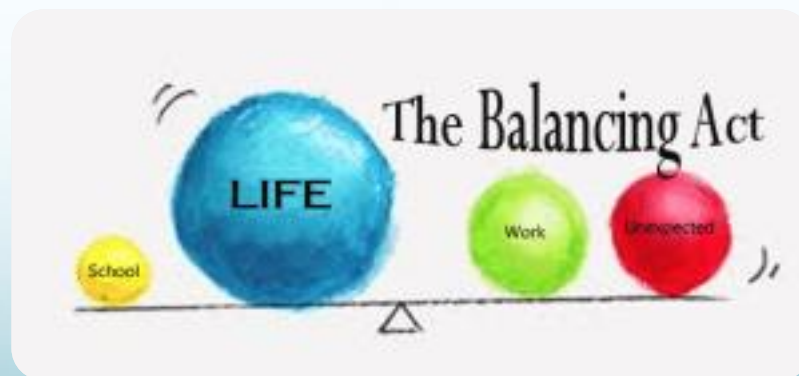# Information Session
March 31, 2016

Purpose

Establish and develop a pre-defined path of online courses to empower VSU students to complete Area A through Area E.

Developed and led by VSU faculty, Smart Path Core features high-quality courses and prepares students for success as they progress toward their degree.

What sets SmartPath Core Apart?

- A program as structured as it is flexible.

- Map your path through the core

- Set your own pace through the core

- Personalized scheduling and support

More Unique Features

- Always taught by VSU faculty

- 8 week sessions

- Courses designed to be easy to navigate

- Guaranteed seats, no qualified students turned away

- Affordable class materials

- Guaranteed rotation

- VSU faculty developed and endorsed

Fall 2016 SmartPath Core Classes

Short Session I: Aug. 15 – Oct. 6

Course Section Codes: P01-P59

- ENGL 1101 Composition I

- PSYC 1101 Fundamentals of Psychology

- SPAN 1001 Beginning Spanish Language & Intro to Hispanic Cultures I

Short Session II: Oct. 10 – Dec. 12

Course Section Codes: P60+

- MATH 1111 College Algebra

- POLS 1101 American Government

- PSYC 1101 Fundamentals of Psychology

- SPAN 1002 Beginning Spanish Language & Intro to Hispanic Cultures II

Project Timeline

- Phase I:
  - Launch – Fall 2016

- Phase II:
  - Launch – Spring 2017

- Phase III:
  - Launch – Fall 2017

Who are we targeting?

- New Students: Adult Learners, Military, Working Professionals

- Dual Enrollment: High School & Homeschooled

- Traditional students supplementing their core

FAQ's

- <u>What to do if you receive a call asking the benefits of SmartPath Core?</u>
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FAQ's Continued

- How do I find the courses in Banner?
  - The SPC classes can be found by their unique section coding of P01-P59 for short session 1 and P60 and above for short session 2.

- When are they offered?
  - The first phase of courses will be offered beginning Fall 2016

- Will admission be different?
  - The student will be admitted as a VSU student. The Online Student Support Team will reach to the student after they have been admitted.

- Who is the SmartPath Core advisor?
  - Sam Dunham in Centralized Advising for a student that is under 30 Credit hours

- How quickly can I complete my core?
  - Within completed 3 semesters of either taking 15-15 class load or a 12-6-12 class load

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Resources

- <u>SmartPath Core Webpage:</u>

    - https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/online-programs/smartpath.php

- <u>Dual Enrollment Webpage:</u>

    - http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/