

THE SCHOOLS @ MCC



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Welcome to the new Guided Pathways/Schools @ MCC Newsletter!

This newsletter is intended to be both informative and a model of integrating the principles of Guided Pathways into the daily work of everyone in the MCC community.

Each issue of this newsletter will include pieces on the models in general, and will also focus on a deeper look into one of the seven Schools @ MCC. The October newsletter has a special focus on The School of Health Sciences and Physical Wellness.

**Specialist Spotlight:
Becky Babcock, HSPW**

Fall is off to a great start! I hope that by the time you are reading this, the temperature has dropped a bit. In June, an amazing group of faculty spent time with me learning all about advising HSPW students as a part of the first cohort of the HSPW Advisement Institute. It went so well, the professional development opportunity is being offered again on January 12, 2018. I hope you will consider joining the second cohort to further develop your advising skills and support our health pathway students as they pursue their goals. The group will be limited to 15 participants.

HSPW has collaborated with Careers Services and STEM to bring a Physical Therapy Career Panel to campus on October 12th at 2pm in the Career Services library. This will be a great opportunity for you, or your students, to interact with two Physical Therapists and a Physical Therapy Assistant to learn more about career opportunities in that field.

For the convenience of our students at the Downtown Campus, I will be available at select dates in the fall to meet with students at the Downtown Campus. All the School Specialists will be rotating dates at 321 State Street and students can see our availability and make appointments to meet with us in Starfish!

Program Spotlight:

Health Studies Clinical Track (HS03)

Did You Know?

- The Health Studies Clinical Track was developed in response to the large number of students interested in healthcare careers and the limited number of seats in MCC’s competitive healthcare programs.
- Approximately 90% of qualified applicants did not get a seat in the competitive healthcare program to which they applied last year.
- Many students who have taken point-bearing courses within Liberal Arts and did not get into a competitive program have ended up without sound alternatives, often accumulating excessive credits, without coursework that could prepare them for transfer.

The Health Studies Clinical Track was created to address these issues. The Health Studies Clinical Track serves as a pathway for students to prepare to apply to competitive programs, yet serve as a back-up for students who are not accepted into a competitive program, providing a solid foundation that also helps prepare students to apply for transfer or switch to another track if needed.

HS03 Quick Facts:

- **The Health Studies Clinical Track includes all point bearing courses needed to apply for healthcare programs in the competitive admission process** (with the exception of MTH165 for Rad Tech and Surg Tech)
- **Students can apply for competitive programs while in Health Studies**
- **HS03 can prepare students for programs other than MCC Competitive Programs or BSN Transfer including: Occupational Therapy, Community Health, and Public Health.**

“Guided Pathways”

At the heart of the Schools @ MCC is our Guided Pathways model. Guided Pathways is a national movement to “improve rates of college completion, transfer, and attainment of jobs with value in the labor market—and to achieve equity in those outcomes” (American Association of Community Colleges).

For more information on the concepts of Guided Pathways, please visit the following links:

- ◇ [Guided Pathways: Planning, Implementation, Evaluation](#)
- ◇ [Guided Pathways Demystified I by Dr. Rob Johnstone](#)
- ◇ [Guided Pathways Demystified II by Dr. Rob Johnstone](#)



Faculty Liaison Spotlight: Cristin Finch, HSPW

The **New HSPW Video** (providing a brief overview of HSPW programs) was finished in July! We are already utilizing it at AR events and Dual Enrollment visits. Instructors of HED130, Foundations in Personal Health and Wellness, are adding it to the course's healthcare career segment. You can utilize/refer students to the video via this link: https://ensemble.itec.suny.edu/Watch/MCC_Schools_HSPW

Online Healthcare Career Module – I am part of a group working on an online module to assist students interested in healthcare careers. Because many students are unaware of the particulars, (ie. which careers involve patient contact, bodily fluids) we are working to engage students with important info! One of the highlights of the module will include an **Interest Inventory** that will produce results indicating which healthcare careers are the best match.

Announcing the Integrated Advising Board

During the summer break, MCC contracted with consulting firm Ruffalo Noel Levitz for guidance on re-modeling our advising efforts at the College. One suggestion of the consultants was the creation of an advisory board to make recommendations on the individual tasks of this remodel. The Board is currently lead by co-chairs:

Sally Dingee, Assistant Director, Advisement and Transfer Services

and

Jessica Wilkie, English faculty and Schools Implementation Lead

Board membership was chosen to represent a wide cross-section of the MCC community. Currently serving on the board are:

- **Kimberly DeLardge**, Director, Downtown Campus Student Services
- **Cristin Finch**, Health and Physical Education faculty
- **Sarah Hagreen**, Interim Director, Admissions
- **Denise Klein**, Coordinator, Advisement and Transfer Services
- **Dale Pearce**, Applied Technologies
- **Medea Rambish**, Dean, Academic Foundations
- **Susan Warner**, Specialist, School of Social Sciences & Global Studies

Please be sure to look to the MCC Daily Tribune and future issues of this newsletter for updates from this team.

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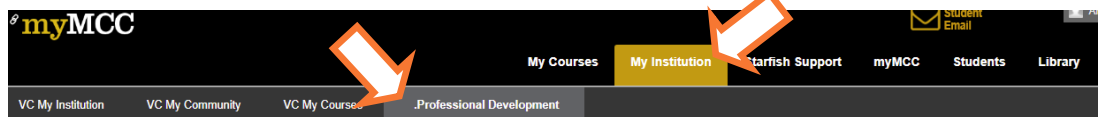
IMPORTANT DATES

- ⇒ "A Day in the Life" Series: Education, 10/9/17, 12p-1p, DC Room 352
- ⇒ Physical Therapy Career Panel, 10/12/17, 2p-3p, Career Services, 3-108
- ⇒ Brighton Campus Open House, 10/14/17, 9a-12:30p
- ⇒ Downtown Campus Open House, 10/14/17, 1p-4p
- ⇒ School of AH & School of SSGS Meet & Greet, 10/17/17, 4p-7p, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center Atrium
- ⇒ Psychology Career Forum, 10/24/17, 2p-3p, Empire Room, 3-209
- ⇒ "A Day in the Life" Series: Human Services, 11/8/17, 12p-1p, DC Room 352

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Looking for information about the Schools @ MCC? You can find lots of useful info in Blackboard. All faculty and staff have access to the Professional Development tab in Blackboard.

Just log into Blackboard, and click on the "My Institution" tab, followed by the "Professional Development" tab.



Here, you can easily access all things Schools, including the Student Success Network, the Guided Pathways Newsletter, the Road Map to Student Success, Program Lists, and more!

