Success Stories: Central Piedmont Community College

Recruitment and Intake: Potential students are scheduled to attend an information session. Interested persons then complete an application to verify eligibility and determine their academic and career goals. Recruitment and intake staff review applications and engage potential participants in interviews to gauge their dedication and suitability for the program. This process provides clear information regarding the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Project and promotes the chances of success for the student. At CPCC, 572 persons have participated in recruitment and intake activities.

Wraparound Services: CPCC has employed a Curriculum Coach, Student Success Coach, and Academic Advisor to work with Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Project students. The Academic Advisor assists students with initiating a MAP (My Academic Plan), which is a program designed to help individuals plan a custom program of study. The Curriculum Coach is able to help students stay on track, monitor progress, and search for needed courses by using this tool. The Curriculum Coach, Student Success Coach, and Academic Advisor tailor a support system to the individual student's needs. At CPCC, 441 students have received wraparound services. In addition, as leverage, a total of $249,950 in financial aid has been secured by students for tuition, books, and fees to participate in training.

Middle-Skill Job Training: CPCC conducted STEM Career Connection by enrolling students in one of three STEM training tracks that lead to middle-skill jobs. Mastery learning is embedded in the curriculum classes for the opportunity for students to continue to practice until they acquire the skill. Each week a student has the opportunity to attend and get support in the Mastery Lab, or attend the enrichment lab where learning is directed by the student's inquiry.

Workplace Learning (Co-op): Once coursework is complete, the student is prepared for testing for the appropriate industry recognized certification. The student will then undertake a Workplace Learning opportunity. Using stackable credentials, the student may enter the world of work or return for the next building block in which they will once again do college curriculum work, take a certification exam, and participate in Workplace Learning. In the CPCC model, four iterations of this cycle will have the student ready to graduate with five national certifications, three CPCC certifications, a diploma in networking, and an associate's degree in Computer Technology Integration.