What is a Student Educational Plan?

A student educational plan or SEP is the list of all courses a student needs in order to complete their certificate, degree or transfer program. This list of courses can be broken into semester units so that a student will know exactly what courses to register for each semester.

Who Needs to Create an SEP?

All students need to make an educational plan that reflects what their goals are for attending Bakersfield College. It is now required that students declare an educational goal when they apply to Bakersfield College and they must create their own personal educational plan their first semester in order to maintain priority registration. Some students have specific goals while others only have a vague idea about why they are attending college. Even if a student wants to take time to explore majors by taking a variety of courses, they need to make a tentative plan outlining the English, math and general education courses they need to complete their goals. Remember, student educational plans are not etched in stone; they can be changed or modified as goals change.

Why Create an SEP?

Planning and taking only those courses a student needs saves them time and money. An educational plan allows a student to keep their priority registration. An educational plan lets a student know exactly what courses they need to register for each semester. This plan assists in knowing exactly what is needed to get a certificate, associate degree or transfer in the shortest amount of time. It helps students to focus on completing their goals. A plan is now required if a student receives Federal or state financial aid.

Choosing Your College Major

A major is a field of study that you emphasize in your college education. It is what you “specialize” in with your degree. It’s important to remember that your major is what you will study at the university you transfer to. At Bakersfield College, you can prepare to transfer into virtually any major at any university—there are literally thousands to choose from. To narrow down the options, students often begin to select their major by one of the following techniques:

- If you have an idea of a career field you want to enter, you can find majors that are related to, or prepare for, that career field. Majors and career fields are not always “perfectly matched.” However, knowing your intended career field can help narrow your options.
• To research possible career pathways, visit the Virtual BC Career Center, http://www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/counseling/careercenter/
or http://www.cacareercafe.com/
or you can take Student Development B2, a career decision making course at BC.
• If you know what university you want to attend, you can select from the list of majors at that university. Lists of majors at California state universities are available at www.assist.org (click on “Explore Majors”).
• If you think you might be interested in a particular major but you are not sure, try taking a general education class in the major and see how you like it. Students often select their major based simply on the courses that are the most interesting to them.
• For a description of the most popular majors in California, visit http://www.petersons.com/college-search/popular-majors-west.aspx

How Do I Make my Student Educational Plan?

1. The first step is to choose a major. It is impossible to create an educational plan or roadmap without your choice of major.
   a. If you know your major, register for Student Development B1 (STDV B1), a ½ unit educational planning course, attend an educational planning workshop or make a counseling appointment.
   b. If you plan to transfer, there are lower division courses you must take to prepare for your transfer. You may not be admitted, especially to competitive colleges and universities, without completion of these major preparation courses. For a list of courses for the University of California and the CSU campuses, go to the www.assist.org website.
   c. If you are unsure of your major or educational goal, register for Student Development B2 (STDV B2), a 1 ½ unit career development and educational planning course. You can also attend major and career workshops or visit the BC Virtual Career Center and/or the Career Café and take free career decision-making assessments. See the list of links listed above. Another good website to visit is, What To Do With A Major in http://uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithAMajorIn.html ), which describes major content and lists the many careers people choose with a particular major.

2. The next step is to choose your general education pattern. There are three patterns you can follow: Bakersfield College General Education Pattern if you are earning an Associate Degree from BC, and NOT planning on transferring to earn your baccalaureate degree; The California State University General Education Breadth if you plan to earn an
Associate Degree for Transfer or know you are planning to transfer to one of the colleges in the CSU system; and IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum), if you are planning to transfer to the University of California and/or the California State University or a private or out-of-state college or university. Each of these patterns can be found in the Bakersfield College Catalog and handouts are available at the Counseling and Advising Department.

3. All students need 60 degree applicable units for an Associate degree or 60 transferable units if they are planning to transfer. If you add the units required for your major or major preparation courses to the unit numbers from your general education pattern and they do not add up to 60 units, then you need to choose elective units. These units can be additional courses in your major or courses you would like to take to build computer skills or courses for general interest. REMEMBER, Academic Development courses, English B60 and B50, Math B50, 60 are not degree applicable. Math B70 is not a transferable course.

4. If you are planning on earning a certificate, you need only complete the list of courses in the BC Catalog for the certificate you desire.
A GUIDE ON HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLAN

This is a guide to help you complete our educational plan; it does not take the place of an education planning course.

What you will need before you can complete your educational plan:

Choose a major.

Know your assessment scores. Know where you place in English, Math and Reading. What course did you place into? If you completed English, Math or Reading courses at another college please have your official transcript sent to Bakersfield College and request a transcript evaluation. Meet with a counselor once the evaluation is complete. Please be aware the evaluation of your transcript may take as long as 10 weeks.

Here is the link to the evaluation request information and form:
http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/admissions/forms/evaluation.asp

If you are planning on transferring to a 4 year university, choose a campus where you wish to transfer.

Have a current copy of the Bakersfield College catalog, or access the catalog in which you have catalog rights to available to you online.

You must have Internet and printer access. You will need to print a copy of your BC major, or if transferring, a copy of the assist.org page for your transfer campus and major.

