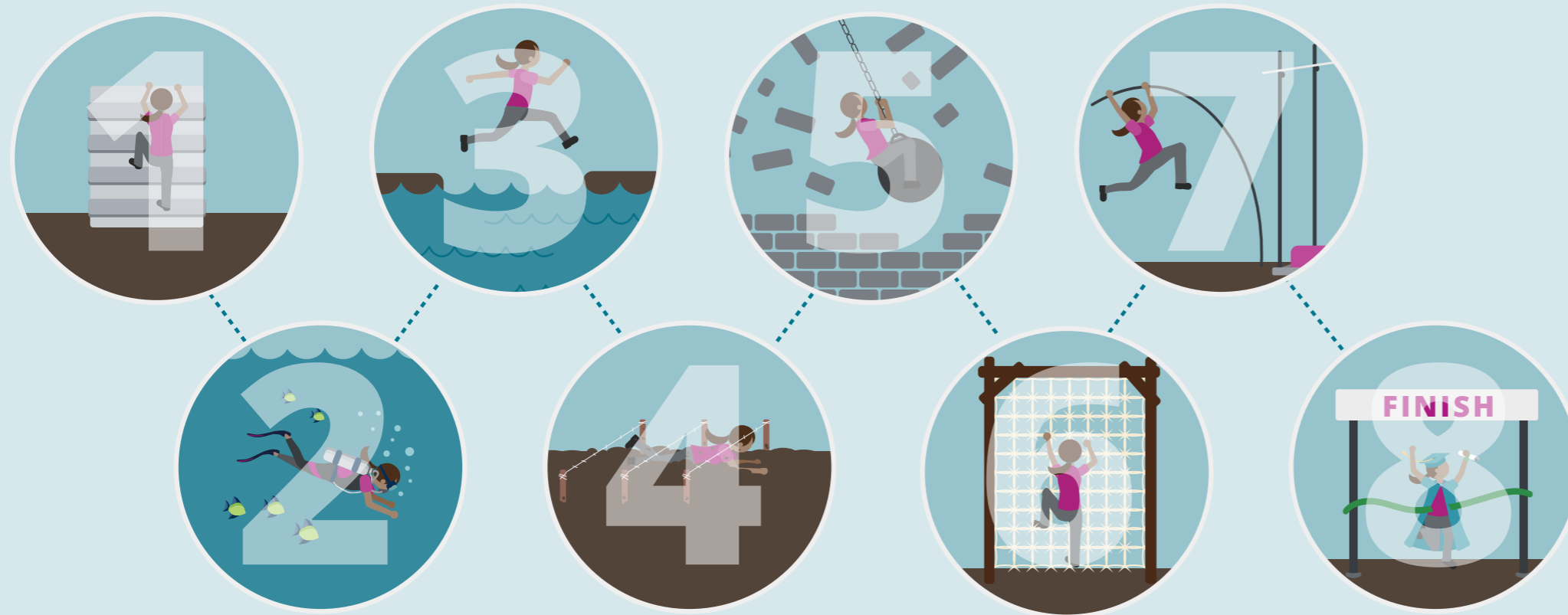


# Striding Toward Student Engagement and Achievement

## A Steeplechase for Learning



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PrepSTEP® *for Community Colleges*

As a community college educator, whether you are instructing science or math related subjects, English language arts, civics, history and governments or other subjects, your challenge is to help your students at all levels achieve proficiency. Doing so may feel like running a 3,000-meter steeplechase — a theoretical learning obstacle course — for both you and your students.

A steeplechase, fashioned after the equestrian event by the same name, originated in Britain as a cross-country foot race. Individuals would race from church to church toward the highest visible structures — the steeples — jumping over streams, water barriers and rock walls in the process.

For most college students, educators may not need to offer enhanced learning, may not need to offer enhanced learning to the students who achieve subject mastery on their own, clearing hurdles effortlessly. However, less engaged students may not master learning goals as easily and need supplemental resources to help them clear their learning challenges.

From knowing where to begin the first lesson, to selecting supplemental learning tools, to helping students master the content, to measuring the effectiveness and results of their learning, instructors face challenges. Your challenge in helping students navigate multiple learning streams, water barriers and rock walls is to help them reach the highest steeple: subject mastery.

To aid in individualized learning, expand your library's online eLearning collection to include EBSCO LearningExpress *PrepSTEP™ for Community Colleges*, a web-based resource that offers academic skill-building, standardized test preparation and more.

