students about Pathways offerings at COD; Engineering Olympics

Collaboration and Partnerships
- Employment Initiative at the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) office in Lombard
- NACEP: National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships
- 3+1 Partnerships with Lewis, Roosevelt, Benedictine, and Governors State