Advisors' Council Newsletter

August 2017 Leadership Team

UTC ADVISORS' COUNCIL

Advising Certificate

Advisors' Council is proud to announce the following individuals have successfully completed the Advising Certificate. Congratulations to Laura Bass, Center for Advisement; Vikki Bernotski, School of Education; Chris Horne, Department of Political Science and Public Service; Amber Noblit, College of Business; Brian Tucker, Center for Advisement; Sarah Wayman, Social, Cultural and Justice Studies; and Marjorie Whiteside, College of Business.

- The Advising Certificate includes the following modules:
 - -Introduction to Advising at UTC (required before other modules)
 - -Advising with Technology and E-resources
 - -Academic Policies and Processes
 - -Advising Unique Populations
 - -Campus Resources
 - -Advising Transfer Students

Register today for in-person modules offered during the fall 2017 term.

Registration available at: <u>https://www.utc.edu/advisement/advisor-</u> <u>information/advisor-training.php</u>. If you've completed the *Introduction to Advising* module, you should have access to the online modules in UTC Learn. If you have any questions, please contact <u>Marjorie-Whiteside@utc.edu</u>.

Introduction to Advising at UTC

Thursday, September 7th at 8:30am Monday, September 11th at 2:00pm Wednesday, October 11th at 10:00am

Advising with Technology and E-resources (Introduction to Advising at UTC required)

Thursday, September 21st at 8:30am Wednesday, October 18th at 2:00pm

Advising Transfer Students (Introduction to Advising at UTC required) Wednesday, September 27th at 11:00am Thursday, October 26th at 11:00am Wednesday, December 6th at 11:00am

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CONTACT US!

Please direct any comments, questions or errors to a member of the Leadership Team:

Mary Beth Ondrusek, Chair Vikki Bernotski Stacie Grisham Elizabeth Johnson Marjorie Whiteside

New Minor in Gerontology

NACADA

Congratulations Elizabeth!

Elizabeth Johnson has been elected to serve a two-year term as the Tennessee state liaison for NACADA. Her term will begin mid -October. We are so proud of the contributions Elizabeth has made to UTC and NACADA.

National Annual Conference

NACADA's National Annual Conference will be held October 11th - 14th in St. Louis, Missouri this year. Attending the annual conference is a wonderful professional development opportunity for anyone with a vested interest in advising.

The early bird deadline is September 8th. Register online at https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/ Events/Annual-Conference/ Registration-Information.aspx.





Do you have students who might be interested in learning more about our aging population? The minor in Gerontology is now in the 2017-2018 catalog. The interdisciplinary minor in Gerontology is designed to help undergraduate students cultivate an understanding of the many facets of the aging process, including the biological, psychological, and sociocultural aspects of adult

development and aging. As the United States elderly population is projected to dramatically increase, this minor helps prepare students to work with not only geriatric clients within the community, but also with staff of varying disciplines. Being cognizant that there are other aspects of gerontology aside from the biological, psychological, and sociocultural aspects, we offer elective courses from areas including but not limited to Interior Design, Nutrition, and Social Work as they apply to aging. Most, if not all, of the courses can be completed online. The curriculum covers the competency statements published in 2014 by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE). Forty-five service learning (clinical) hours in the community are required in the final practicum course. For more information, visit https://www.utc.edu/integrated-studies/gerontology.php.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." -William Butler Yeats

SSC Campus Updates/Tips

We now have card swipe access in SSC Campus. If you have a center location where you want students to check-in and need a card reader, please contact Stacie-Grisham@utc.edu.

Tip: When setting up your availability, make sure you select the appropriate "services" in which students can meet with you. When students schedule an appointment, they will be asked to select a reason for the appointment, and it must correspond with the "services" that you have listed in your availability.

Note: Faculty will be invited to an SSC Campus training at a future date.

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UPDATE: Withdrawal Process at UTC

The process for students dropping all of their classes after the start of the semester has changed. If students want to drop all of their classes starting on the first day of the semester, they can now drop all of their classes through their MyMocsNet account, rather than having to complete the University Withdrawal form. Students will be notified by email once they drop all of their classes to indicate the withdrawal has been completed.

