A holistic and student-centered approach to re-enrolling and retaining stopouts

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Introductions



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About Gateway Technical College

- Wisconsin Technical College Systems
- Located in Southeastern WI
 - Serving Kenosha, Racine, &
 Walworth Counties
- Serve over 19,000+ students annually



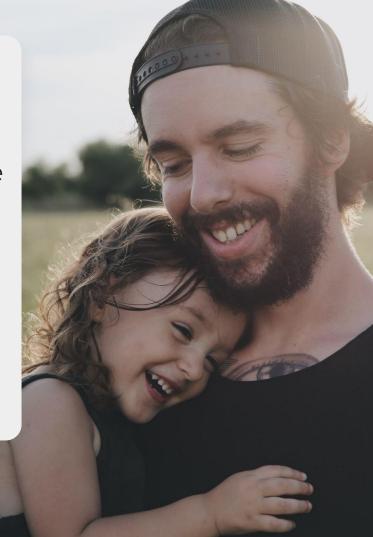
40M+

Americans who have Some College & No Credential (SCNC)

746,703 in Wisconsin alone

89% want to return (Inside Higher Ed)

- 64% work (40% Full-Time)
- 24% have children



Some College, No Credential Learners by County

Gateway District

County	Total #	% Population
Kenosha	24,943	21.6%
Racine	30,282	22.3%
Walworth	16,213	22.6%

Source: US Census Bureau



Why Focus on Stopouts?



Support Degree Completion



Impact social and economic mobility through education, specifically by earning a post-secondary degree



Providing support those students and helping them realize that it's not too late to achieve their goal



How Gateway approached this population historically?

- "Do what we could"
- Academic Advisors with non-returning students through phone calls, emails and texts
- Registration campaigns
- College-wide call nights focusing on non-returning students
- Follow-up after initial stop out semester was not consistent
- Needed a holistic, systematic strategic appraoch





REUP



Patented approach to data



Unique, student-centered coaching method



Scalable,
right-time
enrollment tools

Our Mission is Aligned with Yours



We believe in fresh starts



We re-empower students



We make a complex process easy for students



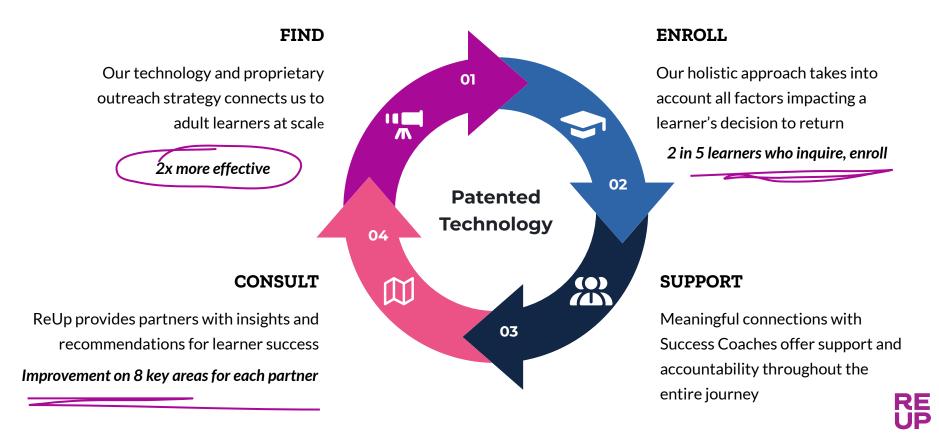
Our incentives are aligned with the student and the institution



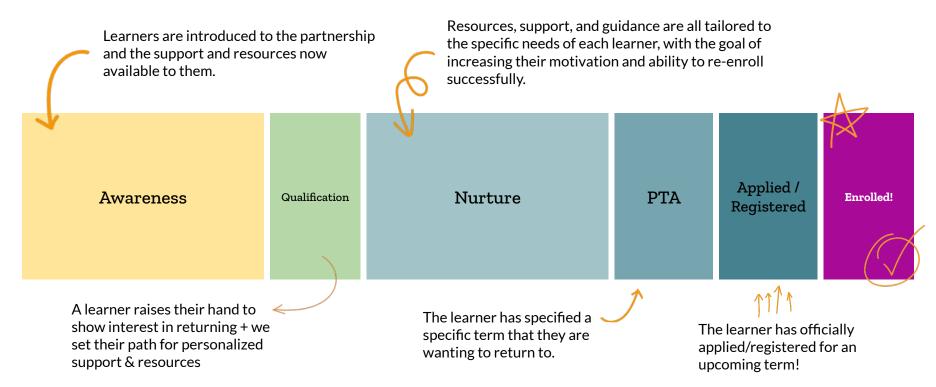
We help students achieve their academic and life goals



We are uniquely positioned to serve adult learners.



