

STUDENT SERVICES

Academic Advising

Careful planning is essential when taking courses to complete a program, earn a two-year degree, or transfer to a four-year college. Professional and faculty advisors are available throughout the year to help students with educational planning.

Students are assigned an advisor in their area of interest during the admissions process. Advisors can be changed at any time. MPCC requires an advisor's signature before registering for classes the first time. Advisor signatures may continue to be needed for certain programs and/or classes. Students may also talk confidentially with an advisor about academic difficulties.

Advising is available in person, by walk in, or by appointment at all of our campus locations.

Reasons to contact an Academic Advisor:

- To discuss your program of study
- To register for classes
- To discuss class progress and aid in finding tutors or other support
- To assist in dropping, adding and withdrawing from a class or classes
- To get information on transferring, programs of study and other educational information
- To discuss program completion/steps to graduation

For more academic advising information, visit our site: <http://www.mpcc.edu/current-students/advising.php>

Career Services

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. The Career Services Center is a place for students, potential students, and the general public to go for assistance in selecting a rewarding career specialty.

The Career Services staff will work with you using a variety of screening assessments to help you discover your own unique strengths, interests, values, and aptitudes. The results of the assessments will be interpreted by trained career guidance staff who will also help to answer any questions that you have.

The Career Services Center offers a number of varied resources to help you find a career specialty that fits YOU.

Access to a variety of education and career-related services is available including:

- ACCUPLACER - A Product of College Board
- GED Testing
- Adult Basic Education/ESL Services
- ADA Accommodations
- Professional Testing Center
- Job application, résumé, cover letter, and interview assistance

For more information, visit our site: <http://www.mpcc.edu/currentstudents/career-services.php>

Counseling

Counseling is free for all Mid-Plains Community College students, and a professional licensed mental health practitioner is available on a short-term basis in person, by walk in, or by appointment at our North Platte South and McCook Campuses.

College life is an exciting and challenging time of learning about self, others, communities, and the world. At times, all of the new challenges that coincide with becoming a college student can be accompanied by feelings of fear, anxiety, distress, or depression. When these feelings become overwhelming, or interfere with a student's ability to function, counseling may be a good option.

Reasons to contact a counselor:

- Difficulty adjusting to college life
- Stress Management
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Interpersonal Relationship Difficulty
- Grief & Loss Issues
- Substance Use
- Eating Disorders
- Rape, Sexual Assault, & Other Trauma Concerns
- Self-Esteem, Self Confidence, Public Speaking Issues
- Family Concerns
- Sexual Orientation and/or Sexual Identity Concerns

For more student success and tutoring information, visit our site: <http://www.mpcc.edu/student-experience/counseling-services.php>

The Learning Commons

The MPCC Learning Commons includes a variety of services in one convenient, centralized location for students on the McCook and North Platte campuses. The purpose of the Learning Commons is to serve students for academic success.

To contact the McCook Learning Commons call 308-252-1828 or email MCLearningCommons@mpcc.edu

To contact the North Platte Learning Commons call 308-221-6433 or email NPLearningCommons@mpcc.edu

The Learning Commons website and virtual services can be accessed at: <http://www.mpcc.edu/current-students/learning-commons/index.php> (<http://www.mpcc.edu/current-students/learning-commons/>)

A member of the Learning Commons may be made available in-person or virtually for the Community Campus locations. Please contact your Community Campus Administrator for more information.

Test Proctoring and Accuplacer

Test proctoring and Accuplacer placement testing is available at the McCook, North Platte North, and North Platte South campuses, as well as the Community Campuses. Appointments must be made ahead of time to ensure a place in the testing room. Please contact your preferred testing location to schedule an appointment.

Tutoring

Tutoring services are available on a one-to-one basis and in small groups at no cost to the student. Contact the Learning Commons in McCook or North Platte for more information. For those students needing tutoring

services while studying through the Community Campuses, contact the Community Campus Administrator for information. Online tutoring is also available through Brainfuse Live Help Now, which is accessible through the student's Canvas account. Brainfuse online tutoring is free of charge, is available 24/7, and offers a wide variety of subjects and study resources.

Success Coaching

Success Coaches are available at the McCook and North Platte Learning Commons to assist students with goal setting, time management, study skills and other academic support tailored to their individual needs.

Computer Labs

Computers and laptops are made available to students in the McCook and North Platte Learning Commons for computer-aided instruction, programs, test proctoring, classes, or personal use. Computers have the latest software which enables students to complete homework, access online courses, browse the Internet, and search the research databases offered by the Learning Commons.

