How To Prepare for your Counseling Appointment at RCC

Make appointment with a counselor and show up on time – Keep your appointment!

COME PREPARED:

- Official transcripts from any other institution on file at RCC (Sealed envelope/printed within 90 days)
- AP official transcript on file (To order you can call 609-771-6670)
- High school transcript may be used in some cases (ie…Geometry prerequisite validation for Math 36)
- First choice school and major
- Specifically state needs – ie…I need a student educational plan for, I need a readmit contract for, I need to complete academic renewal, I need to review my courses, I need a new educational plan because I have changed my major
- Consider taking an aptitude test at www.Eureka.org (can do in transfer center – SITE ID: J1AVQMH) or Take GUI 47 – Career Explorations
- Develop a list of questions so that you don’t forget during the session
- Schedule appointment knowing that it will take the full 30 minutes

Questions to ASK:

Transfer related questions – what do I need for major requirements, general education requirements, etc
- What schools offer this major
- What is required for this major
- What are minimum qualifications for major and acceptance

Other questions
- What is Academic Renewal and do I qualify
- How can I return to good standing – what is the fastest way to bring up GPA
- How do I remain in good standing with financial aid
- How do I balance course load
- How do I file appeals

Questions/Suggestions for your Faculty Advisor:

- What schools are best for this major
- Possible Internships
- Course sequence
- What to expect with course load before and after transfer
- Possible Careers for this major
- Help with personal statement
- Meeting during posted office hours

Other Referrals
Welcome Center – for any registration, email, webadvisor related questions
Admissions – residency, filing of late adds, extenuating circumstances
Departments – Course Repetition, Course Substitution forms
Questions for University Representatives

Campus Highlights and Information
- Do you offer my major?
- Is my degree program accredited? What level? (undergraduate, graduate)
- Are advanced degrees offered? (Master’s, Doctorates)
- What other programs do you offer that will support my major?
- Can I enroll part time?
- Do you offer classes in the late afternoon, evenings, weekends, or summer?
- Are there any internship opportunities available on campus or in the community?
- Do you have an honors program for students who enter with a high GPA?
- Do you offer tours of your campus? Do you offer workshops?

College Costs
- What are tuition and registration fee costs? How much for books and supplies, parking, etc…?
- When do I pay those fees?
- Do I have to send a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?
- What are the chances fees will increase and when will I know?
- What kind of housing is offered for transfer students?
- Is there any housing for families?

Financial Aid
- What kinds of financial assistance are available? When and how do I apply for financial aid?
- Do I apply for campus scholarships separately? Do you have a list of possible scholarships?
- How do you determine if I qualify for financial aid?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive financial aid?
- Who can I talk to about financial aid?
- Are special kinds of assistance for students with low income such as EOPS? If so, how do I apply?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the community?

Admissions
- What are the Admission requirements for transfer students?
- What is the admission priority of transfer students from community colleges, to four year colleges?
- Do you offer Transfer Agreements with Riverside Community College?
- Will I need to take an admissions test?
- Will a course in which I received a “D” grade count?
- Can I take a summer course the semester prior to transfer and still count it as units?
- Do you give extra units for honors courses?
- When do classes begin, end?

Application Process
- Where, When, and how can I get an application?
- Does your college have online applications?
- What are the deadline dates to apply to your campus?
- Can I apply to more than one campus in your system? How?
- Can I have my application transferred from one campus to another if I change my mind? When Do I have to submit my transcripts, any application test scores, and other admissions material?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted?
- Is my major impacted (overcrowded)?
- If I am not accepted in my major, what are my options?
- Can I change majors after I Transfer?
- Can I have my application sent to another campus for consideration?
- What else do I need to know?
- How do I make arrangements to talk with someone further at your college to discuss enrollment opportunities?

For more information contact:
RCC Riverside Campuses Transfer Center: (951) 222-8446