

SPECIAL-FOCUS ITEMS

Guided Career Pathways

What are **CCSSE** special-focus items?

In order to keep the survey fresh and relevant for the community college field, a special-focus item set is administered each year with **CCSSE**. This enables colleges to more deeply explore certain issues that are key to improved student engagement and success.

All colleges receive the five special-focus items as part of their **CCSSE** administration. Students are asked to mark their responses under “Additional Items” at the end of the [survey](#). The results from these items are provided as frequency distributions with colleges’ standard **CCSSE** reports.

CCSSE 2023 items

Colleges that participate in **CCSSE 2023** will receive five special-focus items about guided career pathways (shown below). These items are designed to help your institution gain insight about your students’ experiences with career readiness that promotes economic mobility and equity. This item set was developed in collaboration with [JFF](#). Learn more about [Guided Career Pathways](#).

Mark only one response for each item

1. How many college credits have you received for prior work experience or industry credential?
 - a. None
 - b. 1–3
 - c. 4–6
 - d. 7–9
 - e. Ten or more

2. How much has your coursework at [this college](#) provided information about the skills you will need in your chosen career path?
 - a. Not at all
 - b. Very little
 - c. Somewhat
 - d. Very much
 - e. I have not chosen a career path

3. How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge about which jobs are most in demand in your local labor market or area?
 - a. Not at all
 - b. Very little
 - c. Somewhat
 - d. Very much

4. How much has this college helped you learn about the average earnings for your chosen career path?
 - a. Not at all
 - b. Very little
 - c. Somewhat
 - d. Very much
 - e. I have not chosen a career path

5. Of the following, which do you rely on the most for information about your chosen career path?
 - a. Instructors
 - b. Advisors/Counselors
 - c. Friends or family
 - d. Current employer
 - e. I have not chosen a career path