

Thrive At-A-Glance

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Transition Theory (Nancy K Schlossberg, 1984)

A curricular approach should be based in developmental research and theory. The Office of Residence Life has selected Nancy K. Schlossberg's (1984) Transition Theory as the basis for our work. This theory offers a framework to support students in transition as they consider the situation, self, support (resources), and strategies.

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Educational Priority

An educational priority statement outlines what students will learn during their residential experience. The Office of Residence Life educational priority is, *"By engaging in a residential experience that bridges living and learning, students will become curious individuals who embrace challenges and shape communities."*

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Learning Goals

Learning goals state what students will learn. The Office of Residence Life is utilizing the Division of Student Affairs' five learning domains as our learning goals: 1) *Community Engagement*, 2) *Cultural & Human Appreciation*, 3) *Problem Solving*, 4) *Purpose & Intentionality*, and 5) *Social & Emotional Competence*.

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Competencies

Similar to learning outcomes, competencies are the skills students will gain by engaging in strategies that are designed to support the learning goals. The Office of Residence Life competencies are scaffolded using Bloom's taxonomy and students are expected to gain different competencies each academic year.

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Educational Plans

Educational plans outline when students will learn what. These plans include a sequence of strategies through which learning goals and competencies will be reached. Each experience team has created an educational plan specific to their students.

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Strategies

Strategies are the methods used to further student learning. The Office of Residence Life has selected the following departmental strategies: *Checkpoints* (i.e., RA conversations with residents), *Community Meetings*, *Community Dialogues*, *Programs*, and *Highlights* (i.e., passive communications).

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Facilitation Guides

Facilitation guides are detailed plans that provide all of the necessary information for any team member to plan/execute a strategy. The Office of Residence Life has written facilitation guides for each strategy in the educational plan.