

# LCCC Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan DRAFT

## Section I. Introduction and scope

The Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan for Laramie County Community College (LCCC) provides a roadmap for enrollment planning and actions to help the College achieve its mission and its vision for our students and their success. The plan's timeline aligns with the LCCC 2030 Strategic Plan and covers all credit-seeking student enrollments, new and continuing.

The SEM Plan is not designed to be a static document with fixed dates and timelines, it is a living document that will change and evolve as goals are achieved and tactics are accomplished. This document outlines the first steps in the SEM Plan at LCCC and will be evaluated and updated on an annual basis, at the completion of each spring term by the LCCC Standing SEM Committee which will include campus-wide representation.

The LCCC SEM Plan is a direct result of LCCC's 2030 Strategic Plan, Goal 2. Goal 2 states that student participation, and ultimately success, will be an essential determinant of the success of LCCC, and more importantly, of our communities and state in the future. Pragmatically, the College's resource stability will be reliant on increasing numbers of students enrolling. Strategically, these students are the necessary pipeline of talent needed within our workforce to drive economic growth and societal prosperity. The purpose of this SEM Plan is to have intentional comprehensive goals and strategies to successfully achieve Goal 2.

Through extensive research and analysis, including comprehensive environmental scanning, the SEM Plan has identified recruitment, retention, and marketing goals to help support the work of the College's strategic plan. In addition to the SEM goals included in the strategic plan, LCCC has also developed goals specific to enrollment, directing the work and outcomes of the SEM Plan.

The overarching enrollment goal of this plan is to **increase unduplicated headcount to 6,900 and full-time enrollment (FTE) to 3,650 by 2030**. As a benchmark to measure success, LCCC will use the 2019 unduplicated enrollment of 5,970 and FTE of 3,173 to measure enrollment growth.

The SEM Planning team members are listed in Appendix A. The definition of terms as well as resources used to develop the SEM Plan are listed in Appendix B.

# Section II. The Environment in Which LCCC Operates

Externally, Laramie County Community College is located in Cheyenne, Wyoming in the southeast corner of the state. LCCC's service area includes Laramie and Albany Counties in Wyoming. The LCCC 2030 Strategic Plan provides an overview of the context outside of LCCC, including population and demographic shifts; economic needs and priorities; funding uncertainty; an overview of the competitive marketplace including employer expectations and needs as well as student needs.

Internally, LCCC has a 271-acre campus in Chevenne with 22 buildings, and a branch campus in Laramie. LCCC has three residence halls, the newest, Gold Hall, opened in spring 2021. Occupancy more than doubled from 276 beds (Foundation and Blue Halls) to 626 beds with the new addition. LCCC offers degree and certificate programs housed strategically within eight Pathways that serve as communities of interest. In-state tuition and mandatory fees for the 2022-2023 academic year are \$153.75 per credit hour. LCCC participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program.

#### Section III. Market Area Zones

The market area targeted by LCCC encompasses six states in part (Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Utah) and two states completely (Colorado and Wyoming). This market area represents a vast territory in the Mountain West that necessitates organizing the area into sub-areas to aid in the strategic enrollment management efforts. As such, the market area has been organized into five zones. It is important to note that states may belong in multiple zones due to geography and/or population density and distribution within each respective state.

Service Area Zone contains the LCCC service area of Laramie and Albany counties.

Zone 1 contains the LCCC service area (Laramie and Albany counties) plus two northern Colorado counties (Larimer and Weld counties).

Zone 2 comprises the remaining Wyoming counties as well as counties in Montana and South Dakota.

**Zone 3** contains the most populous counties within the Colorado Front Range metro area.

Zone 4 covers the central and western counties in Colorado as well as the Utah counties that make up the Salt Lake City area.

**Zone 5** covers the remaining counties in Colorado and the western counties of Kansas and Nebraska, and three counties in northeast New Mexico.

### Section IV. Environmental Scan

Through comprehensive environmental scanning performed regularly, LCCC can better understand and strategically navigate LCCC's internal realities as well as the College's service and market areas. WYOMING Casp NERRASKA **United States** 

Key: zone 1, zone 2, zone 3, zone 4, & zone 5

Environmental scanning is designed to inform the larger SEM plan and to help strategically position LCCC to better engage with a greater number of potential students. Social indicators analyzed specific to strategic enrollment environmental scanning include measures of education attainment, unemployment, poverty, household income, race/ethnicity, gender, as well as relevant labor market data. Several themes emerged to determine the goals, and strategies identified in the SEM plan.

LCCC is similar to other institutions of higher education, both regionally and nationally, in that our enrollment growth and attrition have varied since the College's inception. As noted in Figure 1 below, LCCC's enrollment has been slowly trending downward since its peak in 2012 – 2013.

