

New Center Offers Students Aid, Advice

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[November 2010] Having trouble choosing classes for the spring 2011 semester? Need transfer help?

The Welcome Center and Counseling Center has merged to form the brand new Admissions & Advising Center.

The Admissions & Advising Center is also designed to provide PVCC students with transfer advice and registration help.

Mary Lee Walsh, the Dean of Student Services, said, "It's been a long time coming because the one thing that students have indicated to use is that they really need advising." The Center helps students choose the right classes to fit their requirements and schedules.

The new center is located in the main building in the space previously occupied by the Welcome Center. Students can make an appointment or walk in to talk to a counselor. "It is going to be much more convenient for students," Walsh said.

Kemper Steele, PVCC's new Coordinator of Advising and Transfer Programs, described his job as assisting students "by giving them the

necessary resources and guidance they need to make the process from the community college to the four year colleges as seamless as possible."

Steele also wants to educate more students about the Guaranteed Admissions Agreement with colleges and universities in Virginia.

"We want to make sure that students are not only utilizing that opportunity, but also understanding what the requirements are," he said.

Starting Monday, Nov. 1, PVCC faculty will also be available to advise students. "Students can meet with faculty advisors specific to the discipline that they are studying," Steele explained.

The new Admissions & Advising Center will be holding an open house on Nov. 1 so that students can talk to an advisor about spring 2011 classes.

Students are encouraged to register early because necessary classes fill up fast. Popcorn and other refreshments will be provided.

The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Admissions and Advising center opening.
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