

Mandatory Student Orientation

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection

8.28 Mandatory Student Orientation

III. Policy Statement

All students new to GRCC who are seeking degree or certificate are required to attend a mandatory New Student Academic and Financial Advising session prior to enrollment in courses. Excluded from this policy are students who transfer in 12 credits taken at another college. New students who enter with a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher will have the option to participate in an online version of the New Student Academic and Financial Advising program. An appeal may be made to participate in the online version if the student has extenuating circumstances and cannot attend the in person event (e.g. currently deployed in the military, only taking classes at a distance, etc.). These appeals need to be submitted in writing to the Director of Admissions and Enrollment.

IV. Reason for the Policy

External benchmarking and CCSSE and SENSE data show students who attend a mandatory orientation have increased student success, retention, and graduation rates. Financial literacy delivered during this session will increase financial awareness and could likely have a positive impact on financial aid default rates.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Students
Faculty
Staff

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

Students
Faculty
Staff

VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: AGC
Admissions and Enrollment Center

IX. Definitions

N/A

X. Procedures

Students who are new to the college and meet the criteria of this policy will have a service indicator placed on their account preventing class registration. Those that have an entering high school GPA of 3.0 or higher will be allowed the option to participate in an on-campus orientation or completing the orientation online, and instructions will be provided. Those entering with a GPA of 2.99 or lower will be sent information on how to sign up for an on-campus orientation session. Once the mandatory orientation requirement has been completed the service indicator will be released and students will be able to sign up for classes.

XI. Forms

N/A

XII. Effective Date

This policy will go into effect beginning with students who enter in Fall 2014 (September 2014)

XIII. Policy History

AGC Approved April 2013

XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

This policy will be reviewed again in 2017/2018.