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What Can I Do with a Major In...?

Students—come and talk with MxCC Faculty & Staff! Learn about career options in every field of study. Learn about services and resources offered at MxCC!

FUN!! INFO!! PRIZES!!!

Wednesday, October 11th
10:30am-1:30pm
Chapman Hall (Upstairs)
Rooms 808 A-D



Spring 2018 Advising

MxCC's Spring 2018 Priority Registration for Continuing Students, is October 30th-November 21st.



Contact your advisor the week before to make an appointment to discuss your course selection for the spring semester. If you are unsure of who your advisor is, you may find this information by checking in the CICC, Records Office or with the division secretaries housed in Wheaton 313 and Snow 508. In addition, you may log on to www.my.commnet.edu, select Banner Self-Service, select Student records, Select View Student Information, and then look for your primary advisors name.

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

-Thomas Edison

Nursing Information Session

Are you interested in becoming an RN through the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP)? If so, attend this highly informative session with Sarah A. White, Nursing Admissions Specialist. Learn about the CT- CCNP entrance requirements and how to prepare for application to the program. Find out which courses to take at MxCC and what grades are required. Learn how students are selected for this highly competitive program; details about the CT-CCNP nursing courses and what is expected from accepted students.



CT-CCNP Colleges:

- Capital CC (Hartford)
- Gateway CC (New Haven)
- Naugatuck Valley CC (Waterbury)
- Northwestern CT CC (Winsted)
- Norwalk CC (Norwalk)
- Three Rivers CC (Norwich)

Monday, October 16th
12:30-1:30
Snow Hall Room 507



Need a Job?

Thinking about looking for employment? The Career Development & Counseling Center has a number of

Many employers list part-time, full-time, seasonal (holiday & summer), and internship opportunities with our office. These positions are available on our online job board, **CCN** (Control + Click) Click here to register (it's fast & free) and access hundreds of job listings today!

Most of these positions will request that you contact the employer to schedule a time to meet or stop by to fill out an application. However, some jobs will request that you send a resume & cover letter.

In addition, some jobs are posted on our bulletin board outside our office (Founders Hall, Room 121)

Resume & cover letter help is available in several forms: we have books and handouts in our office and online, and CCN has helpful videos and podcasts. In addition, once you have developed a draft, you can schedule an appointment with a counselor for review and recommendations.



MxCC's Annual College Transfer Fair



Is transfer in your future? If so, get answers to these and other important questions at the Transfer Fair:

- What types of majors do you have at your school?
- What are the admissions requirements for transfer students?
- What courses should I be taking now in preparation for transfer?
- What are the application and financial aid deadlines?

We anticipate that more than 30 colleges and universities will attend. Watch for details in the next few weeks.

Wednesday, November 15th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Founders Hall
Student Lounge



Planning to Transfer This Spring?

If so, it's time to start applying. Many colleges and universities have early deadlines; some are as early as October 1st. So what do you need to do? Here is a quick guide.

- 1) Identify your transfer institutions and obtain an application online. We recommend that you visit the colleges and universities you identify to get a better gauge of how well the college meets your educational as well as social needs.
- 2) Find out if you qualify as a transfer student. Many colleges and universities require a minimum number of college credit hours to be considered a transfer student. In addition, as part of your application you may have to forward high school and/or SAT information.
- 3) The application may require an essay and/or recommendation letters. Utilize application guides to write your essay and review it with an English instructor or our office staff. Remember to contact individuals for a recommendation early enough to provide them sufficient time to write a letter. If the application only asks for names of individuals providing recommendations, you still need to obtain permission from these people prior to using their names.
- 4) Send official transcripts from Middlesex and any other college or university you may have attended directly to each transfer institution. Find out if the college or university wants mid semester grades for your current classes. You will need to forward transcripts at the time of application and at the end of the semester after you obtain all Fall semester grades.
- 5) If you are planning to apply for financial aid, **you must list all colleges on your FAFSA application.** They will determine if you qualify under their guidelines. In addition, the Financial Aid deadline may be before the application deadline. Many are between October 15 and November 1. It is best to apply to the college and complete Financial Aid requirements by October 15 for the spring semester.
- 6) Log onto our Transfer Planning website to access area colleges' admission and financial aid links.

