# Academic Advising UPDATES

Spring 2024 Semester

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**Register for Classes Here** 

## **Summer Registration**

March 4 For returning students

> March 5 All other students

April 10

Fall 2024 returning student registration

Always check with Financial Aid before dropping/ withdrawing from class.

### **Academic Calendar**

March 4 Scholarship Application Deadline

March 8 Last day to withdraw from Cape May's 13-week session

> March 22 Last day to withdraw (Withdraw grade, no refund) Full-semester class



2024-25 FAFSA is now open for you to complete. Financial aid is for a school year (fall/spring/summer) and should be completed each year. Once you file, wait 7-10 days and then check your Self Service Financial Aid Account information for Required Documents. Complete, hand-sign and upload these so your eligibility can be determined. Your financial aid is not complete until this is done, reviewed and posted on your account under "Awards."

# Complete 2024-25 FAFSA

# HANDS ON FINANCIAL AID Workshops



The 2024/2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has changed. Join our Hands-On Financial Aid Workshop.

February 27 | 4:00 pm Mays Landing Campus, G-215

February 28 | 12:30 pm Atlantic City Campus, Rm 132

March 7 | 11:30 am Mays Landing Campus, G-215 *English and Spanish assistance available* 



#### **Veterans Education Benefits Reminders**

- A VA transmittal form must be completed for EACH semester that you wish to use VA educational benefits.
- All remedial classes must be taken in-person. Remedial courses taken online will not be certified and must be paid out-of-pocket or with financial aid (if eligible).
- Any changes in enrollment (add, drop, withdraw) must be reported at the email below or by submitting an updated VA Transmittal form.
- All courses must be in your degree program.

 Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress. If you fail or withdraw from too many classes your benefits may be terminated and/or you may have to submit a financial aid appeal in order to regain your VA educational benefits.

Need more information? Contact: finaid@atlanticcape.edu or 609-343-5082

VA Transmittal Form

### Meet Your Student Service Navigators (Academic Advisors)

Make An Appointment Here



Daymis Alicea-One of my favorite books is 'Alice in Wonderland'. This is partly because it's the first English language book I struggled to read and was able to understand on my own. As a Cuban immigrant, I can relate to Alice's experience in a new land and the struggle to navigate it. As a Student Navigator, I work with our new Stockton 3+1 Transfer opportunity and guide students through Atlantic Cape and their transfer to Stockton University.



My name is **Wendy Gray** and I am the Assistant Director, Advising and Retention. I've been with the College since 2007 in advising. I've worked at the Mays Landing and Cape May County campuses throughout the years. I've been an adjunct instructor for about 10 years in the social science area, and taught Student Success and Career Development courses. I enjoy working with students in person and virtually and believe we have the best and most dedicated Navigators you'll ever meet! In my personal life. I love to travel and go to concerts.



My name is **Jerome Ingram**, a Student Service Navigator for athletes and veterans. As an alumnus, I deeply value the benefits that Atlantic Cape provides as a foundation for future success. The presence of our veteran student body is indicative of our nation's commitment to honoring and supporting those who have served. The college is further enhanced by the passion and dedication displayed by our student athletes. I hope that each student finds enjoyment throughout their experience at Atlantic Cape and successfully completes their degree.



My name is **Jessica Reynolds.** I have been an academic navigator and adjunct instructor for almost 5 years. I manage & advise the NJSTARS cohort and teach a variety of Social Sciences. I love cooking, road trips, and my cats!



Hello my name is **Eric Stewart** and this is my 25th year at the college. The first three years of my career here began in the bursar's office but I have been working in student services ever since and I love it because it allows me to connect with students on a more personal level and help them achieve their academic goals.



#### How many "College Lingo" words do you know?

#### Bursar (Business Office)

The Bursar's office maintains all information concerning student financial account records for credit and continuing education students. Records include student financial account records, tuition bills/payments, balances owed, payment plans, student refunds, chargebacks, third-party sponsor billing and 1098T (tax) document processing.

#### Commencement

The graduation ceremony takes place once/year in May. Students do not receive diplomas at this event.

#### NJTransfer (njtransfer.org)

An online website that helps students transfer from community college to another college or university in New Jersey.

#### Prerequisite

A course(s) students must successfully complete before being allowed to register for a more advanced course in the same or related subject area. Typically, grades of "C" or better are required to move on to other courses.

#### Program of Study/Major Change

The process a student must use to change from one major course of study to another by add or remove. A Program of Study Change Form is available at our One-Stop Centers. The declared major (degree program) is what is shown on your Self Service account. If yours is not correct or not what you want to pursue, you must work with a Navigator or Counselor to explore how changing your major affects courses you need and what might be covered by any financial aid.

#### **Program Requirements**

Courses that form the basis for your academic major (program/degree) and are essential to completing that program for meeting license or certification requirements. These are the courses shown on Self Service when you view your Progress.

#### Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

To be in "good academic standing," students must maintain a minimum 2.0 overall grade point average (GPA). Students receiving financial aid must also meet "Satisfactory Academic Progress" (SAP) requirements (pass a certain percentage of courses in which you enroll). If a student earns an overall GPA below the minimum 2.0, they will be placed on one of the Academic Classifications listed in the Student Handbook.

#### Self Service

Your online student portal used to plan classes, register, pay for classes, view transcript, make payments, and view financial aid and final grades.

#### Student Service Navigator/Advisor

Faculty member (faculty advisor) or staff person who provides students with information concerning courses, programs of study and other aspects of academic life. Students who participate in a sport will be assigned an athletic advisor.



#### Work Study-What to Know!

Work Study is a federal program that provides students with an opportunity for on and off campus part-time employment, arranged around class schedules. This is designed to also provide students with real-world job skills.

Employment is not guaranteed and is based on positions available and may require an interview with position supervisor.

Are you ENROLLED in at least six credits? Have you-APPLIED FOR FAFSA (Financial aid)? For the answers to these questions and others, stop into a Financial Aid Office at any of our three campuses to check your eligibility.



#### Advising News Spring 2024 Contest

Be one of the first 50 students to answer these questions:

- When does fall registration open for returning students?
- How many college-level credits do you need to graduate?
- Can these college credits be anything you want to take?
- What are open-educational-resources? Name a course that uses these.
- When do you need to check your Self Service account?

Email your answers, name, Student ID# to <u>wgray@atlanticcape.edu</u> for a chance to win one of two \$50 Follett Bookstore gift cards. Respond before 4/1/24.