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## **New Guided Pathways Counseling Model**

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The Crafton Hills College Counseling Department has launched a new approach to advising students that will result in greater efficiency navigating the Guided Pathways model that the College has instituted.

In its recent program review, Counseling found that the number of students seeking counseling appointments dropped for those who had completed 15-45 units and that a disproportionately large number of students were accumulating excess units, which means that many will complete their programs later than they need to. These facts led to the conclusion that the department should promote efforts to meet with more students who have completed 15-45 units to guide them to complete their programs efficiently, taking classes necessary to reach this goal.

Accordingly, Counseling has instituted a new model that aligns with Guided Pathways and is designed to reach more students with 15-45 units and help them select the classes and support services that will allow them to complete programs sooner than they do now on average.

This new Guided Pathways counseling model includes assigning counseling team members to work proactively and strategically with students who have completed different unit counts (0-15, 16- 29, 30-44, 45-60+).

This model also implements an assigned completion coach to help each of these unit groupings. The department continues to dialogue about the next steps of implementation.