



# ACADEMIC ADVISING AT WPU

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## ROLE OF AN ADVISOR

The Advisor/Advisee relationship is a meaningful one in which the advisor leads the relationship. It is designed to support, encourage and challenge students which ultimately leads to timely degree completion and a richer undergraduate experience.

Often, students will encounter several transitional challenges and barriers to success within their college experience, whether they are first-time first-year students, continuing students, new transfers, or soon-to-be graduates. As advisors, we are responsible for ensuring students have the outstanding support and guidance that best fits their needs. A positive advisement relationship uses a holistic approach to ensure we support the student as a whole person. This allows a student to build rapport instead of a transactional relationship with their academic advisor, improving the advising relationship.



## ADVISING BEST PRACTICES

- Check on students both personally and academically.
- Build a personal relationship with the advisee so they feel connected to seek support and guidance from their advisor in the future.
- Identify barriers to a student's success and create collaborative strategies to overcome challenges that hold the student accountable.
- Assist students in identifying questions/concerns and thoroughly resolve them with a step-by-step action plan.
- Make referrals and direct the student to connect to the resource via email or phone.
- Email students after meetings; summarizing conversations and/or share Navigate notes.
- Partner with departments to coordinate services and support for academic intervention.
- Meet students where they're at; engage in consistent outreach and communication even if students are not initially responsive.



# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Advisement is an essential part of the undergraduate educational experience. At William Paterson University, advising is a shared responsibility between professional advisors and students. Every student has an assigned professional advisor and are expected to take responsibility for their education. Students who work closely with an advisor, feel empowered and equipped to attain their academic goals.



## CAREER COMMUNITIES



The Advisement Center partners with the Career Development Center to implement a holistic approach to students' understanding of their major and career pathway. Through targeted programs, Will. Power., and career communities, students engage in career exploration within their major. Career Communities are organized by industry and create a collaborative ecosystem of support aimed at helping students explore their career interests and develop a plan on how to achieve their professional goals.

Education, Training &  
Social Services

Arts, Entertainment &  
Communication

STEM & Sustainability

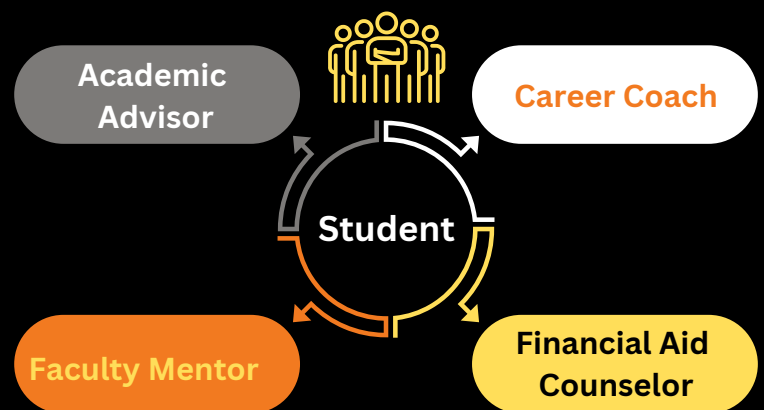
Business, Finance &  
Entrepreneurship

Healthcare, Wellness &  
Biosciences

Government, Policy &  
Social Impact

Exploratory

## THE SUCCESS TEAM MODEL



- This team is custom-made and accessible to all of our students through their Navigate account.
- Students are provided with streamlined communication.
- Success teams offer centralized services for student success.
- The team collaboratively coordinates resources based on student needs.
- This model allows for transparent student support in terms of departmental resources and access.

# Meet the Advisement Team!

The Academic Advisors at William Paterson University are student affairs professionals that are invested in our students' academic success and personal growth and development. Whether a student has questions about courses, career paths, clubs and organizations, or selecting a major or minor, our advisors are trained to provide all necessary information for our students to make an informed decision. Academic Advisors are an integral part of the success team model at the University and knowledgeable of campus resources to provide our students with a supportive experience. We encourage our students to meet with their advisors 2-3 times a semester at minimum depending on individual needs.

Visit us M-F from 8:30 am-4:30 pm in Raubinger Hall, Room 140.



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