

The EduNav Educator

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In previous volumes of *The EduNav Educator* we shared an overview of EduNav, what will change from our current processes and how those changes will impact the campus community. In this volume, we will introduce Smart Plan Rules – EduNav’s way of codifying non-published advising best practices – and share details of programs that have successfully moved from our testing site into our production site for the next round of testing and validation.

What are Smart Plan Rules?

Academic Advisors are experts in navigating curriculum. Often, that means knowing best practices for student success that are not written down anywhere. For example, a STEM degree program may recommend no more than two major courses per semester. Or perhaps it is not recommended to take multiple lab courses in a single semester but there is nothing that prohibits these “stacks” of courses. In EduNav, these sorts of best practices can be codified and layered among all our published degree requirements. [Learn more about Smart Plan Rules in this short video.](#)

“Advisors can do a better job when they have support and tools, such as easy-to-follow curriculum maps that answer basic curricular questions for students, Jaggars says. This frees up time for advisors to do more complex advising and reach out to students who may be struggling.” – [Inside Higher Ed Article](#)

Progress Towards Production

Purdue has over 200 undergraduate degree programs and over 150 minors and certificates. During the initial implementation phase of EduNav, we have partnered with the advising community and departments to combine degree requirement information published in the Catalog, faculty’s intent of their curriculum, and advisor knowledge of how students navigate the curriculum to begin the process of getting student degree plans that not only get students to degree completion, but also make sense along the way. Once the first layer of testing and validation has been completed in our testing, or sandbox, site programs are moved into production for the next round of testing/validating. [To see our progress in moving programs to production click here.](#)

Recent Updates

- The EduNav technical team is applying the “final” updates to College of Science and School of Management programs post initial implementation.
- The College of Agriculture is currently going through the initial implementation phase.
- Advisors in the Colleges of Health and Human Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Liberal Arts, and Science, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Exploratory Studies, and First-Year Engineering, have all attended hands-on training in a lab environment and are working with a small number of students (~7 per advisor) for additional testing and to provide a preview the platform.
- The myPurduePlan Issue Log has been updated to include functionality to report EduNav technical issues and include attachments.

Coming Soon

- A survey will be sent to students who had a preview of EduNav during additional advisor validation appointments fall 2022 and through April 2023 to learn more about their thoughts and to begin planning student training opportunities.
- Scheduling for initial implementation will begin for the College of Education, Honors College, programs not housed under a specific academic college, and programs needing additional collaboration.
- Initial implementation for the 2023-24 catalog term will begin for all programs.

EduNav Implementation Timeline

