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.