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Vision

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey aspires to have an advising program that is recognized for its excellence in fostering the values and learning outcomes of a liberal education.

Mission

Academic advising is an intentional and collaborative partnership between preceptors and students, the focus of which is to help students create and realize their long-term educational, professional, and personal goals, and develop critical skills that will assist in a lifetime of learning.

Preceptorial Partnership

Because good advising relationships are based on participants understanding their roles in the advising process, we believe that best practices in preceptorial advising are built around the following:

Preceptors:

1. Be available to students through office hours, phone contact, and email communication
2. Build a relationship based on mutual respect and trust
3. Provide accurate information with respect to degree progress, courses, and majors
4. Assist with academic requirements and selection of appropriate courses
5. Help students understand the goals and purposes of a liberal arts education
6. Help students identify career options as appropriate
7. Assist in the development of long-range educational plans for Stockton and beyond
8. Collaborate with other campus offices and refer students as appropriate
9. Identify experiences that will enhance students' life, education, and cultural goals, including service learning, study abroad, and internship opportunities as appropriate.

Students:

1. Meet regularly with preceptors and prepare for advising meetings
2. Develop a relationship with their preceptors based on mutual respect and trust
3. Understand and interpret the degree evaluation (CAPP)
4. Learn the curricular requirements of their degree and select appropriate courses
5. Understand the goals and purposes of a liberal arts education
6. Clarify personal career goals
7. Create a long-range educational plan for Stockton and beyond
8. Learn about Stockton resources and experiences that can enhance life and educational goals, including possibilities of service learning, study abroad, and internships
9. Understand that successfully completing the degree is the student's responsibility.

Advising Vision and Faculty Contractual Obligations

These are aspirational goals for preceptorial advising, so this document is not to be interpreted as an expansion of the contractual responsibilities of faculty; nor are these goals to be used in the evaluation of faculty for purposes of reappointment, tenure or promotion.