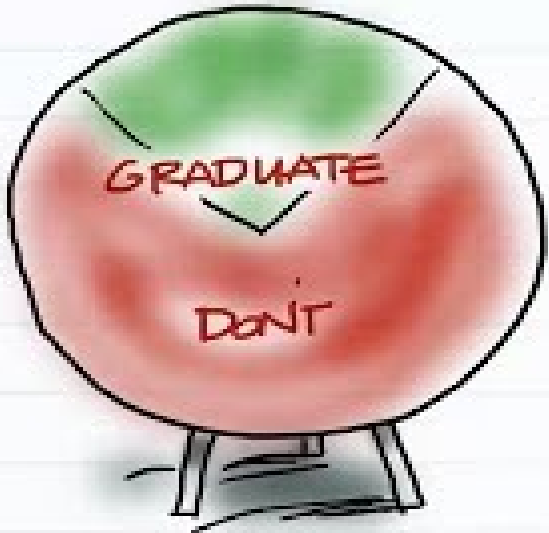


Hidden in Plain Sight:

Understanding Part-time Students

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Part-time students from a data/research perspective


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Challenges part-time students face

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Addressing the needs of part-time students

Bombardieri, Marcella. (September 2017). *Hidden in Plain Sight: Understanding Part-time College Students in America*. [Center for American Progress](#)



What are
characteristics of
part-time students?