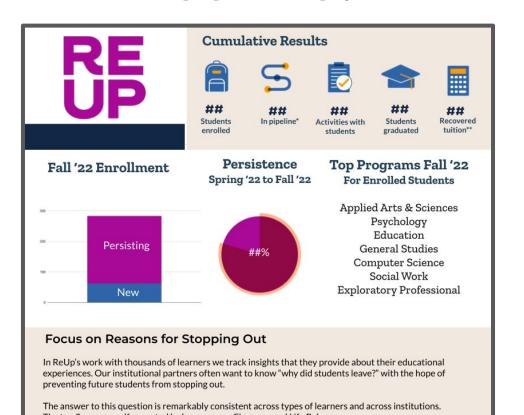
The ReUp Learner Experience





Not only do we support your learners—we support you, too.

Sample partner one-pager







Partnership

Launched the program in January 2023

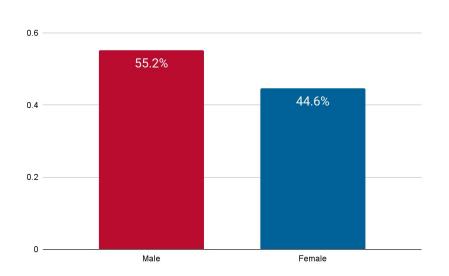
Pulled 23,128 students from the past 20 years who stopped out

- Previously active in a post-secondary program
- Did not earn a credential at Gateway (or another institution)
- Not currently enrolled at Gateway (or another institution)

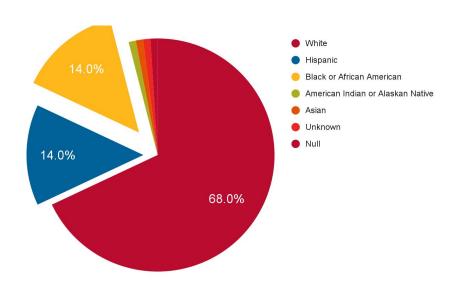


Stopouts by Gender & Race/Ethnicity





Race/Ethnicity





Stopouts by Credits Earned

77% 17%

4%

Have up to 29 Credit Hours

Have between 40 - 59 Credit Hours

Have between 60 and 89 **Credit Hours**



Focused Approach (Re-Entry Navigator)

- Serves as the liaison with ReUp Student Success Coaches and is the main point of contact for the returning students
- Ensures smooth readmission process and maintains follow-up contact with returning students
- Helps to address identified barriers related to the reentry
- Coordinates financial support related to readmission



Re-Enrollment Support

- Application fee waiver
- Financial support for admissions fees (i.e. criminal background checks)
- Technology support
- Navigator ensures the students are connected to the appropriate departments to assist with their questions (re-enrolling, course substitution, student balance, etc.)

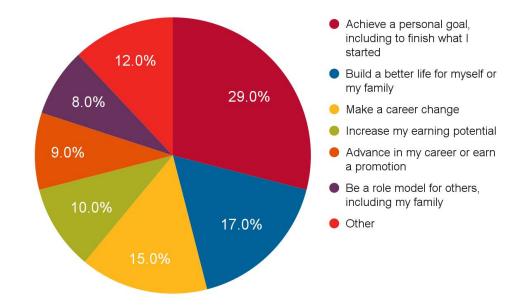


Changes in Policies

- Policy reviews to reduce barriers
 - Debt forgiveness
 - Adult Promise Program
 - Technology Support
- Importance of single/primary point of contact
 - Re-Entry Navigator
 - Insight from ReUp's efforts inform our recruitment and marketing approach



Motivators to Return





Gateway Technical College Results

(as of Fall 2023)



Activities with Students 334K+



Coaching Sessions 415



Re-enrolled Students

273



Engaged and in the Funnel

776



Re-Enrolled by Last Date of Attendance

146
1 to 5 Years LDA

716 to 10 Years LDA

5610 to 20 Years LDA



Measuring success against our goals



Building a **scalable** and **systematic** re-enrollment structure that allows us to provide meaningful support



Re-engage stopouts with a solution focused on not just re-enrollment, but **support** through degree attainment



Drive social and economic mobility for students, which in turn supports workforce needs



Thanks for attending! Questions?

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