



Facilitate pathways into the program

Look for opportunities to facilitate pathways into the program for students who have limited—or even no—prior computing experience, as well as those who might not automatically view themselves as computing majors. Just because students might lack computing experience coming in, it doesn't mean that they can't be highly successful in the program. Work to make your program recognized as a program where students can learn and be successful, even if they don't have prior experience or don't fit societal stereotypes of computer scientists.

****Note:** Facilitating pathways does not mean lowering standards.

Some ways you can facilitate pathways into the program include:

1. Ensuring that admissions policies value **potential** for student success (through characteristics like resilience and problem-solving) over prior computing experience.
 2. Remove unnecessary prerequisites for introductory courses or the major.
 3. Create articulation agreements and transfer pathways with local community colleges or dual enrollment programs with high schools.
 4. Don't limit entry into the major by raising requirements for admittance beyond what is necessary for student success.
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