



Guidebook to Sheridan College

2021-2022

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Guidebook Updated: April 2021

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so pleased you chose to join the Sheridan College community. This handbook is a resource to help you along the journey of college life. We want you to engage with the campus community through your academic work and through cultural, recreational and social activities. Students who are engaged in their learning and their social and physical well-being earn better grades and are more likely to complete. Our responsibility is to assist you on this journey and prepare you for your first destination after Sheridan College through an inclusive environment that supports our core values of respect, excellence, integrity and learning. We encourage you to use the handbook as a resource through your journey. It provides information on academic resources, office contact information, students' rights and responsibilities, policies and procedures, suggestions for engagement outside the classroom, and so much more.

During your time at Sheridan College, we encourage you to not only ask questions for information and clarity but ask questions that challenge our community to have high standards and treat each person with the highest level of success. We hope to challenge and support you in a way that helps you to learn effectively and develop into a positive contributor to our society at the local, regional, national, and international levels. We encourage you to be open to new people and new experiences...Sheridan College provides a world of opportunities.

Again, welcome to Sheridan College and best wishes as you begin your journey as a General!

Kind regards,

Jen Crouse, MBA Vice President of Student Affairs

Important Phone Numbers

Sheridan College Main Number	307-675-0505
Admissions	307-675-0500
Advising and Testing Services	307-675-0100
Bookstore	307-675-0240
Business Office	307-675-0336
Campus Life and Housing	307-675-0510
Counseling and ADA Services	307-675-0122
Financial Aid	307-675-0200
Information Technologies	307-675-0555
Library	307-675-0220
TRiO	307-675-0141
Veteran Services	307-675-0777
Vice President of Student Affairs	307-675-0123

Academic Calendar

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

	Fall	<u>Spring</u>
Block A - full semester	8/30-12/17	1/24-5/13
Block B 1 St 8-wk session	8/30-10/22	1/24-3/15
Block C 2 nd 8-wk session	10/25-12/17	3/16-5/13

Fall Semester 2021

Classes begin (Blocks A & B) Monday, August 30 Labor Day Monday, September 6

Fall Break Monday, October 18 – Tuesday, October 19

Last class day for Block B Friday, October 22
First class day for Block C Monday, October 25
Midterm grades due for Block A Monday, October 27

Thanksgiving break Wednesday - Friday, November 24 - 26

Last class day for Blocks A & C Friday, December 17
Final grades due for Blocks A & C Tuesday, December 22

Spring Semester 2022

Classes begin for Blocks A & B

Last class day for Block B

Classes begin for Block C

Midterm grades due for Block A classes

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, March 15

Wednesday, March 16

Monday, March 21

Spring Break Monday-Friday, March 21-25

Good Friday – College Closed Friday, April 15 Last class day for Blocks A & C Friday, May 13

Commencement, Gillette College Friday, May 13, 7:00pm
Commencement, Sheridan College Saturday, May 14, 1:30pm
Final grades due for Blocks A & C Wednesday, May 18

Summer Session 2022

Classes begin Monday, May 16
Independence Day Break Monday, July 4
Last class day Friday, August 5
Final grades due Monday, August 10

Sheridan College Building Abbreviations

BC - Broadway Center

Dome - Bruce Hoffman Golden Dome

GMB - Griffith Memorial Building

MAC – Mars Agriculture Center

Mohns – Mohns Center

SC - Science Center

TC - Technical Education Center

TRCC – Thorne-Rider Campus Center

W – Whitney Building

WAC - Whitney Academic Center WCA - Whitney Center for the Arts

WCI - Wyoming Culinary Institute

WPC – Whitney Performing Arts and Education Center (Downtown at the WYO Theater)

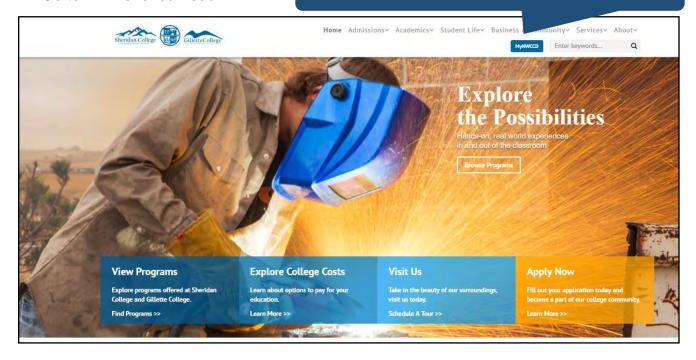
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Apply for Housing
Access Online Orientation
Research Your Textbooks
Access Your Student Account Center (SAC) and Manage Your Student Finance Information (Paying Your Bill)
Get Connected/Involved on Campus
Request Your Official NWCCD Transcript
Make an Appointment Using Calendly
How to Request Your Enrollment Verification
Apply for Jobs on Campus
Sign up for NWCCD Alert
Respond in an Emergency

