

Enhanced High-Tech DirectConnect to UCF Pathway

Program Innovation Award

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Motivated by the desire to offer students a more intentional, streamlined, and guided path to UCF, the DirectConnect to UCF Pathway is a tool that guides students through their transfer into the University. On the Pathway, students must pass through multiple stages of skill development, each with purposeful activities, expectations, and learning outcomes. This project will assist with the enhancements of: 1) A mobile app that will boost the communication channels available to students and stimulate interaction and connection with learning content, advisors, and peers in the Pathway; 2) A learning-gaming environment built around skill development that will help students to better develop, connect, and articulate their academic and career plans, linking stages of the games' high impact activities to real world scenarios; 3) Augmented realities that will allow students, in a virtual way, to make connections with the University, academic colleges/programs, and career-based resources via interactive and virtual technologies.