



# iStart Smart Program Information



## 1. ADMISSION & STUDENT DECLARATION

- ◆ All first-time college students who want to earn a degree or transfer to a four-year university should complete their Student Information Form at Admissions & Records.
- ◆ To qualify for in-state tuition, students must provide documentation of lawful presence through the Student Declaration.

## 2. FINANCIAL AID

- ◆ The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides grants, loans, and work-study funds to help fund your educational expenses.
- ◆ The FAFSA becomes available of January every year, completing it early is best!

## 3. PLACEMENT TESTING\*

- ◆ SMCC requires all first-time degree and/or transfer seeking students to complete placement testing in **reading, writing, and mathematics**.
- ◆ SMCC's placement test is called ACCUPLACER.
- ◆ Review ACCUPLACER preparation materials prior to testing at <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>

## 4. ADVISEMENT\*

- ◆ SMCC requires all first-time degree and/or transfer seeking students to complete an advisement session prior to enrolling in classes.
- ◆ An Advisor will review your test scores, your program of study, courses that you are eligible to enroll in your first semester, and sign you up for New Student Orientation.

## 5. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION\*

- ◆ SMCC requires that all first-time students attend New Student Orientation. You will enroll in classes at this time.
- ◆ Learn about college life, resources, college expectations, support services, online tools, financial aid and financial literacy, and how to navigate the campus.

## 6. COLLEGE SUCCESS COURSE\*

- ◆ SMCC requires that all first-time students complete a college success course: AAA115 or CPD150
- ◆ These courses help students develop effective academic, self-awareness, and self-management strategies. They also incorporate educational & career planning, and encourage student to discover, develop, and apply their Strengths.

\*Experiences marked with an asterisk\* are mandatory for all first-time college students who have a degree or transfer intent at SMCC.