Enrolled in up to 11 credits

Working adults

Parents or primary caregivers

Multi-taskers

Multi-challenged

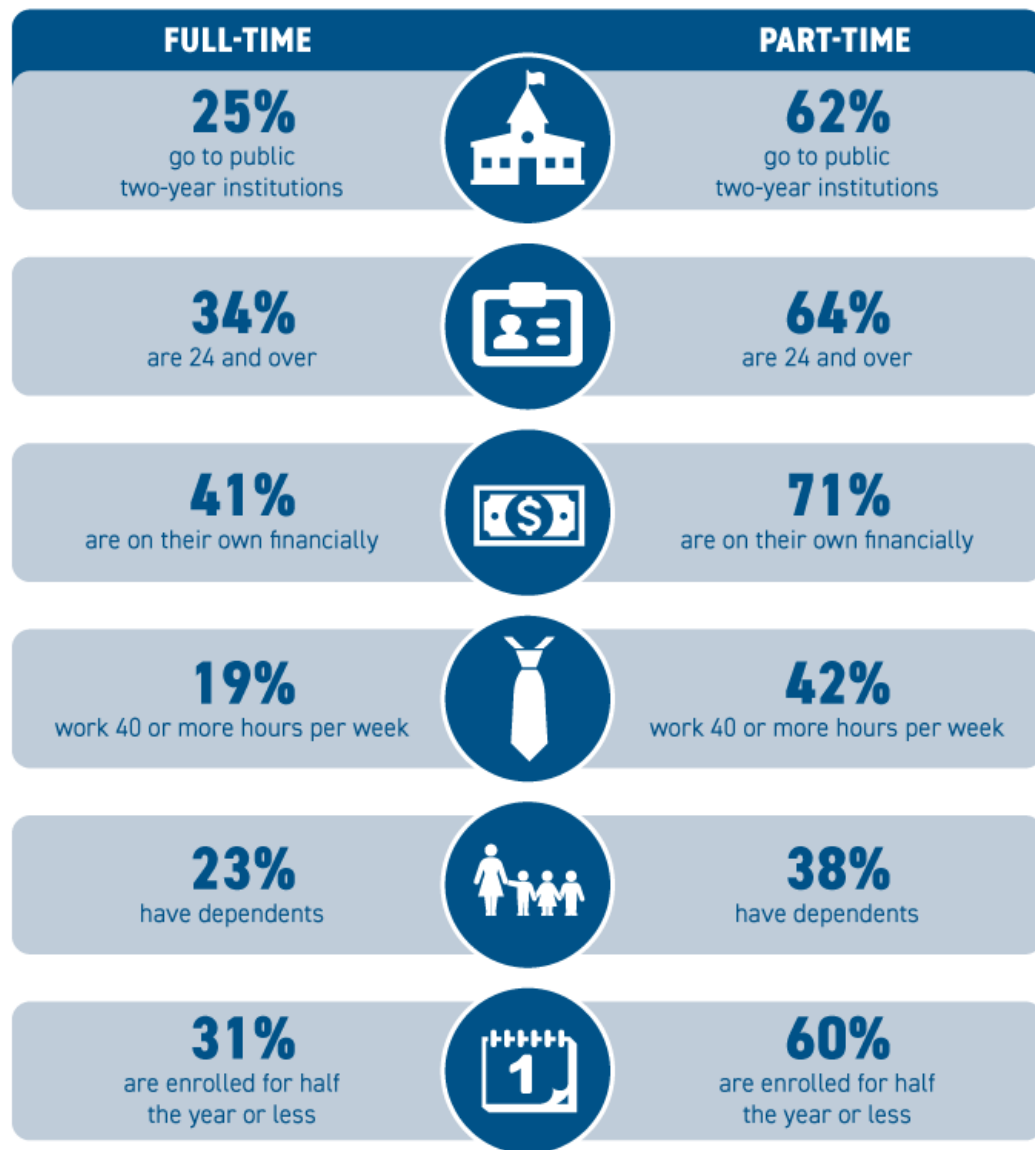
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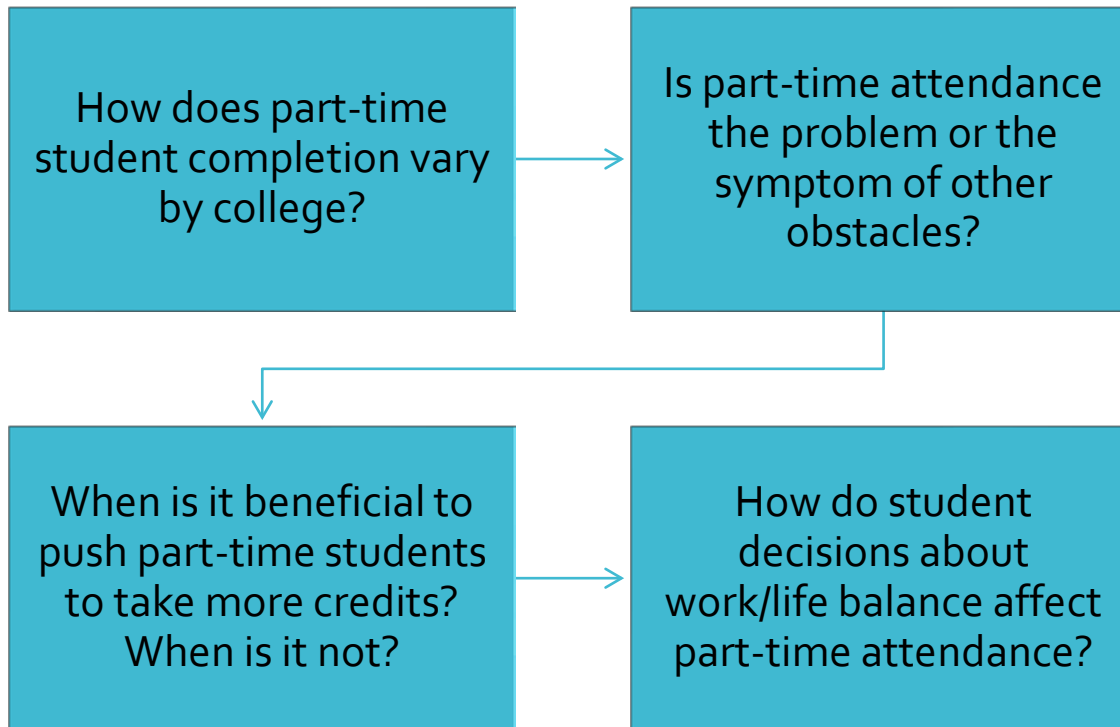
Chaotic enrollment patterns

Part-time Students:
What does the research say?

