

## Essential Elements

### **Testing, Selection, and Enrollment.**

Students are selected and enrolled based on meeting eligibility requirements described in Essential Element #1. In addition:

- Selected students receive a monetary incentive for making adequate progress towards a locally determined goal (e.g., attendance or homework benchmark); great goals are specific, short-term, serve as building blocks to degree completion, and achievement is within the students control; great incentives are need-based and easy to administer logistically
- Selected students take a reading, writing, and math diagnostic test just prior to, or during, the first week of class. Diagnostic results are provided to the reading, writing, and math content faculty to tailor instruction for each student.
- Enrollment is capped at 25 students per learning community. Enrollment targets are outlined as an attachment to the Project DEgree contract