



**Academic Advising and Career Coaching: A Student Success Model for Adult Learners** 

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#### **Presentation Overview**

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- Advising Reform: iPASS and RCT
- Career Advising: The Tool



#### MCCC at a Glance

#### **Mission:**

Serve the needs of our community through a commitment to the educational success of our students.

#### Goals:

Champion Student Success, Foster Meaningful External Relationships, Ensure a Sustainable Organization

#### **Fast Facts:**

- 74 % are part time
- 39.5 % of the student body is comprised of ethnic and racial minorities
- Average age is 25
- 82% of the College's students live in Montgomery County
- 62% of alumni are employed in Montgomery County
- 95% are employed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 15,000 students, virtual, three campuses



# The Adult Learner 27 is the new 18!



#### **Fast Facts:**

- "Post Traditional Students"
- Career Transitions/Related events is my "why"
- Need to retool/reeducate
- Prefer accelerated and year round offerings
- More career focused/clarity

Higher Education Digital Marketing Trends, 2017





#### **YOU** ARE RESPONSIBLE!

#### Advising – as – teaching (SSIPP)



<u>S</u>ustained

Ongoing support rather than an "inoculation" approach

• <u>S</u>trategic

Differentiated services to maximize capacity

• <u>Integrated</u>

Services are not viewed as stand-alone interventions.

Proactive

Services are an integral part of all students' experiences.

Personalized

Students receive the support they need when they need it, from an individual who knows them well.



#### The Experience: Intrusive Advising

## **Integrated Planning & Advising for Student Success (iPASS)**



# **Potential Solutions to Retention Challenges**

- 2013 → IPAS
  - Starfish
  - Educational Planning
  - Blackboard Dashboard
- $2015 \rightarrow iPASS$ 
  - MyCareerPlan (JobZology)
  - Educational Planning
  - Financial Planning (2018)



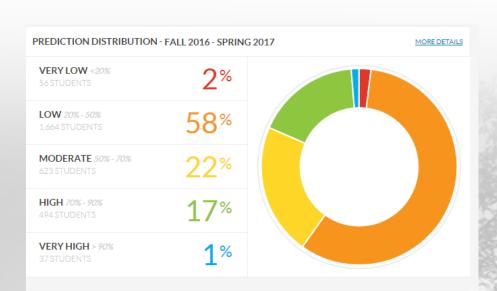
## Proactive or Intrusive Advising

- Proactive Advising: deliberate, structured student intervention at the first indication of academic difficulty in order to motivate the student to seek help.
- Proactive Advising: uses the good qualities of prescriptive advising (experience, awareness of student needs and structured programs) and of developmental advising (relationship to a student's total needs).



## **Intrusive Advising**

- Identified through Civitas (PA tool)
- Need to complete MyCareerPlan
- Additional advising appointment (30 min)
- Earlier intervention
  - Early Alert Survey from Faculty





## **Career Advising Tool**

The College partnered with JobZology to bring us MyCareerPlan – a tool that combines both career assessment as well as O\*NET information about career outlooks.

http://stream.mc3.edu/lecture/MyCareerPlan - 20161015 104536 26.html

#### **Intervention: Advising Interaction**

In addition to the outreach, all students in the treatment group will be required to attend a 30-minute advising meeting. The advising session is an interactive dialogue through which they can clarify their academic and career goals and develop a plan of action for meeting these goals. Advisors will have a "toolbox" to guide their session. The "toolbox" will include a conversation prompt with guiding questions for eight core performance areas; advisors will identify which performance areas require attention and use the guiding questions aligned with these areas to launch the conversation with the student.

#### **Career Coaching:**

All subsequent Career Coaching is referred to Career Services. The results of the students Jobzology/MCP assessment typically undergirds the discussion.



# Career and Educational Plans The Toolkit

# **Advising Appointment Stages:**

1-Current Scenario

"What's going on"

2-Plans and Goals

"What do I hope to achieve"

**3-Possible Actions** 

"How do I plan to get there"

- Confirm student has completed MyCareerPlan.
- Review MCP results with student.
- If a student is interested in a particular career, explore it further in the tool, showing them how to find jobs, how to see the detailed summary of the career (including job growth by state), and/or how to find applicable bachelor's or graduate degree programs.
- Confirm that student has planned out past this semester and next in Self-Service.

## **Student Success Coaching**

### Academic Advising

- Educational planning to map out your program of study
- Academic advising specific to your choice of major
- Weekly 'lunch and learn' workshops
- Online registration assistance

#### Career Services

- Career planning assessment
- Resume, cover letter and interview assistance
- Internship Assistance
- Job Fairs

#### Transfer Services

- Support available for transferring to a four-year institution.
- Transfer fairs and workshops
- Information available about transfer partnerships & scholarships



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