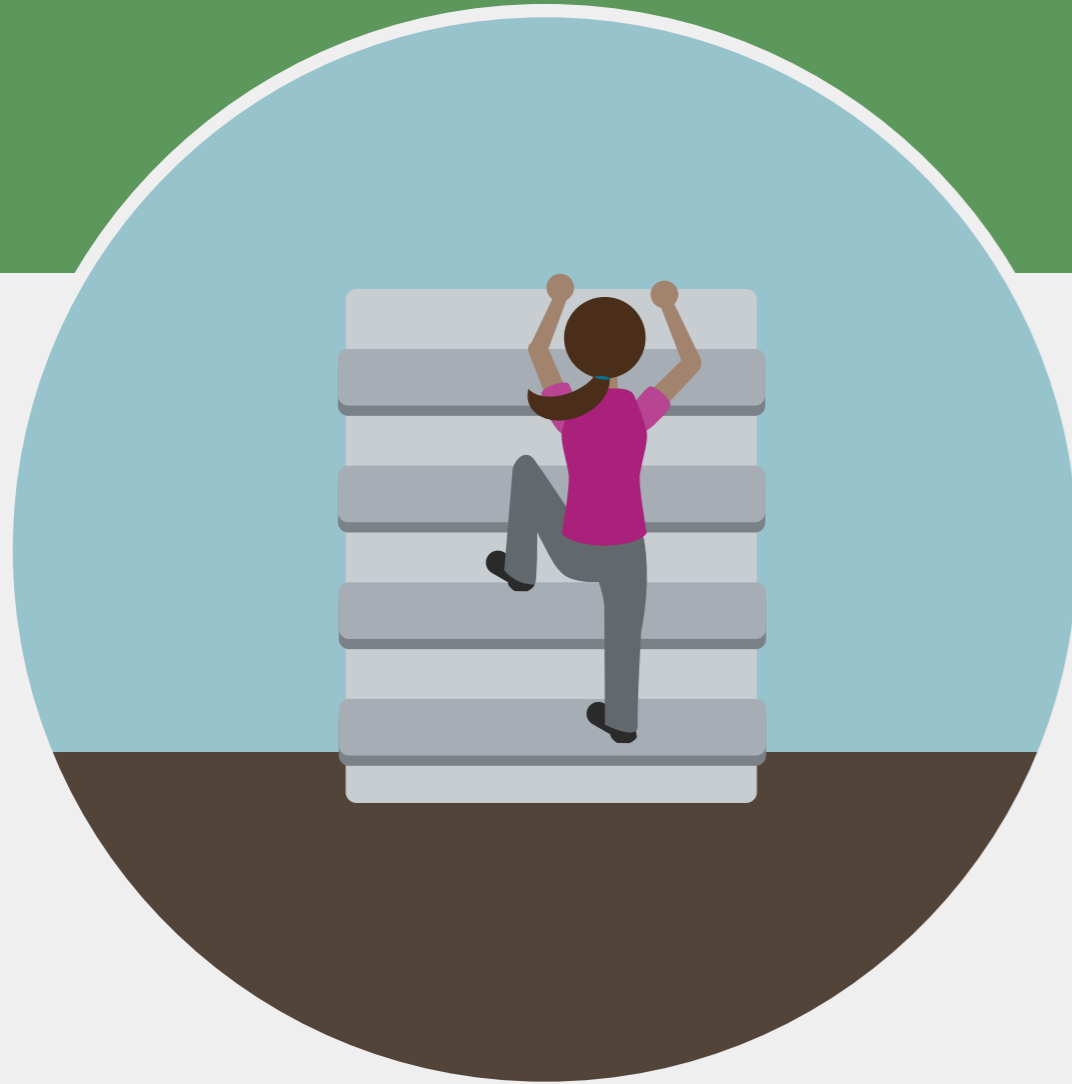
Come walk through its basic learning centers — High School Equivalency, Placement Test Preparation, College Success Skills, Core Math and Science Skills, Core English Skills, Basic Computer Skills, Career Preparation, ACT® and SAT® Test Preparation, and Recursos Para Hispanohablantes — and see how each can help your students (and you!) successfully navigate the steeplechase for learning.

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## Hurdle #1:

Climbing Over the Wall to a High School Equivalency

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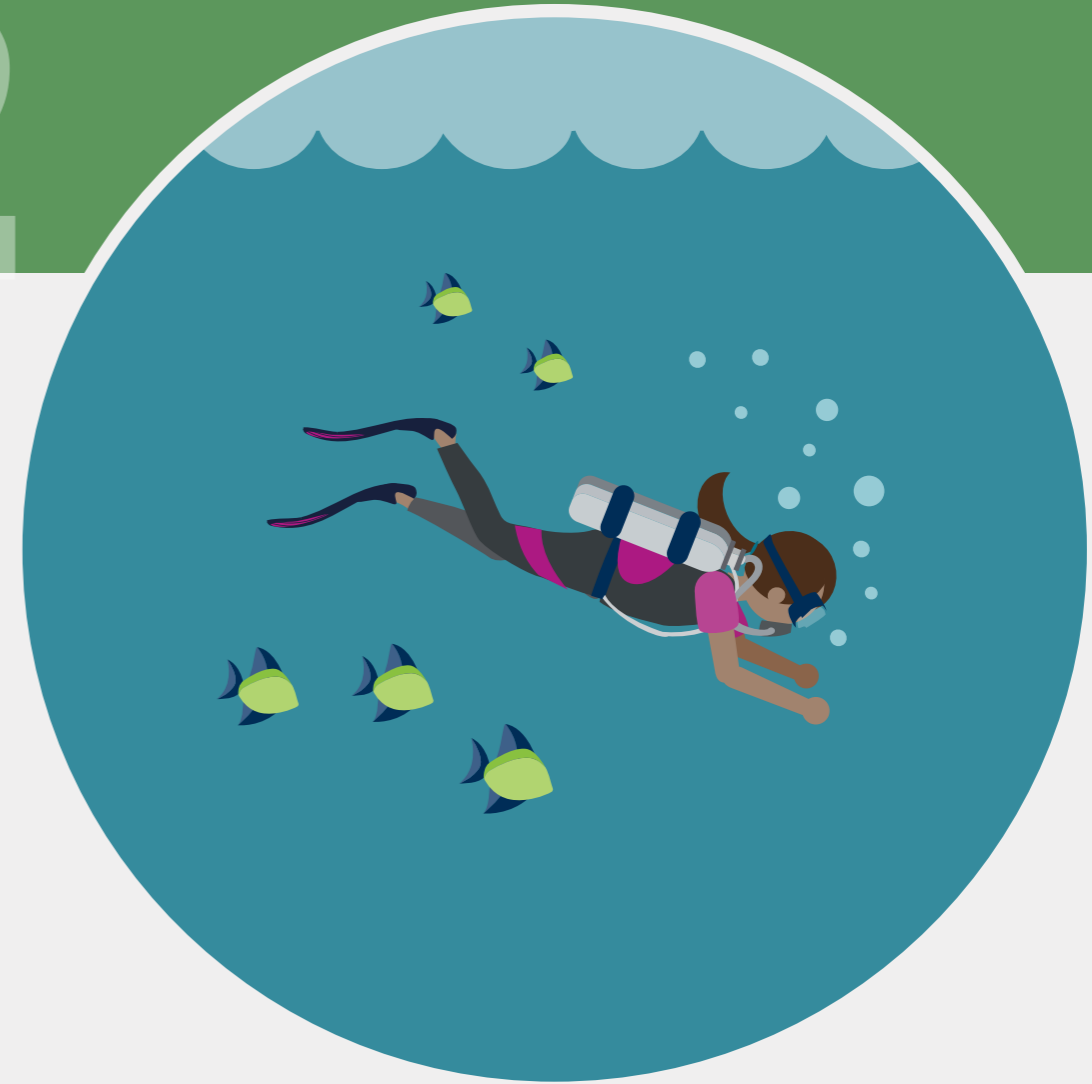


The first hurdle for some students entering community college is how to complete high school. The **High School Equivalency** center provides resources to assess readiness, build basic skills and prepare to complete high school equivalency.

## Hurdle #2:

Diving Through Placement Test Preparation

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Too often first-year students may be placed in the wrong level college class: either too advanced and they fall behind, or not in line with their current level of knowledge and a waste of their time and finances. The **Placement Test Preparation** center helps students prepare for ideal placement.