Figure 1. LCCC Unduplicated enrolled students

# Annual Enrollment Trends

## Headcount



However, LCCC has seen an improvement in its graduation rates as well as an overall increase of 38.31% in the completion of credentials from 2009 to 2019, even with the decline in enrollment as noted in Figure 2.

Associate Degree in Nursing Credit Diploma Credit Certificate Certificate of Completion Associate of Science Associate of Arts Associate of Applied Science 700 600 400 300 200 100

2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012 2012-2013 2013-2014 2014-2015 2015-2016 2016-2017 2017-2018 2018-2019 2019-2020

Figure 2. LCCC Degrees and Certificates Awarded 2009 to 2020<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>For reporting purposes, the academic year includes the summer, fall, and spring semesters | LCCC IR Office, DRM 7/17/2020

#### Section IV. SEM Plan Goals

LCCC has set a target enrollment of unduplicated headcount of 6,900 and full-time enrollment (FTE) of 3,650 by 2030. To achieve this LCCC will focus on the following recruitment, retention, and marketing goals. These goals establish a format in which LCCC will move the SEM Plan forward, building opportunities for information gathering, refining of current practices, development of new opportunities and more. Goals were developed as a result of a comprehensive analysis of the environmental scan conducted by the LCCC Performance and Planning team, as well as research of current enrollment trends and practices.

As an evolving document, LCCC will evaluate SEM goals on an annual basis to monitor progress, celebrate when goals are completed, modify goals as necessary, and identify when new goals need to be developed. This will take place at the completion of each spring term by an LCCC Standing SEM Committee which will be led by the Senior Vice President of Student Services, the Vice President of Advancement and the Vice President of Performance and Planning and will include campus-wide representation.

### 2023 Recruitment Goals:

- 1. Increase degree-seeking applicants 10% by Fall 2024; and increase by 5% each year until Fall 2027.
- 2. Achieve a 49% applied to enrolled yield rate of degree-seeking students by Fall 2024 and increase by 1% each year until Fall 2027.
- 3. Increase occupancy of the new students residing in the LCCC Residence Halls to 280 by Fall 2023; and increase by 5% each year until 2030.

## 2023 Retention Goals:

- 1. Increase fall-to-fall retention of first-time to LCCC student cohort to 60% by 2027.
- 2. Increase course success rates of students in critical skills courses within their Pathway by 5% for each course by 2027.
- 3. Increase occupancy of returning students living in the Residence Hall to 142 by Fall 2023; and target 34%-38% of the overall residential population as returning residents every year.

## 2023 Marketing Goals:

- 1. Increase the number of prospects by 4% year-over-year for four years starting Fall 2024.
- 2. Increase the number of degree-seeking students persisting from semester to semester. Supporting the overall retention goal increase to 60% by 2027
- 3. Increase visits to designated landing pages by 4% year-over-year for four years beginning in Fall 2024 demonstrating increased awareness of LCCC among suspects.

# **Section V. SEM Plan Strategies and Tactics**

The Goals of the SEM Plan will be driven by key strategies. These incorporate and extend existing strategic initiatives, such as Guided Pathways and Unlocking Opportunity, that will be necessary to increase our student enrollments and student success outcomes.

## Recruitment (new student) Goals, Strategies and Tactics

Stakeholders: Prospective students, LCCC Enrollment Services, LCCC Academic Affairs, LCCC Student Services, LCCC Marketing & Communications

| GOALS                  | BENCHMARKS      | STRATEGIES            | TACTICS  |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| G1: Increase degree-   | Fall 2019: 2540 | S1.1 Increase         | T1.1a: Evaluate enrollment steps and improve the online admissions application and                 |
| seeking applicants     | applications    | traditional aged      | LCCC webpages to increase transparency and ease of access in the application process               |
| 10% by Fall 2024; and  | Fall 2020; 2597 | applications (age 18- |  |
| increase by 5% each    | Fall 2021; 2339 | 23) with intentional  | T1.1b: Develop targeted recruitment campaigns to prospects who have not applied,                   |
| year until Fall 2027   | Fall 2022; 2470 | recruitment campaigns | specific to their geographic zones or other known characteristics, e.g.:                           |
|                        |                 | and interaction       | <ul> <li>For out-of-state students (Zones 1, 3, 4, 5), highlight opportunities of WUE</li> </ul>   |
| Fall 2024 Target: 2794 |                 | opportunities         | tuition rates; on-campus housing   |
|                        |                 |                       | <ul> <li>For in-state students (Zone 2), highlight in-state financial aid opportunities</li> </ul> |
| Fall 2025 Target:      |                 |                       | (such as Hathaway); highlight on-campus housing opportunities for                                  |
| 2934                   |                 |                       | prospects outside of service area; highlight on-campus housing                                     |
|                        |                 |                       | opportunities and special pricing for prospects within service area                                |
| Fall 2026 Target:      |                 |                       | T1.1c: Develop systems and practices that incorporate the parents of traditional-age               |
| 3080                   |                 |                       | students, e.g.:  |
|                        |                 |                       | <ul> <li>Collect parent information on the create account form and/or admissions</li> </ul>        |
| Fall 2027 Target:      |                 |                       | application to be used for specific communication  |

