

Test Bank for FOCUS on Community College Success 3rd Edition by Constance Staley

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CHAPTER 1: GETTING THE RIGHT START

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4. To maintain focus, successful students:
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