How are part-time students different from full-time students?



Source: Authors' analysis of 2011-2012 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study data from National Center for Education Statistics, "DataLab," available at <https://nces.ed.gov/datalab/> (last accessed August 2017).



Part-time Students:
What We Don't Know
(Bombardieri, 2017)

Why we
don't we
know more?

The limitations of IPEDS,
NSC, and other sources

Chaotic enrollment
patterns

Confounding
demographics



In order to
understand the
solutions...

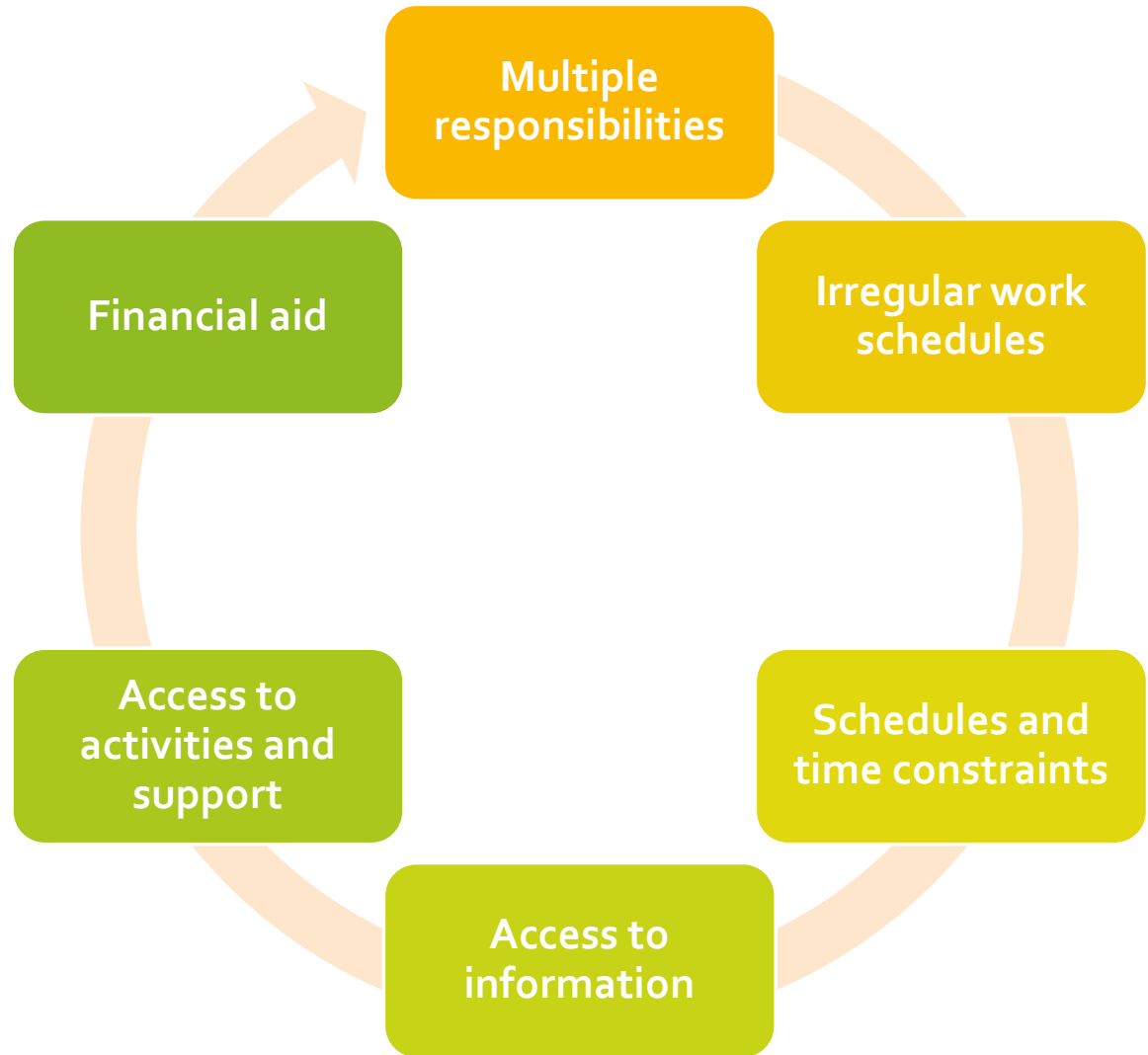
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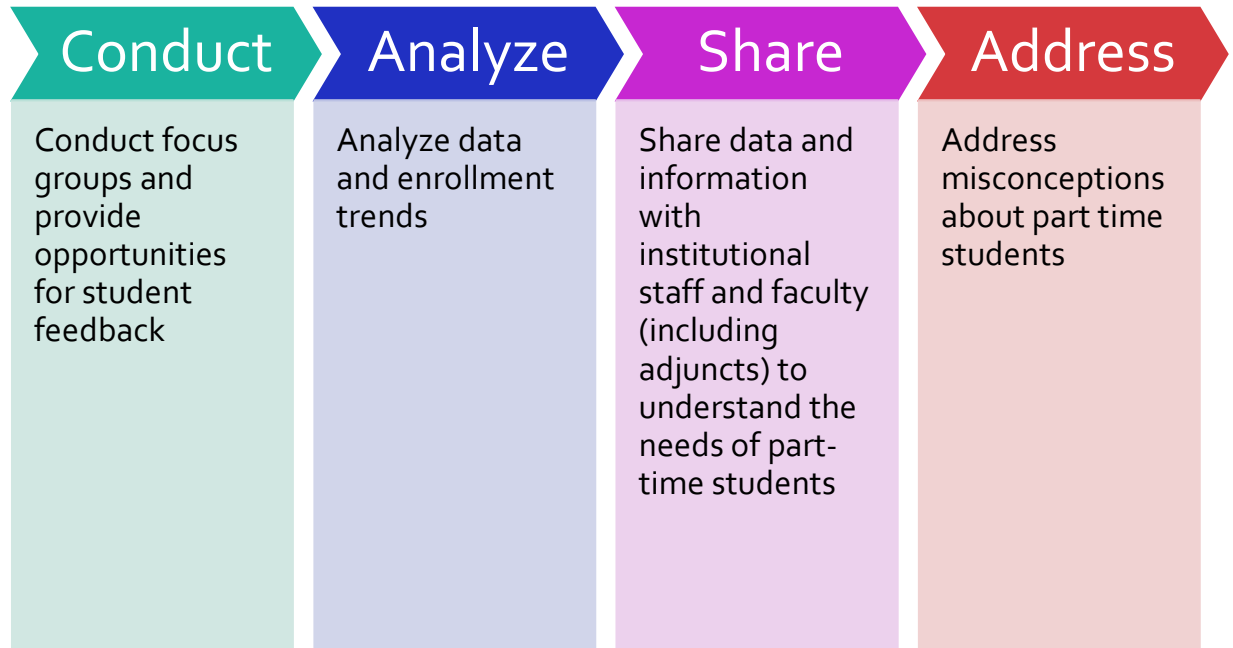
Part-time Students:

What challenges do
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Part-time Students: What are their challenges?