| 3,234 |                                  | <ul> <li>Targeted recruitment campaigns to the parents of traditional age students, with emphasis on areas that parents will find relevant such as financial aid, and safety on campus</li> <li>Ongoing parent communications (such as an email newsletter or GEM variation) to keep parents informed and involved</li> </ul>  |
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|       |                                  | T1.1d: Create and intensify collaboration opportunities with K-12 partners (including homeschool and alternative schools) to strengthen relationships between secondary educators and counselors and LCCC faculty and staff, e.g.:  • Personal invitations to on-campus events (similar to what Welding does now) to include high school faculty   |
|       |                                  | <ul> <li>Increasing faculty involvement in high school visits</li> <li>Targeted communications with key stakeholders in K-12 schools (specifically high schools)</li> <li>More frequent presence in the local high schools and high schools with high numbers of prospects and/or applicants</li> </ul>  |
|       |                                  | <ul> <li>T1.1e: Leverage data to create intentional follow-up engagement opportunities, e.g.:</li> <li>More frequent or longer high school follow-up visits to areas with high engagement (either prospects or applicants) or high need</li> <li>Inclusion of faculty and/or Pathway Coordinators on high school visits or to offer hands-on activities in the high schools, particularly to areas of greatest interest</li> </ul> |
|       |                                  | T1.1f: Increase Pathway and program-specific engagement opportunities and events including both on-campus and virtual events that offer more detailed programmatic information and interaction   |
|       |                                  | T1.1g: Identify recruitment and sales trainings that can be offered to campus and establish an implementation plan if appropriate, so that the LCCC campus community is aware of and can play a role in recruitment and conversion of prospects  |
|       | S1.2: Increase adult (age 24-35) | T1.2a: Design a structure to continually assess needs/barriers/challenges and develop and implement potential corrections, e.g.:   |

|   |  | applications,<br>particularly from Zone<br>1               | <ul> <li>Gather data from students who have stopped out or did not complete regarding what factored into their decision, via surveys and/or focus groups</li> <li>Analyze scheduling needs and preferences, with specific consideration to part-time and/or online students with needs for a flexible schedule and a clearly delineated path to completion</li> <li>T1.2b: Develop targeted recruitment campaigns to adult-age suspects and prospects</li> </ul> |
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|   |  |  | that address their specific concerns, e.g.: highlighting financial aid opportunities for adults; highlighting flexible and/or online course offerings  • Possibly to include targeted campaigns and opportunities particularly for students who may be within X number of credits to a degree, and have demonstrated academic success  |
|   |  |  | T1.2c: Create and strengthen partnerships with key community stakeholders to provide multiple sources of encouragement and support to engage adult learners, e.g.:  Department of Workforce Services Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Area employers  |
|   |  |  | T1.2d: Evaluate financial aid needs of adult learners, identify gaps, and work with key stakeholders to bridge gaps with adult-student-specific resources or opportunities   |
|   |  |  | T1.2e: Increase Pathway- and program-specific engagement opportunities and events that are targeted at adult suspects or prospects (or that incorporate marketing specific to adult suspects or prospects) including both on-campus and virtual events that offer more detailed programmatic information and interaction   |
| G2: Achieve a 49% applied to enrolled *yield rate of degreeseeking students by Fall 2024 and increase | Fall 2019: 45.7%  Fall 2020; 38.8%  Fall 2021; 49.2%  Fall 2022; 45.1%  Fall 2023; 49% | S2.1: Increase the yield rate of first-generation students | T2.1a: Increase high touch, personalized student service to provide onboarding and enrollment support, e.g.:  Designated training for staff to focus on issues and strategies to support first-generation students  Dedicated Student Success Coach(es) for first-generation students  Develop materials specific to first-generation students   |