Computers are available to students during normal hours of operation. Both short- and long-term loan laptops are available for students to loan. On the North Platte North Campus, computer labs are maintained by departmental personnel and may be used during designated hours. Students are reminded that ethical usage of college owned computers and college internet services is required; violations will be subject to sanctions per the MPCC Student Code of Conduct.

Physical and Electronic Resources

The Learning Commons provides physical and electronic resources, including, but not limited to, books, ebooks, databases, journals, and magazines. Resources and services are provided to all students, regardless of physical location. Electronic resources, combined with the physical collections at both campuses, contain resources designed to support the college's curriculum and facilitate student and faculty research. Users can access the online catalog 24/7 to view the 175,000+ books, e-books, journals, videos, audio clips, DVDs, CDs, and other items included in the Learning Commons's collections.

Both campus Learning Commons provide nonfiction books, magazines, newspapers, and a selection of popular fiction reading. Users may request materials be transferred to their nearest campus, including Community Campuses, for borrowing purposes. Resources that are not found in the Learning Commons collections can be procured through interlibrary loan services at no cost to the college user.

The McCook Learning Commons is located in the von Riesen Library building on the McCook campus and contains the children's and young adult collection. The North Platte Learning Commons is located on the South Campus in room 146 of the McDonald-Belton building. The North Platte collections include the MPCC Administration collection and the Nursing department materials. Both campus libraries have comfortable seating, group study rooms, and individual study tables as well as free coffee all day.

Student Life

Be an active member of our MPCC community! Co-curricular activities allow you to apply what you learn in the classroom to your day-to-day life and build a foundation for success after college.

Many student activities are offered at Mid-Plains Community College both in McCook and North Platte. Student clubs and organizations, student activities, intramurals, intercollegiate athletics, Student Senate and a variety of student involvement opportunities are available to all MPCC students. Being involved and engaged in your college experience through the Student Life at Mid-Plains Community College will enrich your college life.

Student Clubs & Organizations

Mid-Plains Community College offers a wide range of student clubs, organizations and groups available to all current MPCC students to enrich the college experience. Student club and organizational involvement create opportunities to develop student's skills in leadership, cultural awareness, citizenship, and develop relationships with students, faculty, and staff members at MPCC.

For more information regarding MPCC Student Clubs & Organizations, visit our site: <https://www.mpcc.edu/student-experience/student-activities.php>

Student Activities

MPCC provides numerous activities and events throughout the year to entertain, educate, and develop MPCC students. For students interested, opportunities to plan and host MPCC student events are available. Activities have included:

- Intramurals
- Paint Ball
- Ping Pong & Pool Tournaments
- Bowling
- Comedy Nights
- Hypnotists
- Texting & Driving Simulators
- Cultural Awareness
- Student Wellness

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Resident Life and Housing

Welcome home! On-campus residential housing is one of the most important aspects of your success at Mid-Plains Community College.

A residence hall is more than just a place to sleep. In fact, the essence of living in a residence hall really has nothing to do with the building and everything to do with relationships. It is meeting new friends and broadening horizons. It is experiencing living with people from different countries and backgrounds. It is learning how to live in a community with others. Our housing staff provides opportunities to participate in educational programs and academic support, engage in social and cultural activities and create a sense of community on campus. Our facilities offer residents high-speed internet access and convenient access to the resources on campus including the library; Student Union; gym and fitness workout rooms; and your classrooms.

For more information on housing costs, how to apply for housing, or to receive a student housing contract, visit our site: <http://www.mpcc.edu/student-experience/residence-life/index.php> (<http://www.mpcc.edu/student-experience/residence-life/>)

How To Apply for MPCC Housing

On campus housing costs are set by the MPCC Board of Governors each spring. Housing is limited and will be assigned to students based on the following priorities:

- The date MPCC receives the housing application and the housing department
- Student must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours during their housing stay

Students interested in living on-campus housing can complete a housing contract on CampusWeb under "Resident Life" on the student tab or by clicking the following link: https://campus.mpcc.edu/ICS/Form_Development/Residence_Life/.

Student Conduct

Satisfaction with the student experience at MPCC depends, in part, on the conduct of each student in the MPCC community and their ability to adhere to the standards established by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies as well as the guidelines established in the MPCC Student Code of Conduct. Our goal is to support students as they learn to live independently as a member of the MPCC community while holding students accountable when their conduct does not align with these standards.

For more information on the MPCC Student Code of Conduct, visit our site: <https://nextcatalog.mpcc.edu/student-planner/code-conduct/> (<https://catalog.mpcc.edu/student-planner/code-conduct/>)