

College/Location: **Cedar Valley College**

The Retention Best Practice is primarily supported by what college/location area:

Instruction: XX Student Services \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative \_\_\_\_\_

Combination of areas: (Please list)

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Retention Best Practice Title: Tutoring as a Retention Tool

Retention Best Practice Area of Focus:

Math X STEM \_\_\_\_\_ Honors College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ All disciplines \_\_\_\_\_

Retention Best Practice Executive Summary: approximately 50 words (Please use additional pages for a detailed description)

Students that attend even one tutoring session per semester earn on average one letter grade higher than do their peers in the same class/section who do not attend a tutoring session.

Please describe the evaluation measures utilized to support this initiative as a best practice.

The CVC Tutoring Center uses AccuTrack to capture student data about their tutoring sessions including the student's name, class section, instructor name, and the reason for the visit to the Tutoring Center. Success and retention information is obtained from Colleague following the end of the semester. Statistical analyses are performed to assess the data and results.

Provide a summary of the results, including data (such as trend lines over time) to show how it impacted retention and is a best practice.

Since 2005 this data has been collected in the Tutoring Center and has consistently shown that students that attend tutoring perform better than students who do not attend tutoring sessions. This information has been shared with instructors and their classes by the Tutoring Center staff in an effort to encourage more students to take advantage of the tutoring services provided by the college.

What would be needed to replicate the practice at other DCCCD colleges?

Tutoring Center and tracking software.

Cost to implement this practice (financial and human):

Varies

***Please submit this form to Dr. Sharon L. Blackman, DCCCD Educational Affairs by October 24, 2008***