

## **SENSE Special-Focus Modules**

For an additional fee, a participating *SENSE* college may add a maximum of two Special-Focus Modules of up to 12 items each to the survey. These modules may be chosen from the Center's collection of [Standard Special-Focus Modules](#) (also listed below). Alternatively, a college may opt to create [Custom Special-Focus Modules](#) by selecting items from the [Additional Items Catalog](#), developing new items, or submitting a combination of both. Please visit the [Membership Options](#) section of the website for more information. **NOTE:** When selecting additional items, be sure to check items against those on [SENSE](#) to avoid overlap. The Academic Advising and Planning (2016) module is part of ongoing Center research. For the 2016 administration, colleges will automatically receive this module free of charge unless they select TWO fee-based module options.

- *SENSE* Special-Focus Module - Academic Advising and Planning (2016)
- [SENSE Special-Focus Module - Building Relationships](#)
- [SENSE Special-Focus Module - Commitment and Support](#)
- [SENSE Special-Focus Module - Engagement through Technology](#)
- [SENSE Special-Focus Module - Financial Assistance](#)
- [SENSE Special-Focus Module - Promising Practices for Community College Student Success](#)
- [SENSE Special-Focus Module - Student Success Courses](#)

## **DRAFT – Special-focus Module Questions for Fall 2016 SENSE**

### **SENSE Special-Focus Module – Building Relationships**

4. When I needed help with my coursework during my first three weeks at this college, I felt comfortable asking someone for assistance.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. I did not need help.
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

5. If I needed help with my coursework at this college, I most often sought help from

- a. An instructor
- b. Another college staff member
- c. A fellow student
- d. I needed help with my coursework, but I did not seek it.
- e. I did not need help with my coursework.

**SENSE Special-Focus Module – Commitment and Support**

7. I will have the money necessary to pay the tuition required in order to attain my educational goals.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

9. I will have the money necessary to pay for school supplies (books, computers, etc.) that are essential for attaining my educational goals.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

10. Time spent working will interfere with my ability to succeed in college.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

11. Time spent caring for dependents will interfere with my ability to succeed in college.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

**SENSE Special Focus Module – Student Financial Assistance**

2. If you did not fill out the form for financial assistance (FAFSA), what was the main reason you did not? Mark only one response.

- a. Did not want to provide sensitive, personal information (such as tax or immigration information)
- b. The form was too complex/complicated to fill out
- c. Did not think I would qualify for financial assistance
- d. Did not need any financial assistance
- e. Other

3. If you did not fill out the form for financial assistance (FAFSA) because you thought that you would not qualify for financial assistance, what was the main reason you thought you would not receive any financial assistance? Mark only one response.

- a. My income and/or family's income or savings are too much for me to qualify for financial assistance
- b. I would not qualify for financial assistance due to the number of credit hours I am taking
- c. I would not qualify for financial assistance due to poor grades
- d. Someone told me I would not be eligible
- e. Other

9. Which of the following is/was most likely to interfere with your ability to stay in college?

- a. Cost of tuition and books
- b. Housing expenses
- c. Childcare expenses
- d. Transportation expenses
- e. Other non-financial reasons

10. The financial assistance I received is/was enough to cover my tuition, books, and fees for this academic year.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I did not receive financial assistance through the college.

11. The college's financial assistance office staff members were helpful.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree e. Strongly Disagree

12. The college's financial assistance office staff members helped me to complete my application for financial assistance.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

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**SENSE Special-Focus Module: Promising Practices for Community College Student Success**

11. I feel that I am on track to reach my academic goals at this college within my expected time frame.

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Not sure
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

12. Someone at this college contacts me if I am struggling with my studies to help me get the assistance I need.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not applicable; I have not experienced academic difficulties at this college

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