How to Activate Your MyNWCCD Account

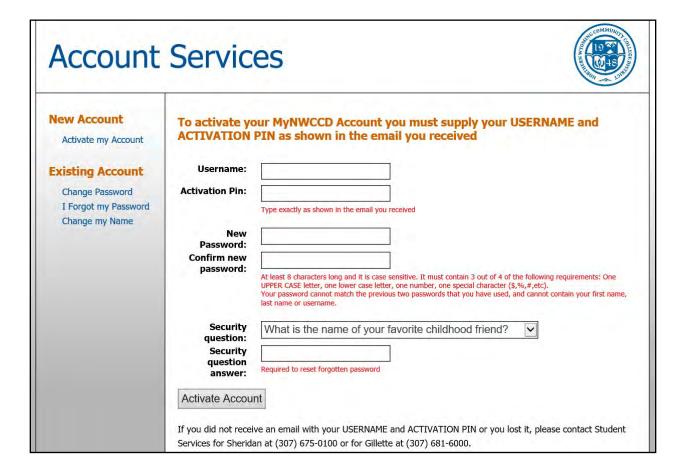
1. Go to www.sheridan.edu

Click on MyNWCCD in the upper right hand corner

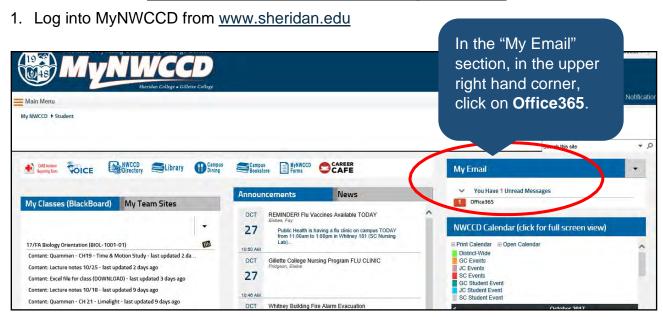


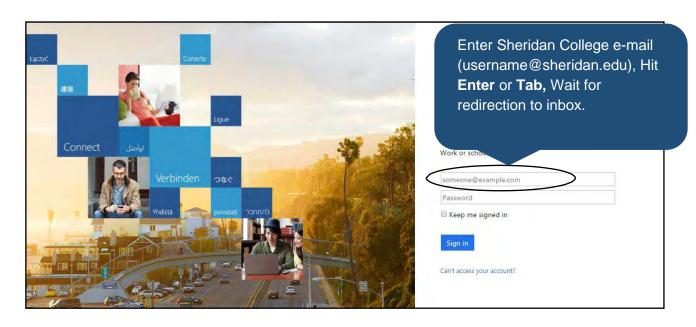


Follow the instructions on the page. The email referenced is the one from Admissions once you were admitted. If you cannot locate this email, contact Admissions at 307-675-0500.



How to Access Your College E-mail





Multi-Factor Authentication

NWCCD Information Technology Services

1 Whitney Way, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801

300 W. Sinclair Street, Gillette, WY 82718

Help Desk (307) 675-0555

ITS has implemented Two-Factor Authentication. To provide an additional layer of security, you will be **required** to set up once your account has been activated. **After the 30 minutes from activation**, try signing into your account.

Please review the methods available before proceeding.

Determine which security verification methods will be enabled and which is your default based on your preferences.

Authentication Method	Usag e
Alternate phone	Text message - Send a code or
** this should be a mobile phone you will have with you **	Call me (places an automated voice call to the phone number ~ answer the call and press the # key to authenticate)
Microsoft Authenticator app This app is free to download This app is recommended by the NWCCD ITS department, and will provide the best user experience	Approve sign-in? Northern Wyoming Community College District firstlast@sheridan.edu Deny Approve Use verification code (app generates a verification code every 30 seconds ~ enter the most current code in the sign-in screen)
** other authenticator apps may also work ** Office phone	Utilizing the office phone should only be used as a secondary option. Because you will not be required to authenticate while youare on campus, we do not recommend using your office phone as your primary authentication method.

