

GLOSSARY

Academic Advising—an ongoing, learning-centered partnership dedicated to helping students define educational goals and achieve academic success.

College Culture—community of learners that includes but is not limited to faculty/staff/student interaction and expectations, community service, and the “Learning College” philosophy (see attachment).

College Life - opportunities for student engagement in activities that include but are not limited to clubs and organizations, intramurals, cultural events, and mentoring.

College Resources— support services available to help remove barriers to student success that include but are not limited to financial aid, library resources, computer labs, technology help desk, counseling, and tutoring.

Comprehensive Educational Planning—ACA within the first two semesters, mandatory orientation, and a customized educational plan.

Educational Plan—individualized course sequence designed for college completion.

Faculty—full-time personnel whose primary responsibility is teaching.

Faculty Advisor—full-time instructors, program-specific experts, student-driven and committed to the Learning College mission who deliver program-specific educational plans.

- Initiate and maintain regular contact with all advisees
- Establish relationships that engage, educate, and empower advisees (to successfully complete their goals)
- Provide accurate, timely, and consistent information about the College and its programs
- Maintain a high degree of professionalism when relating to advisees
- Engage in personal growth and development in support of the College’s mission

First-time College Student—credential seeking full or part-time students who has never been to college after receiving high school credentials, or who has not attended a post-secondary institution within the last five years.

First Year Progression—first time college students completing at least twelve hours in their first year with a grade of “C” or better.

Orientation—interactive on-campus or online experience, mandatory prior to the second semester’s registration, focusing on the mechanics of the college experience including but not limited to email, Moodle, Patriot Port, Advising, Bookstore, Financial Aid, and other support services and campus involvement opportunities.

Professional Coach—advising coach offering pro-active advising for new and at-risk students to establish an educational plan prior to registration.

Strong faculty involvement—participation and contribution of faculty in the implementation and delivery of a message that promotes the learning college philosophy, which promotes progression and completion through proactive advising, orientation, and ACA.

Successful College Completion—is defined by achievement of certificate, diploma or degree; transfer to another institution; or completion of personal goals.