

Student Developmental Services

Student Developmental Services offers a variety of developmental programs and services which are designed to assist students in defining, clarifying, and achieving educational and personal goals. The Student Developmental Services Department provides opportunities to enhance holistic life skills throughout the NMC experience. This department supports a total college student development plan that includes:

- orientation
- academic advising
- counseling and special services
- academic skills development
- student governance
- student life
- residence life
- leadership development
- student health
- career advisement
- honoring ceremonies
- student activities
- community service
- multiculturalism
- tutoring
- first year experience

Professional staff members who provide the following services are available by calling (402) 354-7211.

Academic Advising

To facilitate effective decision-making and completion of academic coursework in an educationally sound manner, matriculated students work with an advisor to monitor and assist progress through their program of study. Academic advisors work closely with students, helping them achieve professional and/or personal goals through registration and program planning.

Students enrolled in the certificate and allied health programs are assigned to their program director or coordinator as their academic advisor and maintain this advisor throughout program completion.

Nursing students work with a freshman academic advisor during the first year of their nursing program. After completion of their first year of nursing coursework, nursing students are assigned to an academic advisor from among the nursing faculty until program completion.

Academic Skill Building

The Academic Skills Specialist provides academic skill building services to students in one-to-one or group interactions designed to help each student fully realize his/her academic potential. Students receive instruction in academic skills designed to enhance performance in all of their courses.

Individual assessments provide students with personal profiles of learning modalities, strengths, and needs. Follow-up sessions focus on assisting students to achieve maximum growth through development of basic skills, study strategies, motivation, and time management. Additional workshops are offered in response to student requests.

Counseling

Confidential counseling services are provided to assist students in making positive adjustments in their academic and personal life. Professional counselors offer assistance in dealing with personal crises, self-esteem building, assertive skill development, problem solving, decision-making, time and multiple role management, test anxiety and career development. Counselors do not provide diagnosis or treatment for severe emotional difficulties, but can provide immediate referral resources. Counseling sessions may be short-term or long-term depending upon need and desire. Services are confidential and free-of-charge.

First Year Experience (FYE)

First year Experience (FYE) is a program designed for the incoming freshman student who just graduated from high school. FYE is a semester long series of programming that assists in the transition to college and student success. NMC resources are highlighted and made easily accessible. This program provides the opportunity for students to become familiar with NMC, their fellow students, and college life.

Multicultural Support

Nebraska Methodist College is committed to creating a harmonious community characterized by awareness, integrity, cooperation, and mutual respect for diversity. We strive to identify and eliminate cultural barriers that inhibit success and to affirm, respect, and celebrate cultural differences. The College has a deep commitment to building a culturally-inclusive environment that values all of its members. Various College departments and committees exist that:

- Promote a collegiate atmosphere supporting a sense of belonging for students of color.
- Organize activities promoting cultural appreciation and awareness.
- Provide holistic support to students of color in their pursuit of both academic and personal goals.

New Student Orientation

New student orientations are planned each year to assist students in building a solid foundation for success. Information is presented to students and family members to increase familiarity with day-to-day routines and essential resources. Orientations also assist in building an understanding of the many strategies for achieving personal and academic success at NMC.

Professional Development

As a part of the professional development of students, opportunities are available for students to learn job search skills including resume writing, interviewing skills and job search strategies. Placement opportunities are made available to all graduating students. Contact the Academic Skills Specialist or review the jobs and opportunities binder located in the Student Center for further information.

Student Housing

The Student Housing Program at NMC is an integral part of the educational program and academic support services of the institution. The Josie's Village provides students with a dynamic living/learning environment that enhances individual growth and development. See the Housing Handbook for more information.

Services for Students with Disabilities

NMC endeavors to provide qualified students with disabilities equal access to the College's educational opportunities, facilities, programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the individual. When necessary to accomplish this goal, the College will make reasonable modifications to policies, practices or procedures or provide auxiliary aids and services, as long as doing so will not fundamentally alter the nature of the College's programs or impose an undue burden. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations.

Since some actions may not be possible without advance notice, students who may require such assistance must notify the College at least two months in advance. Students requesting such assistance will be required to provide information and documentation regarding their disabilities and their limitations, including appropriate medical information. In addition, students must participate in evaluations arranged by the College for the purpose of collaborating on appropriate learning strategies. All personal and medical information will be considered confidential. For more information, contact the Academic Skills Specialist.

Student Employment

Employment opportunities are posted on the college web site. These opportunities include health care, retail sales, fast food and baby-sitting. The Human Resources and Supervisory teams of Methodist Health System are especially interested in talking with students about employment throughout enrollment and upon graduation. There are several employment options/positions. Human Resources offices are located at the Corporate Office (8601 W. Dodge Road), Methodist Hospital (8303 Dodge St.) and Shared Services (1725 S. 20th St.). Students are invited to visit any of these locations to review job postings and complete an application.

Additionally, students may review open positions and apply to Methodist Health System online by visiting www.bestcare.org or by e-mailing their resumes with cover letter to www.hrbus@nmhs.org. As employees of Methodist Health System, NMC students may be eligible for a wide variety of benefits, which include tuition assistance, the Employee Development Scholarship, flexible hours, paid time off, health and dental benefits and others.

Student Health

NMC believes in a proactive approach to sustaining health. Undergraduate and certificate students are required to have a health assessment at the NMC Student Health Center or from their own health care provider prior to beginning classes at the College. All students must provide documentation of required immunizations.

Students will be withdrawn from classes if current health records are not submitted by the required deadlines. See the Student Health Insurance, Immunization and Infectious Disease policies in the “General Student Policies” section of this catalog. For further information, contact the Student Health Office or refer to the *Student Handbook*.

Student Publications and Handbooks

The *Student Handbook* is located on the college website. The handbook contains policies, procedures, information and regulations important to the daily lives of students. All students are responsible for adhering to the policies and procedures explained in the *Student Handbook*.

The *Campus Housing Handbook* is issued to each resident of the Josie’s Village upon moving in. The handbook contains policies, procedures, information and regulations important to daily life in residence.

The *Financial Aid Handbook* is given to financial aid recipients (students) with the first Award Letter. Students are held responsible for knowing and following these financial aid regulations, policies and procedures. Program Handbooks are available to all prospective students through the College website, during program orientation or at the beginning of the student’s first clinical course.

Transportation and Parking

Students are responsible for their own personal transportation. Public transportation is available to and from many affiliate agencies. Some clinical experiences require the use of an automobile. Students must park in designated areas at all facilities. Parking stickers are required and can be obtained at the Information Desk in the Clark Center.

Full-time students residing in Omaha and driving a vehicle with license plates registered in a county other than Douglas must apply for a City of Omaha wheel tax student exemption sticker. Students failing to apply for an automobile identification tag may be subject to a fine, as well as towing and storage charges. Vehicle exemption stickers may be obtained from the Clark Center Information Desk. See the online *Student Handbook* for further information regarding parking at NMC and Methodist Hospital.

Tutoring

Free tutoring is available to NMC students. Peer tutors are instructor referred and have completed the courses they are tutoring. Tutors can help clarify concepts, review class notes, answer questions, and suggest note-taking and test taking strategies. Tutoring offered in both group settings and individual sessions. To sign up for a tutor contact the Academic Skills Specialist.