### Hurdle #3:

Navigating High Waters of Community College

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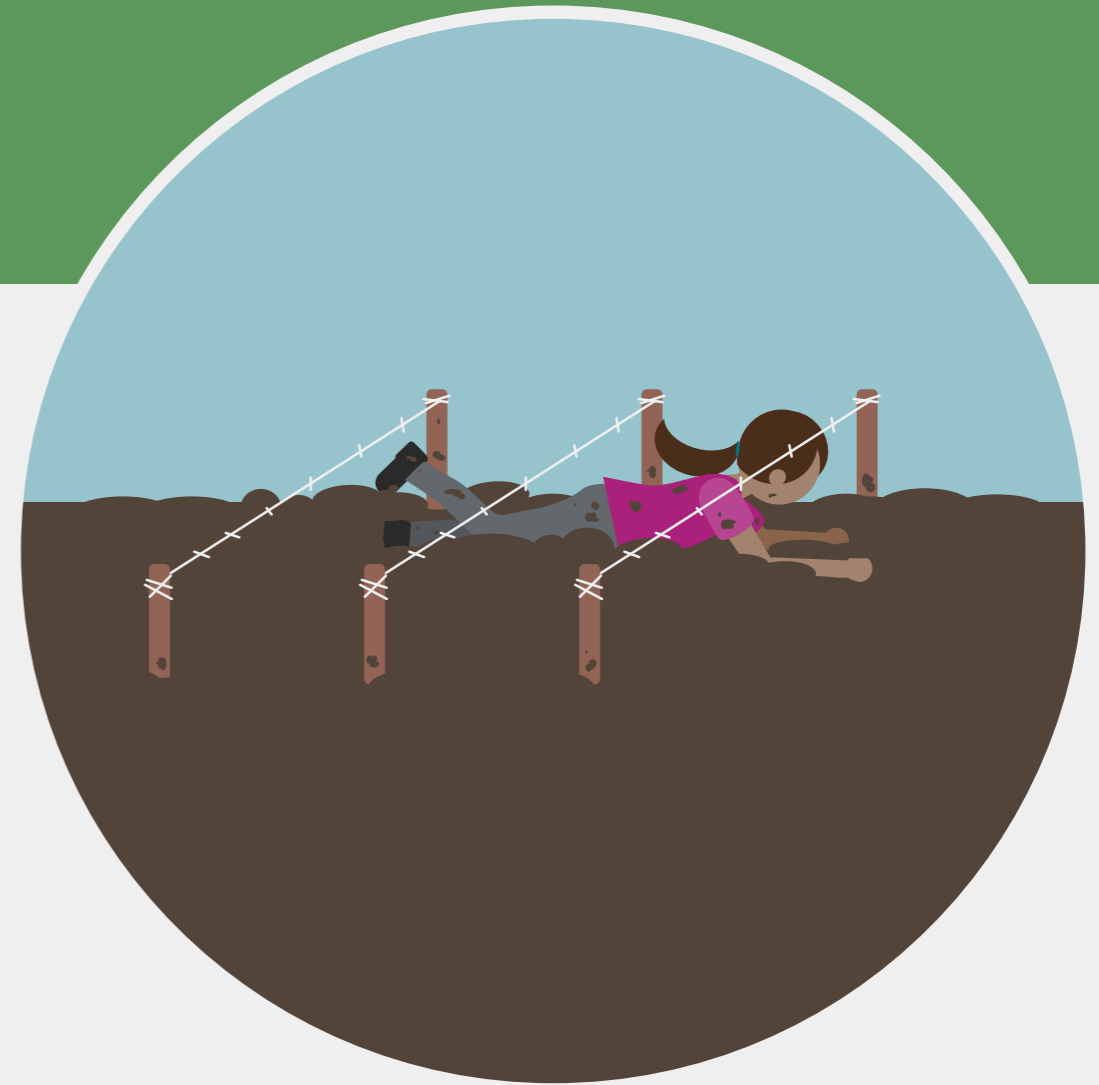


A critical early hurdle for many community college students is how to succeed in college. The **College Success Skills** center teaches soft skills on how to win in school and beyond. Students can expand their soft skills in areas such as organizational strategies, developing information literacy skills, how to get academic support, personal success skills, and more.

### Hurdle #4:

Conquering a Muddy Path Through Math and Science

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For some students, the struggle with STEM subjects is real. The **Core Math and Science Skills** center offers students help in these areas: developmental math, algebra, geometry, introductory statistics and probability, pre-calculus and calculus, and chemistry, biology, and physics.



## Hurdle #5:

Breaking Down Walls to Understanding English Language Arts

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Reading is a basis for learning. Students who read well may master other subjects more readily. Some students may not be reading at the college level, and the **Core English Skills** center will give added support in reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. Related content is also in the Recursos Para Hispanohablantes, a center in Spanish language to help students improve basic skills.

## Hurdle #6:

Climbing All Over Computer Skills

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Computers have become a necessity; at home, at work, and at school. Close the digital gap and give your students the help they need in using today's computers and technology. **Core Computer Skills** center offers self-paced online video tutorials to help students learn the fundamentals of using a computer, navigating the Internet, and mastering the most commonly used Microsoft Software applications.



## Hurdle #5: Jumping Into Career Exploration

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Community college is perfect preparation for many careers that require certifications and licensure. The **Career Preparation** center gives students a place to learn about careers, prepare for entrance exams, and occupation exams, build workplace skills, prepare for WorkKeys® Assessments or prepare to enter the military (ASVAB prep).

## Hurdle #6: Plotting a Path to a Future

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Graduation is the finish line for most students, earning an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. For others, it is moving onto careers, the military or more education.



## Educator as Coach

As an educator, you were mentally clearing every hurdle along with your students. Way to go, coach! With EBSCO LearningExpress *PrepSTEP™ for Community Colleges*, we're in the race with you, supplementing learning resources for academic, career and soft-skills.

EBSCO LearningExpress *PrepSTEP™ for Community Colleges* helps educators and students clear their personal teaching and learning hurdles by offering a personalized learning experience. The LearningExpress 24/7 web presence makes it easy for students to access online interactive tools — such as tutorials, practice tests, DRM free e-books, articles, flash cards and more — at their own pace and schedule.

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