

# ADVISING IS TEACHING

Academic Advising is the only structured activity on the campus in which all students have the opportunity for one-to-one interaction with a concerned representative of the institution.

--Wes Habley, *Key Concepts In Academic Advising*, 1994

## Both Good Teaching and Advising ...

- ✓ Require appropriate preparation
- ✓ Emphasize good rapport building
- ✓ Require clear communication
- ✓ Emphasize sensitivity to audience
- ✓ Require respect for diverse points of view
- ✓ Create interest through enthusiasm and passion
- ✓ Have a long-term influence on students
- ✓ Are intrinsically rewarding

## Advisors should teach students ...

- ✓ How to make decisions effectively
- ✓ How to investigate and make decisions on careers and majors
- ✓ How to maneuver higher education channels and to identify and utilize support services



**Advisors are interpreters who help students navigate their new world.**

**As such, academic advisors have to make connections.**

--Nancy King, Kennesaw State University

## Principles of effective advising:

1. Engage the student;
2. Provide personal meaning to students' academic goals;
3. Collaborate with others or use the full range of institutional resources;
4. Share, give, and take responsibility;
5. Connect academic interests with personal interests;
6. Stimulate and support student academic and career planning;
7. Promote intellectual and personal growth and success;
8. Assess, evaluate, or track student progress; and
9. Establish rapport with students.

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Kramer, G. (2003). Advising as teaching. In GKramer (Ed.), *Faculty advising examined*. (pp. 1-22). Bolton, MA: Anker.

## Key components of an Advising Syllabus:

- Advisor's contact information and availability
- Resources/materials (catalog, websites, student handbook, etc.)
- Definition of academic advising
- FERPA guidelines
- Advisor's and advisee's responsibilities
- Expected Student Learning Outcomes
- Important dates

**Samples of Advising Syllabus can be found on the Student Success & Academic Advising Center's website under the "Advisor" tab.**