| by 1% each year until<br>Fall 2027.   |  |  | Implement communication and outreach specific to reducing summer melt among first-generation students   |
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| Fall 2024 Target: 49%   |  |  | T2.1b: Intentionally promote and market events and interaction opportunities to   |
| Fall 2025 Target: 50%   |  |  | encourage first-generation students to engage with campus partners and feel   |
| Fall 2026 Target: 51%   |  |  | comfortable on-campus, e.g.:  • Financial aid nights  |
|   |  |  | Davis First Generation Experience events  |
| Fall 2027 Target: 52%   |  |  | Open houses   |
| *Yield Rate: The percentage of students   |  |  | Campus tours  |
| who enroll at LCCC after being accepted.  |  |  | T2.1c: Collaborate with other departments or programs on campus to provide unified  |
|   |  |  | support for first generation students, e.g.:  • GEAR UP   |
| According to the National<br>Center for Education<br>Statistics, in fall 2021, the<br>national yield rate for |  |  | Davis First Generation Experience   |
| public 2-year institutions<br>was 44.3%.  |  | S2.2: Increase the yield rate of LatinX/Hispanic students  | T2.2a: Develop materials that are inclusive of and/or specific to Hispanic students and their families, e.g.:   |
|   |  |  | <ul> <li>Translated versions of prioritized print materials and webpages</li> </ul>   |
|   |  |  | <ul> <li>Messaging that is inclusive of families and their role with their students</li> </ul>  |
|   |  | <ul> <li>Unbiased language that promotes a culture in which Hispanic students and<br/>their families feel safe, and engaged</li> </ul> |   |
|   |  |  | T2.2b: Intentionally create and promote events and interaction opportunities to encourage Hispanic students and their families to engage with campus partners and feel comfortable on-campus e.g.:  • Family nights |
|   |  |  | <ul> <li>Events to include Spanish-speaking personnel and input from the Hispanic community</li> </ul>  |
|   |  |  | <ul> <li>Creating intentional connections with current Hispanic students; possibly<br/>in a peer mentorship opportunity</li> </ul>  |

|  |                           |   | T2.2c: Collaborate with other departments or programs on campus to provide unified   |
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|  |                           |   | support for Hispanic students and families e.g.:   |
|  |                           |   | ACES and ESL program   |
|  |                           | S2.3: Increase the yield                  | T2.3a: Analyze scheduling needs and preferences and implement student-centered   |
|  |                           | rate of adult (age 24-<br>59) students    | improvements, with specific consideration to part-time and/or online students with   |
|  |                           | 33) students                              | needs for a flexible schedule and a clearly delineated path to completion, e.g.:  • Class schedules (meeting days/times, modalities) |
|  |                           |   | Class schedules (meeting days/times, modalities)     Campus resource hours of operation  |
|  |                           |   | Course availability (number of sections, capacities)   |
|  |                           |   | Course schedule and registration dates (yearlong schedule)   |
|  |                           |   | T2.3b: Explore childcare opportunities and support for students with this need, e.g.:  |
|  |                           |   | Promote awareness of current financial support options   |
|  |                           |   | Research grant opportunities   |
|  |                           |   | Collaborate with CDC on options for affordable daycare on-campus for   |
|  |                           |   | students and/or contract locally for drop-in daycare options   |
|  |                           |   | T2.3c: Implement specific and strategic communications tailored to adult learners, e.g.:   |
|  |                           |   | Explore options to segment GEM to specific populations   |
|  |                           |   | <ul> <li>Develop or improve access to guidance on how to use necessary<br/>technologies</li> </ul>                                   |
|  |                           |   | <ul> <li>Target the promotion of services and resources to the needs of adult<br/>students</li> </ul>                                |
| G3: Increase occupancy of new              | Total number of beds: 626 | S3.1: Target market campaigns specific to | T3.1a: Campaign specific to parents in LCCC service area; Zone 1   |
| students residing in                       | tudents residing in       | living on                                 | T3.1b: Campaign specific to WY out of service area; Zone 2   |
| the LCCC Residence<br>Halls to 280 by Fall |                           | campus/residence hall                     | T3.1c: Campaign specific to Colorado; Zones 1, 3, 4  |
| 2023; and increase by                      |                           | S3.2: Update the                          | T3.2a: Virtual Tour of Residence Hall  |
| 5% each year until 2030                    |                           | Residence Hall Website                    | T3.2b: Updated language to describe the restrooms in Gold Hall   |

|   |                    | T3.2c: Cost comparison to monthly rates of living in Cheyenne off campus   |
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| Target Numbers: 2023 <b>new</b> student         |                    | T3.2d: How cost of attendance is explained   |
| occupancy: 280 (422) (total occupancy target is | S3.3: Review price | T3.3a: Keep room rates flat for 2023-2024 semester   |
| 422 for fall 2023)                              | structures         | T3.3b: Offer a 25% room rate discount to residence of LCCC service area (Laramie and Albany Counties) living in the Residence Hall |
| 2024: 294 (455)                                 |                    |  |
| 2025: 308 (493)                                 |                    | T3.3c: Offer a 10-block meal plan to residence of LCCC Service Area (Laramie and   |
| 2026: 324 (530)                                 |                    | Albany Counties) living in the Residence Hall  |
| 2027: 340                                       |                    |  |
| 2028: 357                                       |                    |  |
| 2029: 375                                       |                    |  |
| 2030: 393                                       |                    |  |
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# Retention (continuing student) Goals, Strategies and Tactics

