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First Year Checklist for Student Success Infographic

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GOOD PRACTICES IN CHALLENGING TIMES

EARLY ORIENTATION

From the **first contact,** it is important to build a student's **sense of belonging** within a new learning community
Structured early orientation activities are successful in familiarizing students with **key concepts and academic terms**, helping students to develop an understanding of programme associated processes and procedures.

EXTENDED ORIENTATION

Students need guidance in the development of new **key skills for success** as they start to engage with College processes and practices
The provision of timely additional supports available from the CSD module, Academic Writing, and Maths Learning Support Centres, can support students throughout their first year.

PEER ENGAGEMENT

Embedding formal and informal opportunities to meet staff and other students can **increase engagement and retention**. Peer mentoring has been shown to have a positive impact on students' emotional, academic, and social wellbeing.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

The provision of **early feedback** to students on their learning as part of continuous assessment processes was identified as a **key way to engage and support students,** in particular within the first few weeks of their programme. The VLE tools (rubrics, quizzes, video assignments) are helpful to engage students within different learning activities and to provide guidance on progress and areas for further enhancement

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

Recognising the development of discipline skills (specific and generic) within the curricular and co-curricular activities helps to prepare students for **success in whatever their future career choice**. Engagement with **internal and external communities** can be enhanced through initiatives such as STLR and LEAD

LEARNING SPACES

All formal and informal spaces can provide students with both **individual and collaborative learning opportunities**. Effective use of Virtual Learning Environments helps to provide students with flexibility and choice in how they learn and when. The **baseline checklist and the baseline plus** are good tools to follow to contribute to student success.

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