

Marion Center – Resource Center
Five-Year Vision – Executive Summary

The Marion Center and Resource Center deliver college credit programs and support services to over 1,500 students each semester.

Shared Vision

To become the primary point of contact for people living in;

- Marion and northern Linn County
- The neighborhood of the Kirkwood Resource Center and/or working in the greater downtown Cedar Rapids area.

Major Initiatives

1. Develop new programs to be delivered at the Resource Center, including but not limited to;
 - a. Career Edge Academies
 - b. Advance Programs (Web-Enhanced, Accelerated Learning Format)
 - c. Learning Services and Success Courses
2. Develop a comprehensive 5-year Strategic Plan for the Marion Center to include a possible building expansion based on enrollment growth projections.
3. Assess student needs in order to develop a long term instructional plan and student support services, including;
 - a. Course/Program needs
 - b. Study area needs
 - c. Writing/Science lab needs
 - d. Adjunct faculty/Office needs
 - e. Conference/Meeting Rooms
 - f. Learning Services and Success Courses
 - g. Tutor Support
 - h. Partnerships with High Schools

Capacity

1. Evaluate Center team skills and ensure that all skills are utilized.
2. Hire a full-time Student Services Specialist to be shared between the Marion Center and Resource Center to focus on outreach and proactive retention of the students at both locations.
3. Hire additional shared faculty at the Marion Center and Resource Center in partnership with campus-based departments.

Ownership

The Marion Center and Resource Center teams share a common commitment to serving students with diverse backgrounds and learning needs. They are committed to providing exemplary programs and services to their students.

Support

These two Centers are strategically located and are an integral part of the delivery of college credit instruction and student support services for Kirkwood. The success of the instructional delivery at these Centers is contingent upon maintaining open communication and collaboration with campus-based departments and support services.

Dashboard Indicators

- Average section size of face to face classes and instructional television classes.
- Percentage of usage of conference rooms, computer lab and testing facility.
- Software and hardware requirements for computers in classrooms and labs
- Unique student headcount each semester
- A written program plan for the Marion Center and Resource Center
- A written facility plan for the Marion Center