Stakeholders: current students, stop-out students, LCCC Student Services; LCCC Academic Affairs, LCCC Marketing & Communications

| GOALS   | BENCHMARKS  | STRATEGIES  | TACTICS   |
|---|---|---|---|
| G1: Increase fall-to-fall retention of first-time to LCCC student cohort to 60% by 2027 using 2019 as a benchmark.  Fall 2027 Target: 60% | Fall 2019:<br>54.4%<br>(Fall 2020; 49.8%<br>Fall 2021; 53.7%) | S1.1 Increase retention<br>of LatinX/Hispanic<br>students | T1.1a: Design a structure to continually assess needs / barriers / challenges, develop and implement potential corrections (continuous improvement) e.g.:  • Survey students to determine supports necessary for them to be retained  • In-person focus groups led by Spanish-speaking personnel  • Evaluate, implement, and track drop and withdrawal processes that incorporate deliberate outreach and connection to resources before processing |
|   |   |   | <ul> <li>T1.1b: Implement outreach and build connections to families e.g.:</li> <li>Collaboration with Student Engagement &amp; Diversity opportunities</li> <li>Incorporate bilingual materials</li> <li>Include families on event invitations</li> <li>Provide support and educational resources to families including translating services for in-person events</li> </ul>   |

| re | 1.2: Increase etention of low-come students | Provide trainings and educational programs based on need potentially though Outreach & Workforce Development or other entities on campus Seek input from the Hispanic community  T1.1c: Develop targeted support network for students e.g.: Hispanic student group Peer mentoring opportunities  T1.1d: Develop and market/promote (internally and externally) financial support resources e.g.: Financial literacy to include books and materials FAFSA assistance Financial aid processes Scholarships (including access to emergency funds) On Campus employment  T1.2a: Develop and market (internally and externally) financial support resources e.g.: Financial literacy to include books and materials FAFSA assistance Financial aid processes Scholarships (including access to emergency funds) On Campus employment  T1.2b: Continue to expand OER initiatives e.g.: No cost/low-cost course tagging OER adoptions in Gen Ed courses  T1:2c: Explore childcare opportunities and support for students with this need e.g.: Contracting locally for drop-in day-care options Provide grant or scholarship funded child-care for students |
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|    |   | <ul> <li>OER adoptions in Gen Ed courses</li> <li>T1:2c: Explore childcare opportunities and support for students with this need e.g.:</li> <li>Contracting locally for drop-in day-care options</li> </ul>   |

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|                             | T1.3b: Design a structure to continually assess needs / barriers / challenges, develop and implement potential corrections (continuous improvement) e.g.:  • Survey students to determine supports necessary for them to be retained  • In-person focus groups with translation services (if needed)  • Evaluate, implement, and track drop and withdrawal processes that incorporate deliberate outreach and connection to resources before processing   |
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|                             | T1.3c: Develop and market (internally and externally) financial support resources e.g.:  • Financial literacy to include books and materials  • FAFSA assistance  • Financial aid processes  • Scholarships (including access to emergency funds)  • On Campus employment   |
|                             | <ul> <li>T1.3d: Implement outreach and build connections for support e.g.:         <ul> <li>Collaboration with Student Engagement &amp; Diversity opportunities</li> <li>Include families on event invitations</li> <li>Provide support and educational resources to families</li> <li>Provide trainings and educational programs based on need potentially though Outreach &amp; Workforce Development or other entities on campus</li> <li>Maintain and expand mentoring programs to encourage early utilization of support e.g., Davis First Gen Experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| S1.4: Incretention students |   |

