Steps for a Successful College Start

Apply to the Honors Program
- Review Honors Program information and submit application visit: grcc.edu/honorsprogramapplication

Financial Aid
- Complete your FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
  - Priority deadline to complete form for Fall at GRCC is July 15. Applications are reviewed by date received.
- Complete GRCC Dean’s Scholarship Application: grcc.edu/deansscholarship
  - Application is due March 1. Students must be accepted to the Honors Program to apply.
- Complete GRCC Foundation Scholarship Application: grcc.edu/money
  - Application is due March 15.
- Fall Course Payment Deadline in July 31.
  - Tuition information can be found at grcc.edu/cashier

Orientation
- Register for an Orientation session: grcc.edu/honorsorientation
  - Review “Before you Sign Up for Orientation”
- Attend Orientation
  - Learning Honors Program Expectations and GRCC Processes
  - Talk to Honors Advisor and determine your educational path
- Get your Raider Card (GRCC Student ID)

Set Up Technology
- Set up your Student Online Center: grcc.edu/loginrequest
  - Student Online Center helps you: register for classes, check your financial aid status, pay for classes, enrollment verification, request transcripts
  - Is my address, phone, email address and declared major correct?
- Look up your Blackboard account: grcc.edu/password
  - Blackboard will be used once your classes begin in the Fall.
- Use your GRCC email: email.grcc.edu
  - This account should be used for all GRCC email communication
- Student Technology Questions: grcc.edu/help or 616-234-HELP (4357)

Registration
- Open Enrollment for new GRCC students starts April 22, 2014
- Review GRCC Course Catalog:
  - Click “Programs of Study” for classes required for each degree
  - Unsure of your major? Consider CLS 101
- Enroll in at least one honors course each semester: grcc.edu/honorscourses
- Are you enrolling as a full time student? Register for at least 12 credits.
Alternative Credit Earned

- Send any AP or CLEP scores to GRCC; for equivalencies go to: grcc.edu/assessment
- Send any other college credit to GRCC (Official Transcript)

Before Classes Start

- Review Schedule. Where are your classes located? What time do they start?
- What are GRCC Parking Options? grcc.edu/parking
- Purchase Textbooks: grcc.edu/bookstore

Things to think about during your two years at GRCC:

Year One:

**Fall 2014:**
- Register for at least one honors course
- Meet with Honors Program Advisor in September to complete an academic plan and discuss transfer information
- Attend a Campus Lecture or Cultural Event and submit reflection assignment
- Undecided Major? Make a career counseling appointment
- Attend Transfer Fair

**Winter 2015:**
- Register for at least one honors course
- Join Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society: grcc.edu/ptk (GPA above 3.5)
- Participate in Service Learning for Honors Program Completion
- Complete GRCC Foundation Scholarship Application by March 2015
- Complete FAFSA each year in January–March 2015 for Financial Aid in 2015-2016
- Begin to explore admission information at transfer institution

Year Two:

- Complete Honors Course Requirements (12 Honors Course Credits are required)
- Have I participated in Service Learning?
- Have I attended a Campus Lecture or Cultural Event and submitted a reflection?

**Fall**
- Meet with Honors Program Academic Advisor to review classes needed
- Apply to Transfer Institutions
- Apply for Transfer Scholarships
- Attend Transfer Fair

**Winter**
- Complete Graduation Audit Application with Honors advisor by February 1
- Submit Honors Program Completion Form: Due April 1
- Apply for Graduation: Due April 1
- Submit FASFA

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