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Achieving Excellence in Student Learning

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- To achieve excellence in student learning, postsecondary institutions must ensure:
 - Students are in the right programs
 - Students are supported in their programs
 - Students are assisted in making the school to work transition.

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Current Initiatives:

- Access for Success
- Student Development Office
- Special Needs Coordination
- Peer tutoring, extra assistance
- Access and Transferability
- Graduate placement

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Access for Success:

A student success strategy designed by faculty, support staff and administration that includes:

- Student Assessment
- Career Development
- Student Advising
- Student Success Tracking

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Assessments

- Program Awareness Inventory
 - Designed to familiarize applicant with program to which they are applying
- Partners in Education Inventory
 - Student's perceptions of his/her success skills
- Accuplacer
 - Academic achievement testing

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- Student Development Office
 - Student Development Officer at every campus
 - Provides assistance with loans, scholarships, housing
 - First point of contact for counselling

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Special Needs Coordination

- Regional Coordinators
- Campus based assistance and accommodations

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Assistance and Accommodations include:

- A quiet supervised, separate place for testing
- A reader to read print material to another
- A scribe to write what another dictates
- Examinations in alternate form (e.g. oral examinations, use of a scribe or note taker, audio tape, Braille, etc.)
- Information for applicants/registrants in alternate forms
- Adapted schedule - timetabling adjustments or program extensions
- Pre-registration and individual campus orientation
- Buddy system
- Detailed course outlines where customized courses are required
- Help with library research
- Extended time to complete a program of studies

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- Peer tutoring and extra assistance available to all who request

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Access and Transferability

- Prior learning and recognition (PLAR)
- Distributed learning
- Internal transfer
 - Program to program within college
- External transfer agreements

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- PLAR
 - Systematic assessment of prior learning
 - Recognition of achievement

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Distributed Learning

- Online delivery
- Regular programs
- Customized courses
- WebCT platform
- Removes barriers of geography and time
- Provides flexibility, collaboration and interactivity

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Internal Access and Transferability

- Adult Basic Education
- Comprehensive Arts and Science
 - College Transition
 - College-University Transfer
 - ESL
 - Certificate to Diploma

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External Transfer Agreements

- Enable graduates of certificate and diploma programs to transfer to university level programming
- Examples include
 - Memorial University
 - Cape Breton University
 - Athabasca University
 - Lakehead University
 - University of New Brunswick

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- Graduate Placement
 - Student Development Officers at every campus
 - Alumni contacts
 - Website postings

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Questions?

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