|                                       |           |                              | Explore intentional strategic scheduling based on needs identified on outreach and examination of scheduling practices |
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|                                       |           |                              | T1.4b: Build communities for part-time students e.g.:  |
|                                       |           |                              | Certified peer educators   |
|                                       |           |                              | Learning communities   |
|                                       |           |                              | Short seminar opportunities for credits  |
|                                       |           |                              | Collaboration with Student Engagement & Diversity opportunities  |
|                                       |           |                              | Equitable opportunities for part-time students   |
|                                       |           |                              | T1.4c: Design a structure to continually assess needs / barriers / challenges, develop                                 |
|                                       |           |                              | and implement potential corrections (continuous improvement) e.g.:   |
|                                       |           |                              | Survey students to determine supports necessary for them to be retained  |
|                                       |           |                              | <ul> <li>In-person focus groups with translation services (if needed)</li> </ul>                                       |
|                                       |           |                              | Evaluate, implement, and track drop and withdrawal processes that  |
|                                       |           |                              | incorporate deliberate outreach and connection to resources before   |
|                                       |           |                              | processing   |
|                                       |           |                              | Provide trainings and educational programs based on need potentially   |
|                                       |           |                              | though Outreach & Workforce Development or other entities on campus  |
|                                       |           |                              | T1.4d: Develop and market (internally and externally) financial support resources e.g.:                                |
|                                       |           |                              | Financial literacy to include books and materials  |
|                                       |           |                              | FAFSA assistance   |
|                                       |           |                              | Financial aid processes  |
|                                       |           |                              | Scholarships (including access to emergency funds)   |
|                                       |           |                              | On Campus employment   |
|                                       |           |                              | T1.4e: Explore childcare opportunities and support for students with this need e.g.:                                   |
|                                       |           |                              | Contracting locally for drop-in daycare options  |
|                                       |           |                              | Research grant or scholarship funded childcare for students  |
|                                       |           |                              | Collaborate with CDC on options for affordable daycare on campus for   |
| C2. In                                | Barata I  | C2 4. Identify 121111        | students   |
| G2: Increase course                   | Benchmark | S2.1: Identify critical      | T2.1a: Establish the benchmark success rates for each Pathway  |
| success rates of students in critical | Data TBD  | skills courses by<br>Pathway | T2.1b: Determine courses by Pathway that do not meet the benchmark   |
| skills courses* within                |           | ,                            | T2.1c: Analyze the intersection of critical skills courses across all Pathways   |
| their Pathway by 5%                   |           | S2.2: Identify reasons       | T2.2a: Intentional outreach  |
|                                       |           | why students are or are      | Focus groups including   |

| *Courses which begin a sequence, are prerequisites for higher-level courses, and/or fulfill a General Education requirement in a Pathway or program. |   | not successful in identified critical skills courses   | <ul> <li>Students who passed and did not pass the critical skills courses</li> <li>Instructors of critical skills courses</li> <li>Faculty whose programs depend on critical skills courses</li> <li>Other stakeholders:         <ul> <li>Student Success Coaches</li> <li>Tutors</li> <li>PAC Members</li> </ul> </li> <li>T2.2b: Evaluate, implement, and track drop and withdrawal processes that incorporate deliberate outreach and connection to resources before processing</li> </ul> |
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|  |   | S2.3: Implement<br>holistic support for<br>identified critical skills<br>courses   | T2.3a: Establish an embedded tutoring program.  T2.3b: Include Learning Commons Director and tutoring in student alert processes  T2.3c: Train LCCC employees to help students schedule tutoring appointments   |
|  |   | S2.4: Design outreach to students who are not successful in these courses to connect them with added support or help them evaluate pathways. Identify opportunities for faculty to reexamine pedagogy in | T2.4a: Faculty led workgroups during in-service  T2.4b: Targeted professional development (outside LCCC)  T2.4c: Collaborate with CET to offer opportunities and support  T2.4d: Provide dedicated time to examine, research and implement potential redesigns, if necessary, e.g.:  • Release time • Stipends • Sabbatical   |
|  |   | identified critical skills courses   | • In-service  |
| G3: Increase occupancy   | Fall 2023: 142                                      | S3.1: Review pricing   | T3.1a: Offer returning students a 15% discount for signing a 2023-2024 lease before   |
| of returning students living in the Residence  | Returning<br>Students                               | structures   | the end of the spring 2023 semester   |
| Hall to 142 by Fall  | (2019-2020; 68                                      |  | T3.1b: Keep Meal Plan rates flat for 2023-2024  |
| 2023; and target 34%-  | returning students                                  |  | T3.1c: Offer a 25% discount for students from within our service area, and an exclusive   |
| 38% overall returning residents.   | 2020-2021; 2021-<br>2022; 97 returning<br>students) | S3.2: Promote and increase awareness for   | 10-meal plan for those same students  T3.2a: Host Housing Renewal Fairs/events to promote continued housing opportunities for current residents   |
|  |   | continuing to live on campus.  | T3.2b: Provide community and engagement opportunities, to include awareness of campus resources and Residence Hall amenities  |

| Target Numbers:<br>2023 <b>returning</b> student  |   | T3.2c: Expand internal collaboration efforts for student engagement T3.2d: Increase knowledge internally and externally about Residence Hall benefits, incentives, and options  |
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| occupancy: 142 (422) (total occupancy target is 422 for fall 2023)  2024: 161 (455) 2025: 185 (493) 2026: 206 (530) | strengthen programming and resources that support | T3.3a: Design a structure to continually assess needs / barriers / challenges, develop and implement potential corrections (continuous improvement) e.g.:  • Survey students who returned to live in the residence hall and those who did not   |
|   | students living on campus.                        | <ul> <li>T3.3b: Expand targeted engagement opportunities to benefit residential students e.g.:</li> <li>Explore first year experience or living and learning communities</li> <li>Enhance support for mental health awareness, wellbeing, and belonging</li> <li>Create and promote recreation opportunities</li> </ul> |

