

The Importance of a Student Background Survey

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ASK ABOUT:

- familiarity w/subject
- obstacles to learning
- interests

3-5 Questions

ASSESS:

- past experiences w/subject
- barriers to learning
- how interests connect to course

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INVITE:

- ongoing student feedback
- individual conversation re: obstacles
- creativity in assignments

REPLY WITH:

- how course relates to prior learning
- strategies for success
- how to incorporate interests

Results:

- Anticipated challenges
- Proactive outreach
- Two-way communication
- Increased student success