Helping students to Imagine, Develop, Explore, and Achieve their academic and personal goals while utilizing all available resources at GRCC.

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A Little MACRAO Quiz  
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Please answer the following as true (T) or false (F).

1. All of my courses used within MACRAO transfer.  
   T F
2. At least one wellness (WE) credit is required for MACRAO.  
   T F
3. American government is a MACRAO requirement.  
   T F
4. I must earn an Associate degree to use MACRAO.  
   T F
5. I started at GVSU as a dual enrolled student and earned GVSU credit so I cannot come to GRCC and earn the MACRAO after high school graduation.  
   T F

If you answered False to all of the above questions – you are a MACRAO scholar!

The MACRAO agreement is all about general education completion and not about transfer of individual courses. A good example may be Math courses. Some transfer schools may require MA110 or higher and will not accept GRCC’s MA107 in transfer. MA107 will nevertheless fulfill 4 credits in Natural Science within the MACRAO agreement. Therefore, while the student will loose the 4 credits in transfer, the agreement is still in force. The student will need to meet the specific institutional mathematics requirement to graduate but will use the MACRAO agreement to meet other general education requirements.

MACRAO remains the very best vehicle in the state of Michigan for students to complete general education requirements. This is particularly significant for students who are unsure of their choice of major and/or transfer school. It is provides a framework for choice as personal goals are explored.

Questions? We’ve got answers! Counseling and Career Center, 3rd Floor, Student Community Center, 234.3900.

COUNSELING AND CAREER CENTER

Location:  
3rd Floor Student Center

Center Hours:  
Monday – Thursday:  
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday:  
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call to schedule an appointment at 616.234.3900

Website:  
www.grcc.edu/counseling

- Academic Advising
- Career Assessments
- Career Counseling
- Classroom Presentations
- Crisis Response
- Faculty/Staff Consultation about Student Issues
- Personal Counseling
- Transfer Planning
- Workshops on Various Academic and Career Topics

Academic Advising and Transfer Fair will be held March 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Applied Technology Center. Come talk with representatives from over 25 transfer schools as well as discuss fields of study with GRCC departments!

Need To Speak With A Counselor?

The Counseling and Career Center’s mission is to assist you with academic, career, and personal issues while you are working toward a program at Grand Rapids Community College.

1. Call 616.234.3900 to schedule an appointment with the front desk staff to meet with a counselor. Please mention whether you need assistance with academic advising, career counseling, or personal counseling.

2. Between October and May, the Counseling and Career Center has a Counselor-on-Duty every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for quick advising questions at the kiosk desk on the 3rd Floor of the Student Center.
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I have been a GRCC counselor for eight years. While my position includes assisting students through academic, personal, and career counseling, I occasionally teach in the Behavioral Science Department and continue to be active in campus activities. I am involved in several Student Life events such as advising the International Student Organization, assisting with and attending other student organization events. I have worked with the Service Learning office to lead an alternative spring break trip and I volunteer at Diversity Learning Center activities. I truly believe that to get the most out of college, students need to do more than just attend class. It's by meeting others, learning and exchanging ideas, and investing yourself into activities, that we grow into more rounded individuals.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family (including my furry housemates: 3 cats and a Shepard mix dog.) I enjoy traveling, overseas and domestic, attending concerts and theater productions, gardening, and home repair/decorating projects.

I encourage all students to get to know your college. Utilize the Counseling & Career Center, Tutoring services, Student Life opportunities and Service Learning. Discover all of the opportunities to grow and develop that are just waiting for you!

IDEA

IDEA is a four-stage student plan of action for utilizing GRCC resources to achieve your career and educational goals!

1. To develop students’ understanding of their roles and responsibilities as members of a higher education community
2. To develop their critical thinking skills so they can successfully participate in their educational community

Academic advising helps students synthesize and contextualize all of their educational experiences at GRCC, from application to graduation, to maximize the benefit of these experiences as they move into the larger world.

Counselor Spotlight...

Katie Geeseman

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