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*The state's definition of Basic Skills are "those foundation skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and English as a Second Language, as well as learning skills and study skills, which are necessary for students to succeed in college-level work. . . . To the extent that a student is unable to succeed in college-level coursework due to the inability to write, speak, read or comprehend English. ESL skills may be considered as foundation skills in accordance with the definition."*




Basic Skills Initiative

The mission of Saddleback's Basic Skills Initiative is "to establish a comprehensive and interactive college-wide approach to building students' basic skills to prepare them for success with college-level coursework while supporting them to reach their educational goals. Faculty and staff across the disciplines provide this supportive foundation by using the best practices in basic skills' education (i. e. reading, writing, math, and ESL)."

The time is right for faculty and administrators, across the curriculum, to dialogue about how our students learn and what we can do to increase their persistence, retention and success. We have this opportunity with BSI.


Important Information

BSI Pilot Projects:

- [Projects Approved for 2010-2011](#) 
- [REQUEST FOR BSI FUNDING](#) 
- [Sample Funding Request Proposal](#) 

Documents

PowerPoints

- [Inservice Kickoff Presentation](#) 
- [Inservice Presentation on Academic Reading](#) 
- BSI Faculty Workshop #3: [Saddleback's ESL Diversity: Meeting the Challenge](#)

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