

The University of Texas at San Antonio and Northwest Vista College, Alamo College District, will collaborate with Education Northwest (EDNW) and InsideTrack for ***UTSA One: Helping First Generation Students Seize Opportunities, Navigate Transitions and Explore Possibilities.***

UTSA One proposes to implement two recommendations from the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) practice guide, “Effective Advising for Post-Secondary Students,” to evaluate the impact of success coaching and positive incentives for engagement on first generation, full-time, first time and transfer students at an urban, four-year public university serving a large population of Latinx and low-income students. The overarching goal of UTSA One is to refine and scale coaching, develop guided learning pathways and utilize system-level financial incentives to support first generation students that come from economically-disadvantaged public high schools as determined by the Texas Education Agency. The outcomes of UTSA One include identifying specific coaching programming that effectively impacts the first-generation population, building a structural success practice that could be applied in similar university partnerships in the U.S., and test a financial incentive model to address the cost of experience concern for the first-generation population. UTSA One will serve 450 first generation students each year at two campuses: UTSA and Northwest Vista College in San Antonio for four years.

Education Northwest has designed an evaluation plan that meets WWC standards without reservations. The evaluation plan will use a regression discontinuity (RD) design to examine the impact of UTSA One on cumulative GPA, credit accumulation, and college persistence. Access to the UTSA One program is determined by the percentage of students who were economically disadvantaged in their high school. InsideTrack will provide training and certification in their coaching methodology to UTSA One coaches.