Control + Click on this link:

[Transfer Planning](#)

If this all seems a bit overwhelming, please do not hesitate to contact the Career Development & Counseling Center for assistance.

- Over 60 Percent of Students Transferring from a Two-Year College Go On to Complete Four-Year Degrees.
- Most students transfer from two to four-year institutions without first receiving a credential from the two-year institution, which is consistent with findings from previous Signature Reports.
- Baccalaureate attainment rates were higher for students who transferred with a two-year degree or certificate (72%) than for those who transferred without a credential (56%).
- There is a negligible difference (less than 2%) in completion after transfer between women and men.

*The National Student Clearinghouse™
Research Center®,
2013*

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Calendar of Events

Fall 2017

Tuesday September 19 12:30-1:30pm	Founders Hall Cafeteria	QPR WORKSHOP Ask a question, save a life...Attend this workshop to learn techniques to start a life-saving conversation on suicide. QPR is not intended to be a form of counseling or treatment. QPR is intended to offer hope through positive action. QPR is intended to teach those who are in the position to recognize the warning signs, clues and suicidal communications of people in trouble how to act vigorously to prevent a possible tragedy.
Monday September 25 10am-1:30pm	Founders Hall Student Lounge	MINI COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR The following colleges/universities will be here to answer your questions: Bryant, CCSU, Charter Oak State College, Quinnipiac and University of St. Joe's!
Monday October 2 12:30-2pm	Wheaton Hall Room 308	FOCUS ON YOU! Are you undecided about your career or major? Focus 2, an online career exploration system will help you with selecting the right major and planning your career based on talents, interests, values & goals. Students will access the Focus 2 program during this interactive workshop.
Monday October 2 1:30-4pm	Founders Hall Cafeteria	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY Students - Come and meet with a representative from Suffolk who will provide information about the university and their programs.
Wednesday October 11 10:30am-1:30pm	Chapman Hall Rooms 808 A-D	WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN...? Students—come and talk with MxCC Faculty and Staff! Learn about career options in every field of study! Learn about services and resources offered at MxCC! FUN, INFO, PRIZES!!!!
Monday October 16 12:30 -1:30pm	Snow Hall Room 507	CT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM WORKSHOP Topics include application process, admissions requirements, curriculum and expectations, educational advancement: LPN to RN, RN to BSN, and financial aid.
Wednesday October 18 12 noon-1pm	Snow Hall Room 507	JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!!! A successful job search starts with good information and well-developed job hunting skills. Learn how to best utilize CCN (our online job board) and LinkedIn to become a successful job seeker.
Thursday October 26 9:30am – 4p By Appointment	Founders Hall Room 121	INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH CCSU TRANSFER STAFF Back by popular demand! You can schedule a 45-minute appointment on the MxCC campus with Central CT State University transfer staff to review your CCSU transfer plans. Stop by Founders Hall, Room 121, or call 343-5826 to reserve your time for October 26th.
Wednesday November 1 12:30–1:30p	Snow Hall Room 507	RESUMÉ WRITING Learn the techniques of developing and updating your resumé and cover letter.
Wednesday November 15 10am-1pm	Founders Hall Student Lounge	ANNUAL COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR Take advantage of this great opportunity to speak with representatives from 30+ colleges & universities from throughout New England and New York! Stop by the Student Lounge to ask questions and gather valuable information to assist you in making that all-important transfer decision.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY? HERE'S A LIST OF THE TOP 10 LARGEST TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN CONNECTICUT!

