

Institutional Capacity Framework and Assessment Tool (ICAT)

Understand where you've been, so that your campus can build a path forward, grounded in the fundamentals that make transformation possible.

Achieving the Dream's Institutional Capacity Framework is a comprehensive approach to addressing the emerging needs of the field to improve results for all students. The framework is built on seven essential capacities for colleges to create the student-focused culture that promotes student success.



Student and Community Centered

With student and community centeredness at the nexus of — and connected to — all seven capacities, the Achieving the Dream (ATD) framework weaves together research, ATD Network experience, and the best thinking about student success from the field with the successful strategies already underway on campus:

- Redesigning academic and career pathways
- Engaging faculty in student success
- Putting data and information in the hands of faculty and advisors for evidence-based decisions
- Preparing for accreditation
- Integrating planning and advising systems
- Addressing students' financial challenges to help them continue their studies



Learn how we can support your student success goals by contacting us at ATDservices@achievingthedream.org or scan this code to find out more. <https://achievingthedream.org/services/>

While ATD's Annual Network Benefits come with unlimited access to the ICAT, colleges may elect to participate in an ICAT Capacity Café, a comprehensive, on-campus workshop facilitated by ATD coaches to discuss results.