

The mission of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) is to provide accurate academic advising, high quality interdisciplinary tutoring, and innovative academic support through mentoring programs, intervention strategies, and skill-building workshops. The following programs reflect our commitment to student persistence and academic success:

- **Academic Potential Program (APP)**
 - APP is a probationary summer admission program. While here in the summer, APP students receive additional academic support in the form of linked courses, tutoring, a First Year Seminar course, meetings with their advisor and if necessary remediation in math deficiencies.
- **College Success Skills Workshops**
 - Workshops focus on areas of student need which include time management, textbook reading, effective note taking, study habits, test anxiety, learning styles, essay writing, financial fitness and stress management.
- **Developmental Advising**
 - Students identified as at-risk are assigned to an academic advisor and have ongoing regular meetings throughout the freshmen year. Advisors mentor and coach students on the transition from high school to college, skill building strategies as well as providing resources when appropriate. A key successful component of this program is the fostering of positive student and advisor relationships that help students overcome obstacles to success as they surface.
- **Early Academic Progress Program.**
 - Faculty refer underperforming students through an on line system to academic advisors in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). By alerting advising staff to students in academic distress early in the semester advisors are able to intervene with the student to determine areas of concern and provide appropriate assistance and/or connect students to additional support resources if necessary.
- **Mandatory Orientation**
 - Incoming freshmen students are required to attend an orientation session where ACE advisors and selected faculty advisors work with students to craft a first semester schedule appropriate for the students interest and skill level. Having faculty participate in the advising process at orientation also provides freshmen with their first opportunity to interact with UNF faculty.
- **Mandatory academic advising - Degree Evaluations**
 - Freshmen and sophomore students are required to meet with an ACE advisor to review their degree evaluation. A degree evaluation lists all coursework required for a particular degree including general education and prerequisite requirements. Students can choose to be “undecided” and will receive a degree evaluation with general education requirements only. When students change their major, they need a new degree evaluation.

- **Mid-term grade reports**
 - All freshmen receive mid-term grade reports to let them know how they are doing in their coursework. ACE requests information on all students who are earning less than a “C” grade in one or more courses and contacts them with suggestions and strategies for improving their grade. At this point in the semester many students can salvage a poor grade.
- **Peer Tutoring**
 - ACE provides tutoring for a variety of subject areas available to all UNF students. Math, writing and science are the most frequently requested subjects but we also offer tutoring in many foreign languages, business, social science and humanities areas.
- **Community Outreach and Collaborative Programs**
 - ACE staff regularly participates in outreach activities to promote an awareness of ACE and the support services provided. In addition, we partner with many units across campus to create and deliver retention programs reflective of student need. Peer tutors frequently visit classrooms to share information on tutoring services and ACE staff routinely collaborate with Career Services, the Parents Program, Housing, Student Government, and the International Center for Peace in an effort to offer programming that educates students on a variety of academic and transition topics.