EMPOWERING AT-RISK STUDENTS

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“The more risk characteristics a student has, the greater the chance that he or she will not complete college.” - Imagine America Foundation
Overcome At-Risk
GO [THE TRANSITION]
Unreliable transportation
Feel like they do not fit in
Think college isn’t for me
Do not have support at home
Emergencies with childcare
Unsure of experience
Onboarding
Guided Tours
- Welcome sign
- Open staff-faculty communication
- Student tour schedule to faculty
- Meet leadership team

Orientation
- Welcome packet
- Course checklist
- Department break-out
- Make it fun
- Bring in alumni

Services
- Student pantry
- Mentoring
- Tutoring / Assistance program
- Meet leadership team
- Scholarship Initiative

Welcomed
- Virtual first impressions
- Student Spotlight Board
- What’s up Board
- Counseling Services / Board
- Be mindful of encouragement
KNOW [THE CONTENT]
Require academic support

Appear unmotivated

Have a fixed mindset

Habit of procrastination

Lack of self-efficacy

1st-generation college student
**Course Design**
- Scaffold the Learning
- Chunk the Materials
- Blended Learning Options
- Review feedback methods

**Instruction**
- Curriculum with Credentials
- Explicit Daily Objectives / Goals
- Bell-Ringers
- Informal / Immediate Feedback
- Bring in Experts
- Group Work
- Hands-on Opportunities
- Recap and Up Next
- Experiential Activities

**Career Tie-In**
- Personal Stories
- Case Studies
- Role Playing
- Daily Career Tie-ins
FLOW [THE MANAGE]
Note-taking skills
Reading skills
Test-taking skills
Memorization
Study habits
Soft skills
Note-taking
- Organization
- Colors & annotations
- Cornell / mapping / outline
- Visual style

Memorization
- Test-taking
  - Use mnemonic devices
  - Underline key words
  - Qualifiers (never, always)
  - Be mindful of encouragement

Soft Skills
- Presentations (inform, persuade)
- Writing / discussion board
- Group work
- Adaptability

Reading

Studying
- Review the textbook structure
- Skim
- Take own notes / questioning
- Break down reading times
- Assess environment
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