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The UNDECLARED

Options Newsletter

Student

Monroe Community College's Undeclared Option

Welcome to Monroe Community College's Undeclared program. We are eager and excited to meet with each of you.

As part of Monroe Community College's Counseling & Advising Center, the Undeclared Option at MCC is more than just a set of courses to move you into a random major. Students in MCC's Undeclared program will receive academic advising and career guidance through trained specialists whose primary focus at MCC is the Undeclared Student. Being an Undeclared student gives you the opportunity to explore, learn and begin finding the right path to your future.

Have a great fall semester!

Sally Dingee and Kristin Blake

Academic Advisement Specialists

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Building 1, Room 231



FALL 2011

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Connect with us.

Throughout the year we offer workshops, walk-in meetings and individual appointments all designed to assist you in making decisions about your career and education. Please read through our fall newsletter to find opportunities for you to connect with our program and learn about all the resources on campus. We invite you to take these opportunities to get involved in our program. We look forward to meeting you!

CAREER FORUMS

Location: The Forum (3-130)
Flynn Campus Center
Brighton Campus

Time: 12:00 pm—1:30 pm

Career Forums offer the opportunity for you to hear from speakers who are familiar with these career fields and can provide advice and guidance.

Join us to hear professionals and students speak about their experiences and career decision-making journeys. The Career Forum Series is sponsored by the Career Development Committee and the Undeclared Student Program (LA01).

If you are unable to attend the forums, videos are available on the Career and Transfer Center's webpage for you to view at your convenience. Last year's forums are available as well. Simply click on the A-Z index and locate the Career and Transfer Center's web page under the letter C. From that page, click on Career Services, then MCC Career Forums.

Past Career Forums which are available to view on MCC's website include:

Accounting	Criminal Justice	Health-Care Therapists	Packaging Science
Advertising & Public Relations	Dental Assisting	History & Political Science	Paralegal
Air Conditioning Technology	Dental Hygiene	Hotel Technology	Pharmacy
Anthropology	Early Childhood Education	Human Services	Philosophy
Architecture	Education	Interior Design	Photography & Television
Art	Electrical Engineering Technology	International Business	Physical Education/Health
Atmospheric Science/ Meteorology	Electronic Publishing	Landscape Architecture	Psychology & Counseling
Automotive	EMT & Paramedic	Law & Federal Government	Public Administration
Biology	Engineering	Machine Trades: Tooling/ Machining	Radiologic Technologist
Biotechnology	English	Manufacturing Technology	Retail Business Management
Business Administration	Environmental Science	Marketing	Small Business Management
Chemical Technology	Fashion Buying & Merchandising	Massage Therapy	Sociology & Social Work
Chemistry	Financial Services	Mathematics	Speech Pathology & Audiology
Chiropractic	Fire Protection Technology	Mechanical Technology	Travel & Tourism
Construction Technology	Food Service Management	Medical	Veterinary Science
Communications/Broadcasting	Foreign Languages	Medical Transcription	
Computer Information Systems	Forestry	Music	
Computer Science	Geo-science/Geology/Geography	Nursing	
Computer Technology	Golf Course Management	Office Technology	
Court Reporting	Graphic Arts & Printing	Optical Systems Technology	
	Health Information Technology		

SAVE THE DATES!!

Panel: "I was Undecided..."

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Careers in Event Planning

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

**Careers in Business,
Entrepreneurship and Construction
Management**

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Sports Related Careers

Wednesday, December 14, 2011



Advisement News

Advisement Center Walk-in Hours for Undeclared Students (LA01) Location: Building 1 Room 231

Monday 11-1 pm
 Tuesday 11-12 pm
 Wednesday 2-4:30 pm
 Thursday 10-11 am, 3-7 pm
 Friday 10-12 pm and 3-4 pm

For appointments, please Call Michele Vitale at 292-2299.

Consider enrolling in CDL 110, Career and Life Planning for Undeclared Students for Spring 2012.

Wednesday 12-1:40 pm

This experiential course introduces students to the elements of career decision making with emphasis on the process of career and life planning. It is designed for undeclared students who are interested in learning more about themselves and their career choices. The career development needs of undeclared students will be emphasized through a multi-phase approach including self-exploration, decision-making strategies, career exploration, individual appointments, and career planning. Educational forums featuring professionals from various career areas will be included.

CAREER DECISION MAKING WORKSHOP

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday,
November 9, 2011

Time:
10 - 10:50 am

Location:
9-132

*Please reserve you spot
by calling Michele Vitale
at 292-2299.*

Advisement Workshop

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, October 24,
2011

12:00-1:00 pm

Location: 9-132

*Please reserve your spot
by calling Michele Vitale
at 292-2299.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Important Registration Dates

*Priority Registration for currently
enrolled matriculated students
with 12+ credits completed begins
Monday, October 17th!!*

*All currently enrolled students
begin Wednesday, October 26th!*

*Don't wait for the registration
period to begin... Advisement
starts NOW!*



“Good advising may be the single most underestimated characteristic of a successful college experience.”

