

## Essential Elements

### **Collaboration.**

Project DEgree relies on a team-based approach to student success. The resource specialist and completion advisor form tight relationships with faculty and college support services staff. Faculty collaboratively design curriculum across content areas and work together to support student progress during DEgree year one. Students rely on each other as supports and resources. Forming positive peer groups is part of the transformative power of Project DEgree.

- A meeting structure has been created and extra faculty contact hours have been budgeted for weekly collaborative planning time (1-1.5 hours per week, with flexibility to cluster time).
- A plan is in place to promote team-building and collaboration among entering students as well as among program staff.
- Students form study groups and align themselves with others with like goals.