

Academic Advising Peer Clinic

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Overview

- Academic advising definition
- Expectations of advising
- The role of the third party case manager or counselor
- The first meeting
- Transcripts

What is academic advising?

 Advising is an opportunity to exchange information designed to help students reach their educational and career goals.

 Advising is a shared responsibility between an adviser and the student. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the student to make decisions about his/her life goals by creating a plan to reach those goals.

Expectations of Advising

Students will know how and where to access accurate information about policies, procedures and requirements. Students will be encouraged to make decisions that support their goals, abilities and aspirations.

Our Role...

- We realize that our students...
 - Don't always visit the campus academic advisor
 - So we help fill in the gaps and help students learn how to navigate the college system
 - Many have challenges and barriers to overcome in their personal lives
 - We work to see the student as a whole person who has many demands on their time outside of their education

Our role...

- Many of our students also have various academic challenges, such as writing skills, computer literacy, time and stress management
 - Be able to listen to their concerns and create strategies to overcome barriers
 - Be able to connect students to resources such as counseling

Our role...

- Discuss motivators with students
 - What motivates our students to begin going back to school?
 - What is the motivation behind their timeline?

The first meeting

- What do we need to know?
 - Why are they going back to school?
 - What are their goal(s)?
 - Strengths?
 - Learning Style?
 - Past classes/subjects they've excelled in?
 - Past classes/subjects that didn't go so well?
 - Challenges/barriers to overcome?

Academic Commitment

- Math
- Time Management
- Class load/study time

Transcripts

- Some students come to us with credit from previous schools, some more recent than others
- And some come to us with little to no college background
- And there is another group who come to us with transcripts from international schools

Reviewing transcripts

- What can we learn from reviewing student transcripts?
 - A students strengths and weaknesses
 - If they are on the right path or ...
 - If they are on the wrong path

Reviewing Transcripts

- What can we do when we discover a student is on the wrong path
 - Sometimes it is necessary to advise students out of a particular program

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Transcripts...

How would you advise this student? What conversation would you have with him or her?

Transcripts

- This student has grades from several years ago...
 - What are some of this students' strengths
 - Weaknesses?
 - What areas would you advise this student towards?

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Academic Renewal

• Many colleges have academic forgiveness policies whereby you can wipe your transcript free of "older" grades. This policy is intended for students who may have attended right out of high school, didn't do well academically, but now have returned and understand their commitment to education.

Resources

- NACADA
 - http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/
- Academic Impressions
 - http://www.academicimpressions.com/news/acade mic-advising-adult-learners
- Local colleges and universities

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