



Seamless Transfer Pathways (STP) Design Coach

Overview

The Education Design Lab is seeking a Design Coach for the [Seamless Transfer Pathways \(STP\) Design Challenge](#). The Seamless Transfer Pathways Design Challenge is a structured, student-centered design-innovation process made possible by a generous grant from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Institutions selected to participate in this intensive 12-month engagement will be led through a four-stage innovative process to design, implement, and scale “seamless transfer pathway” solutions to dramatically improve transfer and graduation rates for community college students aspiring to attain a four-year degree.

The STP Design Coach will work with one more Institutional Teams during the Design Challenge year (2017-2018) to design and implement a multi-faceted intervention for Seamless Transfer Pathways. Design Coaches will serve as a thought-partner, provocateur and motivator throughout the year. Design Coaches are required to attend the two convenings and all on-site visits in addition to participating in bi-weekly or monthly calls with the Design Team.

Significant travel may be required.

Primary Responsibilities

As a team coach, you will be an essential part of the university team throughout the Design Challenge Year. This includes:

- Serving as the primary liaison between the Lab, Institutional Design Team, subject matter experts (curated by the Lab for this Design Challenge).
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with the partnering institutions.
- Keeping university teams focused on the design activities and design goals throughout the challenge year (including during convenings and on-site visits); Support in managing design process.
- Conducts bi-weekly calls with institutional teams.
- Continually challenge the team members to push the envelope for student success; encourage and motivate team members throughout the engagement.

Qualifications & Experience

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Significant experience in postsecondary education, student success, and innovation that will inspire confidence in our partners.
- Passion for and expertise in the innovation process, higher education innovation, higher education administration or learning technology.
- Good skills in client management and project management; previous experience working effectively and collaboratively in a consulting process.
- Demonstrated experience as a client-facing strategic advisor in business innovation or change-management contexts.
- Results-driven with experience driving operational excellence.
- Experience working in cross-functional teams and collaborating with multiple stakeholders to develop and implement systems and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of a growing organization is essential.
- Effectively prioritize work and meet deadlines; organized; manage multiple assignments; follow assignments through to completion; respond quickly to requests for information and assistance.



- High organizational and analytical ability.

PREFERRED

- Working knowledge or experience with community colleges and/or higher education student success initiatives
- Design thinking: thought leadership in design as it pertains to innovation, through visual communication, design thinking, interaction design, and other related fields.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

We have identified the following as key competencies: teamwork, organizational awareness, influence, managing others, creativity, systems thinking, collaboration, adaptability, cross-functional expertise, and networking ability. In addition, Design Coaches should possess:

- Entrepreneurial energy, hands-on approach, and ambition necessary for transformation/innovation
- Personality should project enthusiasm, professionalism, and growth mindset.
- Ability to maintain a calm, professional demeanor in the face of competing demands and external pressures
- Should be highly adaptable and flexible, with the ability to thrive in an ambiguous environment.
- Acute attention to detail coupled with the ability to think and act strategically.
- Strong time management skills; ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously and meet tight deadlines
- Demonstrated strong communication and interpersonal skills with various stakeholders including school administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents and community members.
- Must have a strong personal value system that encompasses high integrity, honesty, a solid work ethic, and high professional standards.

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Applying

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We are looking to hire immediately. This position can be based anywhere in the US or at our DC Office. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume/CV to Ms. Binh Thuy Do, bdo@eddesignlab.org. Please use the subject line: STP Design Coach.

Equal Opportunity Employer

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