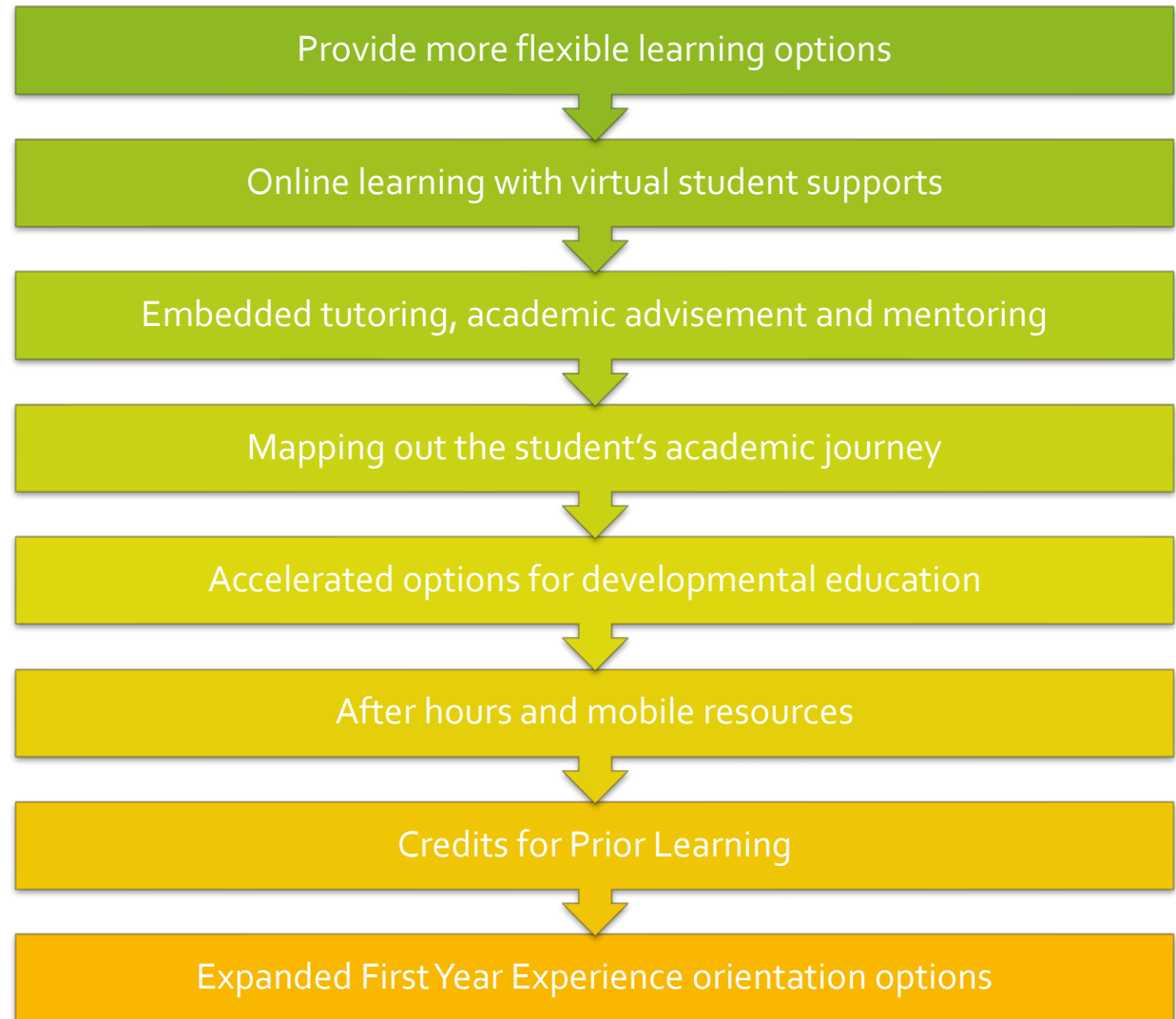
Listen and learn from the students



Look through the lens of the student

- Provide accessible student services
- Childcare and emergency/drop in childcare
- Transportation enhancements
- Online Educational Resources (OER)
- Financial aid/scholarships
- Guaranteed class schedule (double check terminology)
- Term length options
- Offer prerequisite courses frequently

Look beyond
the surface...





What are you
doing to serve
your hidden
students?

Questions?

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