



Priority 2

Expand Transfer and Bachelor's Degree Attainment

To improve student transfer and local bachelor's degree completion, including associate degree attainment, through clear academic pathways, strategic partnerships, and student-centered supports that expand access to four-year opportunities within the region. The emphasis is on all programs designed for transfer or bachelor's attainment, as well as exploring binational partnerships that expand these opportunities for communities on both sides of the border.

Objectives

- 2A. Optimize academic program maps and course sequencing to reduce excess units and improve time-to-degree and transfer readiness.
- 2B. Enhance dual enrollment and early college pathways intentionally aligned with university-transfer programs to support early momentum toward degree completion.
- 2C. Increase persistence, completion and transfer through milestone-based navigation support that integrates academic advising and early interventions.
- 2D. Expand bachelor's degree programs offered by or available at Southwestern College that address regional workforce and educational needs.
- 2E. Strengthen partnerships and transfer agreements with CSU, UC, regional private and public universities, and binational partners to improve transfer efficiency and promote affordable degree completion.

Key Metrics and Targets

- **Transfers to Four-Year Institutions:** +15% by 2030 (Baseline: 1,563)
- **Associate Degree Awards:** +10% by 2030 (Baseline: 2,395) (ADT and Non-ADT)
- **Average Units to Degree:** ≤ 73 by 2030 (Baseline: 76.8)
- **Median Time to Degree:** ≤ 2.7 by 2030 (Baseline: 2.99)
- **Bachelor's Degree Program Applications:** +2 submitted by 2030

