Corequisite Adoption vs. DevEd Elimination

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Corequisite courses have been shown to be a viable alternative to traditional developmental education (DevEd) courses. Despite this, community colleges continue to offer DevEd courses even when they have adopted and implemented corequisite courses. In a recent Tyton Partners survey of math practitioners in the DevEd field, respondents reported high rates of corequisite adoption and implementation on their campuses. This is true for institutions who are ahead of DevEd reform practices (scaling), ones who are in the process of implementing them (advancing), and ones who are just considering them (emerging).

At the same time, the respondents also reported low rates of eliminating developmental education courses. Even within the “scaling” group where 80% reported corequisite adoption and implementation, only 21% reported eliminating DevEd courses, which shows that for all three groups, the elimination of DevEd courses is not keeping pace with the adoption of corequisites. This Points of Interest shows that although practitioners report a high rate of adoption and implementation of corequisite courses at their institutions, they also report low rates of eliminating developmental education courses.

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