More information about the withdrawal process can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.utc.edu/records/withdrawal-process.php</u>

Career Connections

On Tuesday, August 29th, University Career Services is offering a *Part-Time Job Fair* from 1-4 p.m. in the University Center Tennessee Room. All students interested in working part-time during the academic year should plan on attending to learn about opportunities and to apply for positions available to them.

In support of the Part-Time Job Fair, University Career Services, in conjunction with the Multicultural Center, is offering a series of drop-in programs entitled, "Prepare for the Fair." Activities include:

- Create Your Intro will help students deliver a memorable first impression— Wednesday, 8/23 at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Center (UC 352)
- Resume Help is an opportunity to get targeted feedback on this important marketing document—Thursday, 8/24 at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. also in the Multicultural Center (UC 352)
- *Employer Meet & Greet* gives students a chance to interact with a recruiter before the event—Friday, 8/25 at 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center (UC 352)



Meet UTC's Newest Advisor

JENNIFER GUESS

Dr. Jennifer Guess joined the Center for Advisement as the Pre-Health Professions Advisor. In this role, Jennifer will be developing and coordinating a comprehensive pre-health advising program at UTC, and provide advising to students and alumni at all stages of pre-health exploration and applications.

As a retired military veteran, she comes to UTC with a wide range of experience that can support diverse student populations. She has been involved in pre-health advising, first-year student advising, biology major advising, academic eligibility for studentathletes, higher education as biology faculty, faculty development, course design, curriculum assessment, government research and development, and military health professions/ scholarships. She is an alumna of the United States Air Force Academy, University of Michigan School of Public Health, and University of Rochester Medical Center.



Fall 2017 Advising Promotion

Tuesday, October 10th & Wednesday, October 25th 9:00am—2:00pm

Help us spread the word about advising at UTC! We are looking for volunteers to help at our advising tables during the Fall 2017 Advising Promotion. Volunteers will share information with students in regards to scheduling advising appointments and completing the advising survey.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Vikki-Bernotski@utc.edu.

Reminder: Advising Tips for Students Interested in Integrated Studies

As you encounter students who are interested in Integrated Studies, please advise them to visit our website (<u>http://www.utc.edu/</u> <u>integrated-studies</u>) and "Click to Get Started Today." Following the link sends the students

to our "Getting Started" video. The video will



provide the students more in-depth information about the degree, answers many of their questions, and helps them decide if the degree is the correct path. For those still interested after watching the video, students should complete and submit the "Inquiry Form" that is also listed on the website. The submitted form is forwarded to the department. The Program Coordinator, Dr. Patterson, will contact the student (using the email provided on the form) to schedule an appointment to further discuss the major.

Please remember that Integrated Studies was not designed as a degree completion program. It allows students to create a course plan to fit their educational and career goals by integrating courses from two or three disciplines offered on campus. Integrated Studies is committed to meeting the needs of students and the community by providing a useful path to a college degree that exemplifies the high standard of excellence set forth by UTC.

Advisors' Council Committee Updates

Assessment Committee

The committee has compiled the results from the 2016-2017 Advising Survey, and is presenting the information to campus stakeholders. The goal for the upcoming year is to create and pilot an Advisor Survey.

Training Committee

The training committee has scheduled dates for the in-person training modules in the Fall semester. All of the online modules are now complete and available for advisors once they complete the *Introduction to Advising* Module. The committee will be working on the curriculum for the Master Advisor Certificate.

Meetings

Advisors' Council 3rd Wednesday at 8:45am Signal Mountain Room, UC

Assessment Committee 2nd Wednesday at 8:45am Elizabeth Johnson, Coordinator Training Committee 4th Wednesday at 8:45am Marjorie Whiteside, Coordinator

Leadership

1st Wednesday at 8:45am Mary Beth Ondrusek, Chair Vikki Bernotski Stacie Grisham Elizabeth Johnson Marjorie Whiteside

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