Mobile Email Recommendation for NWCCD email account



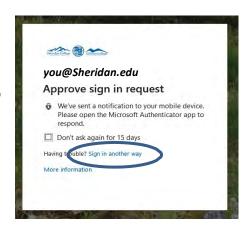
We recommend using the Outlook mail app on your mobile device, rather than the native mail app. The Outlook mail app works better with the Microsoft Authenticator app than the native mail app and will provide a better user experience.

Changing your Security Verification settings

You can change your Security Verification settings by logging into https://mysignins.microsoft.com. You can change or add methods.



The authentication methods you have defined will be available if you choose **Using different Authentication Methods**. When you are required to authenticate, you can select the "*Sign in another way*" to select from yourother authentication methods.

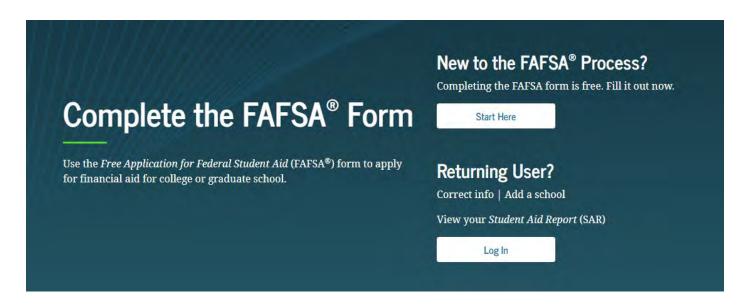


Troubleshooting

Issue	Resolution	
From within the Microsoft Authenticatorapp, you have enabled phone sign-in.	This feature is not available, and you will receive an error message when you are trying to authenticate.	
You are continually prompted to sign into email on your mobile device, even when you are in the process of logging in	We have observed the native mail app on a mobile device will continually prompt you to sign in, even when you are in the process of logging in. Additionally, there are delays with the Authenticator app during this process. We recommend downloading the Outlook app and running that on your mobile device. This app works much better with the Authenticator process.	
If you receive a sign-in prompt from the Authenticator app, or a text or phone call, and you are not attempting to log in.	Deny the approval and contact your NWCCD ITS team immediately https://helpdesk.sheridan.edu/ or 307-675-0555	

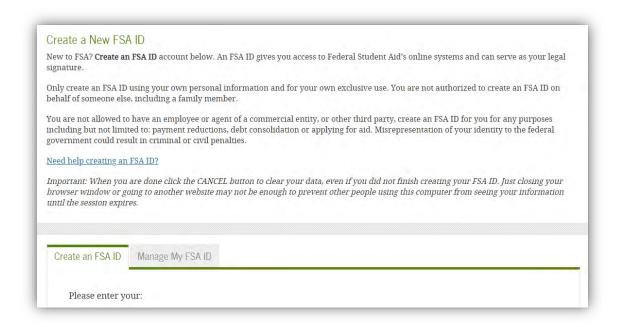
How to Apply for Financial Aid

- 1. Go to https://studentaid.gov
- 2. Click on 'Start Here' or 'Log In'





Create an FSA ID: If you and/or a parent need to create an FSA ID, follow these steps. When creating your FSA ID, it is important you use a personal email address (please do not use a high school email address as most high schools cut off access after graduation).



After you have created your FSA ID, you can log-in and follow the steps to filling out your FAFSA application. **Be sure to write everything down!** This is attached to your social security number and is not always easy to recover if you forget it. Students use this a few times a year, but parents will only use it to sign their student's FAFSA once a year (or when corrections are made).

FAFSA Tips:

- Add Northern Wyoming Community College District (Sheridan College) as a school; school code is 003930
- Utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer the correct tax year onto your FAFSA application

Download the FAFSA app!

Download the myStudentAid app in the Apple App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android).