RANK	ATTRACTION	2016 ATTENDANCE	EMPLOYEES/ VOLUNTEERS (1)	DESCRIPTION	TOP EXECUTIVE(S)	YEAR FOUNDED
1	Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket	12,719,466	6500	Hospitality, entertainment, gaming, retail, dining, golf, spa and hotel	Felix D. Rappaport	1992
2	Mohegan Sun, Uncasville	9,000,000	6800	Entertainment, gaming, dining, shopping, hotel, spa, meetings and conventions	Ray Pineault	1996
3	Mystic Aquarium, Mystic	718,993	292/465	Underwater worlds and creatures including beluga whales, penguins and more; interactive experiences, exhibits and animal adventures	Stephen M. Coan	1973
4	Riverfront Recapture, Hartford	627,484	93/2333	Variety of events and recreational activities	Michael Zaleski	1981
5	Bushnell Park, Hartford	500,000	1/50	Weekly tours of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch and monthly tours of the park, monuments and statues; newly renovated carousel is open year-round	Mary Zeman	1854
5	Elizabeth Park Conservancy, West Hartford	500,000	5/1000	Grounds include the oldest municipal rose garden, recreational areas, facilities and more	Christine M. Doty	Park 1897, Conservancy 1977
7	The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, Norwalk	485,313	127/310	Exhibits, sharks, seals, sea turtles, jellyfish, river otters and other animals native to Long Island Sound and its watershed; study cruises, education programs and IMAX movie theater	Brian Davis	1988
8	Connecticut Science Center, Hartford	303,000	91/84	Science-based museum, educational and tourism venue	Matt J. Fleury	2009
9	Mystic Seaport, Mystic	285,000	350/600	Maritime museum featuring historic tall ships, a working preservation shipyard, a recreated seafaring village, exhibits and more	Stephen C. White	1929
10	Connecticut Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport	280,000	40/120	Three hundred animals representing primarily North and South American species; South American rainforest with aviary, prairie dog exhibit, farmyard; hoofstock trail featuring bison, pronghorn, deer, café, picnic grove, indoor carousel	Gregg Dancho	1922
	SOURCE: May 22, 2017 Hartford Business Journal					

DID YOU KNOW ...

70% of Employers "Identified leadership, teamwork, written communication ability, problem solving, and work ethic as key resume attributes. Teamwork, verbal communication skills, and problem solving are the skills employers consider important for success".

However, **11% of Business Leaders** and 14% of the general public felt strongly that students that graduated from college had the skills that are needed for success in the workplace.

SOURCE: Adam Peck, NACE Journal, August 2017

Dear Students,

As the fall 2017 semester begins, the staff of the Career Development and Counseling Center would like to welcome you. If this is your first semester at the college or you are a continuing student, we want you to know that we believe we may offer services that are beneficial to your success at Middlesex Community College and beyond.

For those of you not familiar with our office, we are here to aid you in a myriad of ways. If you are not sure which direction you are headed in either selecting a major or exploring a career, we may be able to provide guidance. By appointment, we meet with students to help you develop an understanding of your interests, skills, experiences and values as they may relate to choice of major and career. We will discuss these with you as well as provide information via our career library and website. Through obtaining this information, you may be better able to identify those fields in which you wish to gather information.

Many students plan to transfer to a bachelor's degree granting college or university after their education here at the college. Our counselors may be able to assist you in identifying institutions that have your intended major. In addition, the counseling staff may provide information on how courses at Middlesex will transfer to meet general education and major requirements and electives at the intended transfer college or university. By planning early and meeting with one of counselors, students are better prepared for the transition to the bachelor's level college or university.

Often students need to work while attending college or plan to enter the workforce upon completing their degree. Our office is also here to help prepare you for the job search. We offer assistance with resume and cover letter preparation as well as information in interviewing techniques and job search strategies. We have position listings via the web and in our office for part-time, full-time and seasonal employment.

Our department offers a variety of workshops over the course of the year as well as sponsoring college and university transfer admissions representative and employment recruiters. Signs are posted throughout the campus and outside of our office, Founders Hall, room 121 promoting these events.

We encourage you to schedule an appointment with one of counselors during the course of the semester. We welcome the chance to contribute to the quality of your experience here at Middlesex Community College.

We hope you enjoy your semester,

The Staff of the Career Development & Counseling Center

