

QCC Mentoring March Area of Focus: Job Interviews, Financial Aid, and Transfer

It can be difficult to take time in the middle of the spring semester to get prepared for the following fall, but March is a great time to get ready! This month we ask QCC Mentoring pairs to go over some of the timelines and resources students will need to prepare most effectively for the fall 2021 semester. This is also a great time for our mentors to provide the mentees with some information about themselves and how they navigated these areas.

Some questions that could be asked:

For the Mentor: Did you have any difficulties paying for college? Have you had experience navigating a difficult financial situation? If so, how did you handle it? Did you transfer to another college? If so, please describe the process. What was it like after graduation and how did you prepare to enter the workforce? Do you have any tips to share about how to handle job searches and interviews?

For the Mentee: What are your plans for the summer and fall? Will you be remaining at QCC, graduating, or transferring? What steps will you need to take to prepare for your upcoming goals?

QCC Mentoring will be hosting a **Virtual Interview Skills Workshop** on **March 10th from 3:00 to 4:30pm**. This would be a great time for the mentee to register for that event and prepare for a virtual practice interview.

Mentees can register for the workshop here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j7RUuzo8_ESGw3Rpn7qIuYQ2AV4OqVMv_OHHhiKUTpUNIJKnkZBOTJFTINERTgxRUVYOFdIR0tXTS4u

Mentors and mentees can also look through the following pages together and identify anything that might be beneficial. Each office listed below offers one-on-one meetings for students for support and a way to learn more about their next steps. **It would be great if students could schedule at least 1 meeting with each of these offices.**

Financial Services:

Many students this year have had difficulty completing their college education in the face of financial difficulties. We hope that students will take time now to ensure their financial aid package is completed for the fall 2021 semester to avoid any issues next semester and to best prepare for the future. If students apply for financial aid for the fall semester by **April 1st**, it is more likely they will receive the full package they are eligible for.

QCC's priority filing deadline is **April 1st** for the **FALL** semester and **October 1st** for the **SPRING** semester. All students must complete a [FAFSA](#) to apply.

To make an individual appointment with Financial Services staff, students can use one of the following options:

Virtual Drop-in Financial Services Assistance

Financial Services is happy to offer virtual drop-in hours for general financial aid questions during the following times:

- Tuesdays: 2:00- 4:00 p.m. ([Zoom](#))
- Thursdays: 9:00- 11:30 a.m. ([Zoom](#))

Virtual One-on-one Financial Services Appointments

If you need remote help with any of the following, please email egalvin@qcc.mass.edu or call 508.854.4491 for an appointment.

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- FSA User ID
- Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Note

Students can learn more about the Financial Services office here:

https://theq.qcc.edu/ICS/Financial_Services

Transfer Services

Many students enter QCC with the intention to graduate and transfer to a 4-year institution. We highly recommend students schedule individual meetings with Transfer Services staff well before they plan to apply for transfer programs. Students can learn more about the Transfer Services office, and the necessary steps here:

https://theq.qcc.edu/ICS/Student_Services/Transfer_Services.jnz

Transfer Services can be contacted through the information below:

Transfer Services Phone: 508-854-4404

Transfer Services Email: transfer@qcc.mass.edu

Click here to schedule a Transfer Services phone call or Zoom meeting:

[Individual Transfer Appointments via Zoom or Phone](#)

During this semester, colleges and universities are offering virtual transfer events and meeting opportunities for QCC students. Visit the [QCC Events Calendar](#) to access the many opportunities to meet with transfer admission counselors from 4-year colleges and universities.

Career Services

We highly recommend that any student who is interested in preparing for a job search first schedule an individual appointment with our Career Services office. Career Services has a wide variety of resources to assist with identifying career opportunities, finding up-to-date information on the latest job market trends, acquiring work experience, and developing job search skills for a successful transition from school to work. Students can learn more about the Career Services office here:

https://theq.qcc.edu/ICS/Student_Services/Career_Services.jnz

To make an appointment with Career Services, please contact them through the information below:

Career Services Phone: 508-854-4439

Career Services Email: careerservices@qcc.mass.edu