Marketing Goals, Strategies and Tactics Stakeholders: LCCC Employees, LCCC Board of Trustees

| GOALS  | BENCHMARKS   | STRATEGIES   | TACTICS   |
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| G1. Increase the number of prospects by 4% year-over-year for four years starting Fall 2024  2023 Target: 5,822 2024 Target: 6,054 | Degree-seeking<br>prospects<br>created in<br>2018-2019:<br>5,599 (for any<br>start term)<br>(2021; 3,417<br>2022; 4,529) | S1.1: Increase the number of traditionalage (age 18-23) prospects from Colorado. | T1.1a: In collaboration with Performance & Planning and Enrollment Services, identify geographic markets in Zone 1 for targeted marketing campaigns, resulting in prospect engagement and development, e.g.:  • Identify target markets in Northern Colorado by city and/or zip codes.  • Identify target markets in LCCC's Service Area by zip code or geographic location within Laramie and Albany Counties.  T1.1b: Develop marketing campaign(s) for target populations, focused on students not |
| 2025 Target: 6,296<br>2026 Target: 6,547   |  |  | <ul> <li>currently engaged with LCCC, e.g.:         <ul> <li>Utilize social media (Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) to generate online engagement from target population.</li> <li>Create print media and mailings for identified student households.</li> <li>Create a digital retargeting campaign, aligned with target market website engagement.</li> <li>Utilize digital marketing efforts to engage target markets through display ads and video.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                              |

| <ul> <li>Utilize digital marketing such as geofencing, digital retargeting and display ads to create awareness and engagement with target population.</li> <li>T1.2b: Develop marketing campaigns to support face-to-face interactions with target population, e.g.:</li> </ul> | S1.2: Increase the number of adult (age 24-35) prospects from Zone 1. | to create awareness and engagement with target population.  1.2b: Develop marketing campaigns to support face-to-face interactions with target |
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|  |                  | S1.3: Increase the number of LatinX/Hispanic prospects  | <ul> <li>Develop print and digital campaigns to support participation at in-person informational events such as listening sessions, career advancement workshops, open houses, etc.</li> <li>T1.2c: Develop a more efficient online information gathering process, e.g.:         <ul> <li>Review current digital information gathering process and research additional information gathering tactics</li> <li>Implement best practices for information gathering in landing pages, at events, and in marketing campaigns</li> </ul> </li> <li>T1.2d: In collaboration with Academic Affairs and other key stakeholders, identify online and flexible program offerings at LCCC to use in marketing campaigns to target populations.</li> <li>T1.2e: Collaborate with and inform community partners of opportunities available at LCCC, creating greater awareness and engagement from target population.</li> <li>T1.2f: Interweave financial support opportunities throughout campaigns/materials.</li> <li>T1.3a: Develop marketing campaign(s) for target populations, resulting in prospect development and engagement, e.g.:         <ul> <li>Create targeted print materials in Spanish.</li> <li>Develop digital marketing efforts to engage target population through geofencing and website retargeting and display ads produced in Spanish.</li> <li>Utilize social media to engage with target population (Facebook, Instagram, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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| G2: Increase the number of degree-seeking students persisting from semester to semester. Supporting the overall retention goal increase to 60% by 2027 | Benchmark<br>TBD | S2.1: Implement a retention marketing campaign for:  • Full-time students  • Part-time students  • Dual enrolled students | <ul> <li>T2.1a: Create a marketing campaign designed to increase retention rates (e.g., registrations).</li> <li>Develop messaging specific to target population using it to inform digital media placements.</li> <li>Provide mailings and print media to target population.</li> <li>Utilize digital marketing such as geofencing, digital retargeting and display ads to create awareness and engagement with target population.</li> <li>Create a social media campaign to market the overall retention campaign and generate awareness and action by the target population.</li> <li>T2.1b: Collaborate with Enrollment Services, Pathway Coordinators, faculty and other key stakeholders to provide messaging, e.g.:</li> <li>Navigate campaign to the target populations</li> </ul>  |

| designated landing pages by 4% year-over- | 2022 (start of "/path" landing page): 107,410 visits | S3.1: Increase awareness of LCCC:  • Within the LCCC Service Area (Laramie and Albany Counties).  • Within the non-service areas of Wyoming (outside Laramie and Albany Counties).  • In the 350-mile radius of LCCC in priority areas designated by Performance & Planning. | registration)  T3.1a: Establish a baseline number of visits to the LCCC website using data from the Fall semester 2023.  T3.1b: Create designated landing page(s) for target populations that provide information that is relevant to the audience and encourages engagement with LCCC.  T3.1c: Develop marketing campaign(s) for target populations, focused on generating engagement with LCCC, e.g.:  Create print materials and mailings to target populations  Develop digital marketing efforts, including website retargeting, digital ads, and video.  T3.1d: Develop a campaign for school counselors and teachers, that is focused on awareness of LCCC and information sharing, e.g.:  Create print materials to inform counselors and teachers and potential students.  Utilize digital marketing to communicate with school staff/faculty.  T3.1e: Develop marketing campaigns for parents/guardians of target populations to create awareness of LCCC in the target market.  Create mailings and printed materials tailored to parents/guardians of target population.  Utilize digital marketing efforts to engage with parents/guardians and bring them to LCCC's webpage.  Identify and focus messaging on key issues and concerns of parents/guardians. |
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# **Appendix B. References and Resources**

