

ACCESS

"Engaging Our Students to Achieve With Excellence"

Academic Support Services

The ACCESS Academic Support Services are designed to help students be successful. We are your support system away from home, and we want to help you succeed in college. Academic and personal support services are available to you. It is about commitment, choice, consequence, responsibility, and focus - CCCRF. We challenge you to take advantage of the academic support services. Make the commitment today.

Academic Advising

Academic advising includes all factors and processes that impact student academic success. It is an ongoing relationship and a process involving much more than scheduling courses and providing signatures.

Advising provides students with a person whom they can turn to with confidence when they need help with academic skills. *When advisors make connections and show interest in students, they can become the reason a student decides to stay in school. In addition, contacting students in a preventative mode may help them anticipate problems and learn problem-solving skills and strategies (Upcraft & Kramer, 1995).*



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NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
Academy for Collegiate
Excellence and Student
Success (ACCESS)



Mission of ACCESS

The Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS) is a multifaceted comprehensive program designed to facilitate and improve student success, retention and graduation rates. Emphasis is on intrusive academic advising, which involves contact with students with the goal of developing a caring and beneficial relationship that leads to increased academic motivation and persistence.

ACCESS serves as an advocate for students and provides academic support services to all students. As advocates for students, ACCESS collaborates with all units of the university in an effort to increase student retention and to produce academically prepared professionals who are ready to contribute to their communities. For additional information, please contact ACCESS at 757-823-8507 or visit www.nsu.edu/access.

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ACCESS and NSU

Engaging Students to Achieve Excellence

- ACCESS is committed and dedicated to providing high quality academic support services.
- The ACCESS faculty and staff are committed to providing a nurturing environment that supports student excellence.
- The NSU family is committed to improving the retention and graduation rates of our students.
- NSU faculty is committed to helping our students to persist and ultimately graduate.
- The ACCESS program is committed to providing resources to: 1) reinforce classroom instruction, 2) facilitate academic support services, and 3) provide ongoing academic advising to all NSU students.
- NSU and ACCESS are committed to preparing students to graduate and be the best that they can be.
- Detours are allowable, but you must keep the commitment and the focus - do not give up on your dream!

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Peer Tutoring Services

- Individual & group tutoring
- Review sessions & study halls
- Exam of Writing Competency (EWC) Workshops

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

(Designed to improve students' grades)

- SI leaders work directly with professors
- SI leaders facilitate review sessions

Referral Services

- Academic Intervention Measures (AIM)
- Career Services
- Counseling

Undeclared Student Services

- Career Counseling
- Career Exploration/Inventories

Mentoring Programs

- Male & Female
- Peer Mentors/Advisors

Research and Statistical Learning Lab

- Guidance in Academic Research
- Assistance in Statistical Analysis
- Advice in Data Presentation
- Access to High End Learning Technology

Study Skills

- Time Management
- Test Taking
- Study Habits
- Notetaking, etc.

Intrusive Academic Advising

- College Student Inventory (CSI)

ACCESS Scholarship

- A source for financial aid opportunities

CCCRF

CCCRF—Commitment, Choice, Consequence, Responsibility, and Focus. Commitment as a pledge to do something. *Choice* is defined as the act of choosing; selection, or the power, right or liberty to choose. *Consequence* is defined as that which logically or naturally follows from an action or condition. *Responsibility* is a duty, an obligation or a burden and the state or fact of being responsible. *Focus* is to direct toward a particular point or purpose.

Students, you are in charge of your future. Your commitment, choices made, consequences of your choices, taking responsible actions, and focus on career goals will determine your success. Be ever mindful of CCCRF.



“Success is a journey, not a destination.”-- Ben Sweetland