Choose one of the following and make a copy:

- **BC graduation requirements.** You are planning on graduating from Bakersfield College and are not going to transfer. You plan to work after BC graduation.
- **CSU general education requirements.** You plan on attending one of the 23 California State University campuses.
- **IGETC requirements.** Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum. You plan to transfer to one of the 10 University of California (UC) campuses or would like to be prepared to transfer either a CSU or UC.
- **Catalog of the private or out of state college you would like to attend.** Print out your major page information, and transfer requirements. Check to see if we have an articulation agreement with that campus.
- **Catalog of another community college.** You would like to transfer to another community college for a special program. Print a copy the program prerequisites.
1. In order to complete your educational plan you must first choose a major and decide what you would like to do with that major. Are you going to take one course, earn a certificate, AA or AS degree or transfer to a 4 year university?
2. Print out a list of the requirements for your major or certificate.
3. If you plan to transfer, obtain a copy of the major requirements from www.assist.org. Select BC as your institution, on “select a campus” click on the university you wish to transfer to, and then select a major. Click the “Print this report” button, and then print the page.
4. Read the Bakersfield College catalog description of the courses in your major.
5. Read the general education requirements and choose a course in each area to meet the requirements. Read the course descriptions before picking your course.
6. Note how many units each course is worth as you will need to have earned at least 60 units to graduate and transfer. Be sure to check how many units the course is worth and course descriptions to see if the course is transferable to a UC, CSU or private college.
7. Enter your name, BC ID number and all the information required at the top of the SEP (Student Educational Plan). Circle where you scored on the BC assessment. Fill in the blanks on your student educational plan for courses in your major requirements, general education requirements and electives. List the course abbreviation not the title, such as English B1a (4) not English Composition.
8. Total your units for your major, general education, and electives. This should equal at least 60 units.
Bakersfield College
Comprehensive Student Education Plan (SEP)

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**Educational Goal**
- ( ) Certificate
- ( ) AA/AS Degree
- ( ) Transfer To
- ( ) Other

**Placement Course Level**
- English
- Reading
- Math
- AP/IB

**Information Given**
- ( ) Graduation Requirements
- ( ) Major/Certificate
- ( ) General Education Pattern
  - GETC
  - CSU
  - BC
- ( ) Transfer courses from other colleges

**Referrals**
- ( ) Admissions
- ( ) CTE
- ( ) Counseling
- ( ) DPRS
- ( ) Edu. Planning
- ( ) Core
- ( ) EOPS
- ( ) Financial Aid
- ( ) Health
- ( ) Job Placement
- ( ) Internship
- ( ) Placement
- ( ) Transfer Cor.
- ( ) Transcript Eval.
- ( ) Tutoring Ctr.
- ( ) Veterans
- ( ) Writing Ctr.
- ( ) www.asstc.org

**Comments/Tasks/Assignments**

**Counselor/Advisor/Faculty Name (Print)**

**Counselor/Advisor/Faculty Signature**

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Term by Term plans may be subject to change.
Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP)

Competency Requirements:

Circle the last course taken or currently in. Students must earn a "C" grade or better in all courses listed below. Note: Engl 60, Engl 60, Math 60, Math 70 and ACV 102/103 courses cannot be counted towards the 60 units to Transfer.

Math:
ACVS B77 ⇒ Math B50 ⇒ Math B60 ⇒ Math B70 ⇒ Transfer Level

Reading:
ACVS B201 ⇒ ACVS B21 ⇒ ACVS B50

English:
ACVS B201 ⇒ ACVS B60 ⇒ Engl B50 ⇒ Engl B60 ⇒ Engl B1A

English Writing ESL:
Engl B61 ⇒ Engl B51 ⇒ Engl B31

Listening ESL:
Engl B71 ⇒ Engl B21/22

Bakersfield College major preparation courses and Electives for a:
Major/Certificate In ⇒ Catalog Year

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UC and CSU Major preparation courses can usually be found at www.jsd.tet.edu. Please note that all courses are considered lower division.

California State University (CSU)

A minimum requirement of 60 CSU Transferable semester units must be completed with a 2.0 GPA. Refer to CSU (California State University) guidelines at csucounselor.edu.

Area A

A1. ____________________ ( )
A2. ____________________ ( )
A3. ____________________ ( )

Area B

B1. ____________________ ( )
B2. ____________________ ( )

Area C

C1. ____________________ ( )
C2. ____________________ ( )
C1 or C2. ____________________ ( )

Area D

D. ____________________ ( )

Area E

May be waived for some students

American Institutions (Two may also be counted in Area D. Refer to CSU Campus policy.)

All Electives must be CSU transferable.

Some CSU’s may require a foreign language for graduation.

IGETC (UC, CSU, and Private General Ed, Patten)

A minimum requirement of 60 UC transferable semester units must be completed with a 2.0 GPA. (For some majors, the 2.0 GPA does not make the student competitive). Refer to UC (University of California) guidelines at universityofcalifornia.edu. You must receive a "C" or higher in all courses.

Area 1

1A. ____________________ ( )
1B. ____________________ ( )
1C. ____________________ ( )

Area 2

2A. ____________________ ( )
2B. ____________________ ( )

Area 3

3A. ____________________ ( )
3B. ____________________ ( )
3A or 3B. ____________________ ( )

Area 4

4A. ____________________ ( )
4B. ____________________ ( )
4C. ____________________ ( )

Language Other Than English (LOTE) ____________________ ( )

American Institutions (Two may also be counted in Area 3 and 4. Refer to UC Campus policy.)

All Electives must be UC transferable.

Course selection is subject to change and it is the responsibility of the student to know all the prerequisites of the courses listed on the SEP. Some courses may require C- or better in order to transfer. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.