# **Data Variable Definitions**

| Variable Name              | Description/Definition  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Applicant                  | An individual, often a prospect, who completes and submits an application for admission to LCCC. NOTE: some individuals will start their engagement with LCCC as an applicant.  |
| Cohort Term                | The fall term in which the student entered LCCC as a first-time freshman. Each fall cohort also includes students who were first-time freshmen in the summer term and continued to the fall term.   |
| Continuing<br>Student      | An enrolled student that continues to stay enrolled, persisting from semester to semester until completion of an educational goal.  |
| Enrollee                   | An applicant that has successfully registered for courses at LCCC.  |
| First-Generation           | Identifies students whose parents do not have any college experience ("first-generation" in college).   |
| First Term<br>Address      | The location of the student based on the student's preferred address in their first fall term.  |
| First Term Load            | The student's load in their first fall term. Full-time = 12 or more credit hours. Part-time = less than 12 credit hours.  |
| First Term<br>Modality     | The modalities in which a student was enrolled in their first fall term. Online Only includes both synchronous and asynchronous online classes. In-Person Only includes any classes with an in-person component, such as face-to-face and hybrid. Both In-Person and Online includes a mixture of online and in-person classes. |
| Gender                     | Male and female only with no missing values based on IPEDS reporting requirements.  |
| Graduated in<br>First Year | Flags students who graduated within their first year in college. For example, students in the 2019 fall cohort would be flagged as graduated if they graduated in 2019 fall, 2020 spring, or 2020 summer.   |

| IPEDS Age               | The age range of the student per the official enrollment freeze date for the cohort term (usually the last Friday in January). The age categories are based on IPEDS definitions.   |
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| IPEDS<br>Race/Ethnicity | Students' race/ethnicity categories as defined by IPEDS.  |
| LCCC Age                | The age range of the student per the official enrollment freeze date for the cohort term (usually the last Friday in January). The age categories are based on requested LCCC definitions.  |
| LCCC<br>Race/Ethnicity  | Students' race/ethnicity derived from the IPEDS Race/Ethnicity groups and categorized into broader groups to help protect student privacy. Non-Hispanic Racial Minorities include the following IPEDS categories: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Two or More Races, and Non-Resident Alien.   |
| Market                  | A defined population of individuals, often determined by geographic or demographic criteria, that is comprised of likely suspects for recruitment.  |
| Pathway                 | The pathway in which the program from the student's first fall term resides. Programs that ended prior to pathways are categorized into the pathway in which they "would have" resided to get a sense of history for the pathway. Program information is limited to one program per student with associate's degrees taking precedence over certificates and CDs. |
| Pell Recipient          | Flags students who received a Federal Pell Grant in their first year in college (cohort fall, following spring, or following summer).   |
| Permanent<br>Residency  | Broad categories based on students' permanent county and state residency. In-district = Laramie county. Out-of-district = all other Wyoming counties. WUE = all WUE states including Nebraska (https://www.wiche.edu/our-region/). Out of State = all other states and international.   |
| Program Goal            | The intended goal of the program. AA and AS programs are identified as Transfer programs. AAS/ADN/CERT/CD programs are identified as Workforce programs. Program information is limited to one program per student with associate's degrees taking precedence over certificates and CDs.  |
| Prospect                | An individual who has acted to engage with LCCC, providing enough information to allow for customized, direct communication to them from the College.   |
| Residence<br>County     | The Wyoming county reported by the student as their permanent residency. Permanent residence counties outside of Wyoming are unknown.   |
| Residence State         | The state reported by the student as their permanent residency, including military address state codes. International = students from outside of the US.  |

| Retention    | Identifies that a student is still enrolled in a subsequent term or year regardless of completion status.  |
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| Service Area | Laramie and Albany counties.   |
| Summer Melt  | The phenomenon of prospective college students' motivation to attend college "melting" away during the summer between the end of high school and beginning of college. |
| Stakeholder  | The people, or groups (departments, etc.) that have a vested interest and/or are dependent on the success of the area.   |
| Suspect      | An individual within a target market that fit characteristics suggesting they have the potential to become a student at LCCC.  |
| Yield Rate   | The percentage of students who enroll at LCCC after being accepted.  |

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