

Career Guidance and Counseling Services

A full range of counseling services is offered to students including orientation to college programs and services, college placement tests, career counseling, limited personal counseling, and student rights advocacy. Counselors are available in the Student Services & Administration Building on a walk-in, virtual, or appointment basis. Counselor hours are posted in the Student Services & Administration Building and on the GCC website, <https://guamcc.edu/AssessmentandCounseling>.

Pre-Enrollment Counseling

Students who have applied for admission or who are planning to enroll for the first time are encouraged to contact a counselor for educational and/or career and technical education guidance services. Students are provided with information regarding admissions procedures, placement testing requirements, instructional programs, and other services. Students who are undecided about career goals or objectives are provided with career guidance services, which may include assessment of interests and aptitudes and exploration of career fields.

Counseling services is accessible through GCC's public website. Under the Student life header is the counseling main page where information regarding services can be found.

Announcements will be made on MyGCC to inform the college community of counseling services and how they may avail of the service. Counseling services will be provided either by email, face-to-face, phone call, or through a virtual meeting via ZOOM or Google Meet. If students prefer to communicate via email only, that option will be provided.

English and Mathematics Placement Test

Effective October 2016, ACCUPLACER replaced COMPASS as the College's placement test. Placement test results are valid for two (2) years. While placement testing is not mandatory for admission to the College, it is required for enrollment in English and Mathematics courses if other placement means are not applied (e.g. CLYMER or WorkKeys® results). Students can schedule their test online after making payment by visiting www.guamcc.edu and clicking on Placement Test under the Admissions tab. The College reserves the right to require students to be re-evaluated using its placement test at any time.

Under GCC's CLYMER (Classroom Learning Yields Math & English Readiness) program, a recent GDOE or private high school graduate (within two years) who has earned a minimum GPA of 3.2 and taken higher level math or senior English courses can enroll into college-level math and English courses without taking a placement exam. Learn more about the CLYMER program at www.guamcc.edu/CLYMER under the Admissions Tab.

In addition, GCC accepts valid WorkKeys® Gold and Platinum Certificates for enrollment into MA110A and/or EN110 instead of a placement exam.

Career Information and Guidance

Information, materials, and counselor assistance are available to students who need help in career educational planning and assessment of their interests, abilities, goals and values. Computer-assisted career search programs and information on schools and colleges that provide additional training for occupations are also available.

Personal/Social Counseling Services

Counselors provide personal growth and development counseling. Students experiencing adjustment problems, stress, anxiety, difficulties in relationships with others, or other symptoms of emotional distress may receive limited personal counseling, or in some cases may be referred to services in the community as GCC counselors are not licensed therapists. All information related to the student receiving counseling is confidential and may be released only with the written permission of the student.

Student Rights Advocacy

Counselors are responsible for promoting the welfare of students and assisting them in the protection of their basic human rights. Counselors will, when requested, take an active role in advising students of their rights to confidentiality, privacy, freedom of expression and viewpoints, and rights to due process. Counselors will assist in mediation of disputes and grievances and act as the advocate of the student. Related policies and procedures are found in the GCC Student Handbook.

Advisement

Academic Advising at the College is a process that assists students in clarifying their life and career goals as they develop their educational plan. Since academic advising is also a decision-making process, the ongoing communication is the responsibility of both the student and his/her advisor.

Academic Advising goes beyond requirements and registration. Working collaboratively with the program advisor, students develop education and career plans consistent with the students' interests, abilities, values, and life goals.

Guam Community College partners with its students to succeed. This process is reflected in the following activities:

- Assisting students in clarifying, articulating, and attaining academic and life goals;
- Facilitating each student's academic adjustment to the campus;
- Educating students to assess academic progress and develop appropriate educational plans;
- Explaining and clarifying graduation requirements and academic rules and regulations;
- Serving as advocates and mediators for students; and