- Richard J. Light

Career and Transfer Center News

TRANSFER SERVICES

ADVISOR IN RESIDENCE (AIR) PROGRAM

The Career and Transfer Center's Advisor in Residence Program is designed for MCC students who are serious and decisive about attending specific colleges. Students will be able to set appointments with transfer college representatives and meet with them on the MCC campus. The appointments will be 20-30 minutes and students will only be able to meet with the representative if they schedule an appointment. Speak with representatives from the four year colleges and universities regarding :

- Admissions Criteria
- General Education Requirements
- Transfer Credit
- Course Advisement
- Degree/Major Information
- and more...

The schedule is completed and available to view on the Career and Transfer Center's website during the first 2-3 weeks of classes. To schedule an appointment with a college representative, contact the Career and Transfer Center at 292-2248 or visit us in Building 3 Room 108 at the Brighton Campus.

It's never too early to start the transfer process!

CAREER SERVICES

Part Time Job Fair

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

11-1 pm

Flynn Campus Center Atrium and the Brick Lounge

Several workshops are offered throughout the semester:

- "Resume Writing"
- "Interviewing Skills: How to Make the Best Impression"
- "Job Search Strategies: How to Find the Job You Want"

Please visit their website for dates and times at
www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter/

Annual College Transfer Fair

Date:
Thursday, 9/22

Time:
10:30-1:00 pm

Location:
Monroe A & B
Warshof Conference
Center

This is your chance to gather information and ask questions to nearly 50 four year colleges and universities that are interested in you as a transfer student. Don't miss this opportunity!



CAREER CORNER

Career-Decision Making Advice: Tips to Consider

By: Sally Dingee, Academic Advisement Specialist, Counseling & Advising Center

Deciding upon a college major and ultimately what you want to do for a living is really, really hard. Sometimes, I meet with students who feel like their options are very limited while other students feel there are so many choices out there it can cause bewilderment and confusion. It seems like no matter who I see, they are all looking for advice. The first piece of advice I always offer students is to stop thinking about career choice as one big decision. Career decision-making is a lifelong process, one that has many twists and turns all shaped by the events in our life and the development of our beings over time. You must be comfortable with knowing there will always be uncertainty with any decision you make in life. Try to avoid either/or thinking; usually there are more than two options. Be imaginative and creative. There is probably no one right choice for you, listen to your inner voice; trust your intuition, what feels right?

It seems like when discussing the topic of career choice, everyone has advice. So for purposes of this article, I asked my facebook friends what type of career advice they would give brand new college students about career choice. Here are their answers:

- Think about what you love and do it! Think about your strongest skills and what strengths you would like to develop and go from there. Stay open-minded to opportunities and try new endeavors that might be outside your comfort zone.
- Get involved in as many campus activities as possible and learn how to manage your time wisely.
- Do not select a college major based on the income level. Money will only keep you happy for so long. In the end, you would much rather enjoy your career.
- If your degree allows it, chose a minor. It is a great way to concentrate on another interest and could broaden your career choices.
- It is o.k. to change your mind.
- Never underestimate the power of networking, even while in college. Personal contacts are extremely valuable and can make all the difference in your life.
- Take advantage of every opportunity relating to your possible interests to make sure it is a good fit before making a commitment to it.
- Review resources. Look at real job descriptions and see what you might like. Also, review the college catalog at see if the upper level courses in a major sound interesting to you.

Understand that many times, students need help selecting programs and having a counselor or advisor guide you through this process can offer the guidance, information and support you need to make a well-informed decision. You have to have a belief in the process, in the professionals working with you and in yourself. Do not be shy this semester about reaching out and asking for help with your career decision making. The decision to pursue your education is one of the best choices you can make in your life. Enjoy this process of self-discovery!

ATTENTION UNDECLARED STUDENTS

NEW WORKSHOP SERIES

BEGINNING FALL 2011

1, 2, 3, Find the Major For Me!

Are you in the process of exploring career and/or majors but uncertain about how to proceed? If so, we can help. The 1,2,3, workshop series is designed to help you understand the career exploration and decision-making process. Each week we will focus on an important topic critical to your decision-making. Bring your questions and concerns but be ready to TAKE ACTION and CONTROL of your future!

Workshop 1: Understanding the Process and Where to Begin

Workshop 2: Discovering your Interests and Exploring Majors

Workshop 3: Examining Values and Planning Next Steps

EVALUATE – EXPLORE – EXPERIENCE – ENGAGE

1ST SERIES

October 5th, 12th, & 19th

9 - 9:50 am

3-117

2nd SERIES

November 3rd, 10th, & 17th

11-11:50 am

3-117



Please reserve your spot in advance by calling Michele Vitale at 292-2299 or mvitale@monroecc.edu.

(These workshops are only for students in LA01)

DID YOU KNOW?

- You may view the Career Decision Making Workshop video on our website at www.monroecc.edu/go/undeclared
- MCC has over 700 individual 2+2 Dual Admission Degree programs that you may still be eligible to enroll in. For more information on the 2+2 Dual Admission Program and other transfer options please visit MCC's Career and Transfer Center (3-108)
- You can visit the Career Library (3-108) for information on careers, scholarships, transfer information, etc.
- Visit the Undeclared Facebook page and become a fan!
- The Career and Transfer Center offers workshops on Scholarships, filling out college applications, etc. Visit their website for details. www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter/

