What is a SENSE special-focus module?

Colleges have the option to add up to two special-focus modules of 12 items each using a custom special-focus module or choosing from our collection of standard special-focus modules for an additional fee:

- Academic Advising and Planning
- Building Relationships
- Commitment and Support
- Early Self-Reported Outcomes
- Financial Assistance
- Guided Pathways
- Promising Practices for Community College Student Success
- Student Success Courses
- The Working Learner

Frequently, we offer a specific special-focus module free of charge, as part of an initiative exploring a topic of interest to the community college field. This free module is provided to all colleges administering SENSE that do not add two special-focus modules of their own choosing. Students are asked to mark their responses under “Additional Items” at the end of the survey. The results from these items are provided as frequency distributions with colleges’ standard SENSE reports.

2022’s Transfer items

Colleges that administer SENSE 2022 and do not add two special-focus modules of their own choosing will receive 12 free items about Transfer (shown below). The items solicit information about transfer supports and the student experience.

Mark only one response for each item.

1. Did you receive a federal Pell Grant as part of your financial aid package at this college this year?
   a. Yes
   b. No

2. Have you decided on a program, major, or pathway of study at this college?
   a. Yes
   b. No

3. Has a staff member or instructor at this college talked with you about the application process for transferring to a four-year college or university?
   a. Yes
   b. No

4. Has a staff member or instructor at this college discouraged you from transferring to a four-year college or university?
   a. Yes
   b. No
5. Which of the following statements best describes your intentions regarding transfer to a four-year college or university?
   a. I know where I want to transfer, and I know what I want to study
   b. I know where I want to transfer, but I don’t know yet what I want to study
   c. I know what I want to study, but I don’t know yet where I want to transfer
   d. I don’t know yet where I want to transfer AND I don’t know yet what I want to study
   e. I am not planning to transfer to a four-year college or university

NOTE: If you plan on transferring to a four-year college or university OR if you are unsure if you will transfer to a four-year college or university, please answer the remaining questions.

6. Do you plan to earn a certificate or an associate degree at this college before transferring to a four-year college or university?
   a. Yes, I am planning to earn a certificate
   b. Yes, I am planning to earn an associate degree
   c. Yes, I am planning to earn both a certificate and an associate degree
   d. No
   e. I am not sure

7. What type of four-year college or university is your first choice for transfer?
   a. In-state public four-year college or university
   b. In-state private four-year college or university
   c. Out-of-state public four-year college or university
   d. Out-of-state private four-year college or university
   e. I am not sure

8. Has a staff member at this college talked with you about which credits will transfer toward the four-year college(s) or university(s) of your choice?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. I have not chosen a four-year college or university to which I want to transfer

9. Has a staff member at this college talked with you about the total cost to complete your education all the way through to your bachelor’s degree?
   a. Yes
   b. No

10. Has a staff member at this college talked with you about how you will pay for your education all the way through to your bachelor’s degree?
    a. Yes
    b. No

11. How useful is the information about how to transfer to a four-year college or university on this college’s website?
    a. Very
    b. Somewhat
    c. Not at all
    d. I am not aware of information about how to transfer to a four-year college or university on this college’s website

12. Who are you most likely to rely on for guidance about transferring to a four-year college or university?
    a. Instructors at this college
    b. Staff (not instructors) at this college
    c. Staff from potential four-year college or university
    d. Friends, family, or other students