Getting Started with NOVA

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G.P.S. for Success Model

- High School Outreach & Placement Testing
- Orientation Programs
- First Year Advising
- SDV & developmental courses
- Faculty Advising
Transition and Advising Support

The purpose of the First Year Advisor is to provide early academic advising for first-time-to-college NOVA students (ages 17-24) by helping them determine an academic goal, verify their program of study, and start their academic plan.

- HS outreach
- Placement Testing
- Orientation
- Advising and Registration
- Transition Support
- Monitoring GPS student progress (case management)
- Advising and Planning Requirements (2<sup>nd</sup> hold)
- Connect Students to Resources and Faculty Advising
Advantages of attending NOVA

- Small class sizes
- Chance for a new start close to home
- Prepares students for 4-yr. college
- Transfer and career preparation programs
- Affordable tuition rates
- Dedicated, knowledgeable and diverse faculty
NOVA Offers:
- Credit classes
- Non-credit classes
- ESL classes
- Workforce Development
- Full- or part-time study
- Weekend and online study
- Dual Enrollment
We have six convenient campus locations:

Woodbridge
Alexandria
Manassas
Annandale
Loudoun
Med Ed - Springfield
Degree Differences

Associate In Applied Science (AAS)

- Prepares you for a career and requires two years of college. (full time)
- X Many of the classes may not be accepted at the four-year college of your choice. See a counselor or head of your academic program for additional information.

Associate in Arts/Science (AA/AS)

- ✓ Is usually parallel to bachelor’s degree and is often considered first two years of a bachelor’s degree.
- ✓ It contains general education requirements related to major and necessary for transfer.
Should I get a degree at NVCC?

– Articulation agreements with many 4-year schools in Virginia. (Example: Lower-level general education requirements at GMU are met if you transfer with an AS or AA degree at NVCC.)
– All Guaranteed Admissions Agreements require attainment of AA or AS
– Degree earners more likely to earn a bachelors degree than those who transfer without
– Colleges are becoming more competitive. It is usually easier to get in with an earned, transferable degree.
– May qualify for Tuition Assistance grant
– Typically do not have to take SAT
Can I transfer without earning a degree?

- Some colleges require at least one college-level ENG and MTH for transfer.

- Colleges often require a higher GPA for those applying with less than associate degree.

- In order to complete some (usually competitive) majors in a reasonable time-frame, it may be necessary to transfer early.
Guaranteed Admissions Agreements

- NOVA has admission agreements with over 30 colleges and universities in Virginia and Washington, D.C.
- Students must earn a transferable degree to be eligible.
- These agreements guarantee admission to a college or university but most do not guarantee admission to a specific program.
- These agreements have minimum GPA and course performance requirements. Requirements vary—Mathematics especially
- Transfer Grants may be available to students who transfer from a VCCS school.
- NOVA provides several workshops and activities to assist students with the transfer process.
Where NOVA students go…

Table 4. Top 15 Virginia Four-Year Institutions to which NOVA Students Transferred by Degree Status: Fall 2011

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How will NOVA help students learn about transfer and career opportunities?

- Transfer guides and other materials on NVCC website [http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/transfer/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/transfer/index.html)
- College recruiters on campus each semester.
- College site visits & Career Fairs
- Workshops on transfer opportunities
- Orientation class (SDV 100) addresses transfer issues and workforce preparation
- Career Counselors
How do I get started at NVCC?

- Apply for admission online
- Apply for Financial Aid
- Take English and math placement tests
- Participate in mandatory Student Orientation to register for classes and learn more about NOVA
Getting Started Tips

- Meet with advisors early in your academic career
- Know the difference between transferrable and non-transferrable degree programs
- Begin narrowing down four-year institutions of interest (if transfer is the ultimate goal)
- Participate in internships/apprenticeships for career prep.
- Do your homework
  - Researching different careers
  - Familiarizing themselves with transfer resources
NVCC is committed to student success!

Questions?

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