## **ACADEMIC PATHWAYS**

## **OVERVIEW**

KCTCS has made a significant change in how student Academic Pathways are selected on the KCTCS application and displayed in PeopleSoft. An "academic pathway" refers to an intended major that an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) student plans to pursue upon transferring from BCTC to a four-year college or university. The KCTCS application allows for students to select specific pathways for the AA and AS degrees. See <a href="Pathways to Student Groups">Pathways</a> for the complete list of Academic Pathways. These pathways are stored in PeopleSoft and allow colleges to identify students with specific academic transfer goals.

## LOCATING PATHWAYS IN PEOPLESOFT

In PeopleSoft, advisors were once able to view student Academic Pathways in the Student Information screen on the PS Grades tab in the "Plan" field (Main Menu/KCTCS Student Administration/KCTCS Student Records/Advisors/PS Student Information). This has changed. The "Plan" field now only lists credentials offered by BCTC. Transfer students thus will show only one of three credentials: AA, AS, or the new Associate in Fine Arts (AFA).

To view a student's Academic Pathway, advisors must click the arrow in top right corner of the PS Student Information screen. Doing so expands the menu. Then click the Student Group tab. This <u>short video</u> shows how to locate Academic Pathways in PeopleSoft.

## **UPDATING PATHWAYS**

Having correct pathways listed in PeopleSoft is important to the <u>BCTC Advising Process</u>. Correct pathways allow us to assign students to advisors with expertise in a specific academic discipline. When working with an advisee, be sure to check that the advisee has the correct pathway listed. Advisees who need to update their Academic Pathway may complete a <u>Program Change Form</u>. In the space for "New Program", list both the desired credential (AA, AS, AFA) as well as the new Academic Pathway (e.g. Philosophy or Accounting).