



A Success Map
from ACT

Next Steps: At-Risk Identification and Intervention

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ACT Engage® College is a powerful and affordable way for colleges to improve their first-year retention rates and directly reach students whose personal challenges go unreported in standardized academic tests.

Are you ready to take the next steps and get started?

Next Steps for Educators

At-Risk Identification

In just 30 minutes, without the pressure of a high-stakes assessment, incoming students answer 108 online questions about themselves. ACT Engage reports can be easily configured by assessment date range and student demographic information. Schools can seamlessly manage all reports and data in our easy-to-use online system. [View ACT Engage sample reports.](#)

Results from ACT Engage reports are available immediately upon students' completion of the online assessment. Those students identified as having the highest risk of running into academic difficulty, or even dropping out, are contacted by advisors or student affairs staff to have one-on-one conversations. These interventions typically are conducted as soon as possible in the fall semester. This early action helps build a positive foundation for the rest of a student's college career.

Intervention

From here, advisors first focus on student strengths, then needs, and then finding resources that can help address specific needs. If a student has many needs, the advisor can focus on those they are best equipped to address (e.g., residence hall directors focusing on student involvement).

A "crosswalk" of campus resources can be used to connect students with appropriate resources. The University of North Texas developed the table on the next page to address issues associated with different ACT Engage scores.



Table: Crosswalk of campus resources

Academic Discipline	Effort put into school work and the degree to which students see themselves as hardworking and conscientious.	- Learning Center - Office of Exploring Majors - UNT Math Tutor Lab - UNT Student Writing Lab - Willis Library
General Determination	Extent to which students follow through on their commitments.	- Learning Center - Counseling and Human Development Center
Goal Striving	Strength of efforts to achieve objectives and end goals.	- Career Center - Counseling and Testing
Commitment to College	Commitment to staying in college and getting a degree.	- Career Center - Financial Aid - Office of Exploring Majors
Study Skills	Extent of knowing how to assess an academic problem, organize a solution, and successfully complete academic assignments.	- Learning Center - Willis Library - UNT Math Tutor Lab - UNT Student Writing Lab
Communication Skills	Attentiveness to others' feelings and flexibility in resolving conflicts with others.	- Counseling and Testing - Division of Institutional Equity and Diversity - Student Legal Services - Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities - Off-Campus Student Services
Social Connections	Feelings or connection and involvement with school and community.	- Transfer Center - Residence Life - Recreation Center - Office of Campus Life - Multicultural Center - Women's Center - Residence Life - Off-Campus Student Services - Transfer Center
Social Activity	Degree of comfort meeting and interacting with other people.	- Learning Center - Counseling and Testing - Office of Exploring Majors
Academic Self-Confidence	Belief in ability to perform well in school.	- Counseling and Testing - Counseling and Human Development Center - Residence Life - Student Health and Wellness Center
Steadiness	Response to strong feelings and how to manage those feelings.	

By using ACT Engage to improve retention by 3 percent, the University of North Texas (UNT) was able to retain \$594,594 in tuition, which would have been otherwise lost due to students dropping out. [Read the UNT success story.](#)

Next Steps for Students and Parents

What do you tell incoming students and their parents about ACT Engage?
It's simple:

"ACT Engage is a 30-minute questionnaire that helps your college learn more about you and what you need to do well in school. Results from ACT Engage will help your academic advisors, counselors, and administrators better understand you and suggest ways to help you succeed in college."

Additional Resources for Students and Parents

We've also created a handy overview with frequently asked questions for sharing with students and parents. [Download now.](#)

Are You Ready to Get Started?

Take the next steps by scheduling a consultation with an ACT Engage Success Specialist. Simply complete the form found at act.org/engage/contact.

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