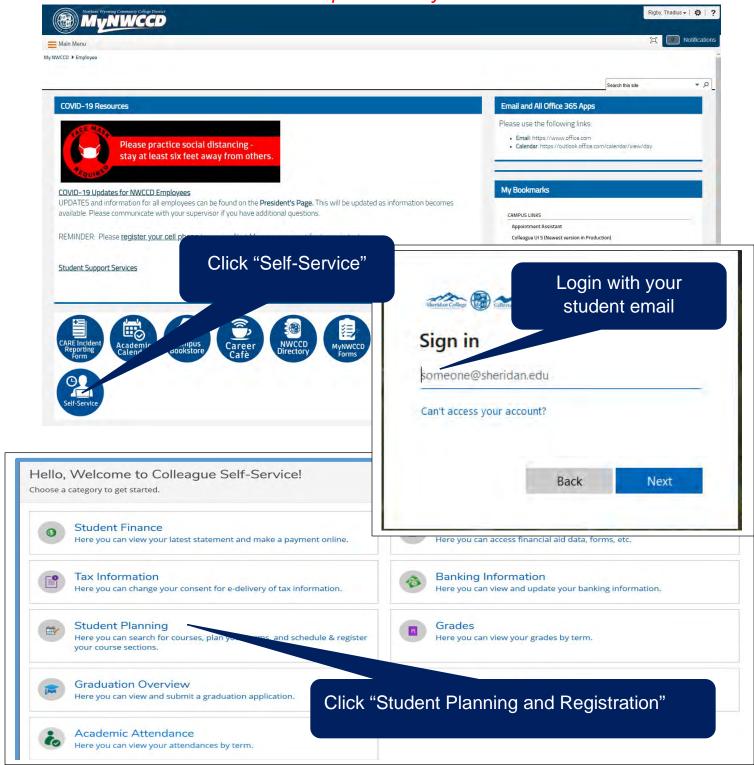
Financial Aid Checklist

- 1. Apply for federal financial aid by completing the **Free Application for Federal Student**Aid (FAFSA) at https://studentaid.gov
 - a. Create your FSA ID (username and password), parent of dependent student must create a parent FSA ID
 - b. Add Sheridan College as a school; school code 003930
 - c. Utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer the correct tax year on to the FAFSA application (uses taxes from 2 years ago)
- Check out Sheridan College's Cost of Attendance page https://www.sheridan.edu/admissions/tuition-fees/
- 3. Utilize **Net Price Calculator** https://sheridan.studentaidcalculator.com/survey.aspx to get an estimate of what you might be paying out of pocket.
- 4. Activate your **@sheridan.edu email** on MyNWCCD to ensure you receive email communication from the Financial Aid Office.
- 5. Visit NWCCD's scholarship page https://www.sheridan.edu/scholarships to complete the scholarship application and view other scholarship opportunities.
- 6. Log onto your **Financial Aid Self-Service** to view if you will be required to submit any additional financial aid documents. See instructions beginning on pg. 23.
- 7. View **Student Employment** jobs on your MyNWCCD portal. See instructions beginning on pg. 57.
- 8. Get comfortable with https://studentaid.gov This is your federal financial aid dashboard throughout your full college experience!
- The Sheridan College Financial Aid Office is open for walk ins Monday Friday 8am –
 5pm. You can also schedule an appointment using one of the following links:

Aaron Odom (Financial Aid Counselor, Senior): <u>Calendly.com/aodom-1</u>	307-675-0202
Chanda Richards (Financial Aid Counselor): Calendly.com/crichards-8	307-675-0204
Brenda Haseman (Scholarship Coordinator): <u>Calendly.com/bhaseman</u>	307-675-0203
Heidi Balster (Director of Financial Aid): <u>calendly.com/hbalster</u>	307-675-0201

MyNWCCD Self Service Overview

Your one stop access to your account





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Student Finance

Here you can view your latest statement and make a payment online.

- View & print your statement, statements are not mailed
- See all your individual charges
- See all your applied financial aid
- Make an online payment(s)
- Set up a short-term payment plan prior to each semester



Student Planning

Here you can search for courses, plan your terms, and schedule & register your course sections.

- Review your degree requirements
- Search for courses and sections
- Plan your schedule & adjust your course sequence
- Register for classes
- Check your placement scores
- Print an unofficial transcript



Tax Information

Here you can change your consent for e-delivery of tax information.

- Sign up to electronically receive:
 - W-2 if student employee
 - 1098-T Tuition Statement for income tax purposes



Graduation Overview

Here you can view and submit a graduation application.

- Submit required grad application:
 - Receive confirmation your program is complete or not
 - Gathers information for commencement
- Needed to officially graduate



Financial Aid

Here you can access financial aid data, forms, etc.

- Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Submit required documents
- Order IRS tax transcript
- Review & accept your awards
- Complete loan counseling
- Review your Satisfactory Academic Progress standing (SAP)



Enrollment Verifications

Here you can view and request an enrollment verification.

 Have proof of enrollment sent to:

- o Scholarship donor
- o Employer
- Insurance company
- o Others as needed



Banking Information

Here you can view and update your banking information.

 Sign up for direct deposit to receive any excess financial aid or other refunds



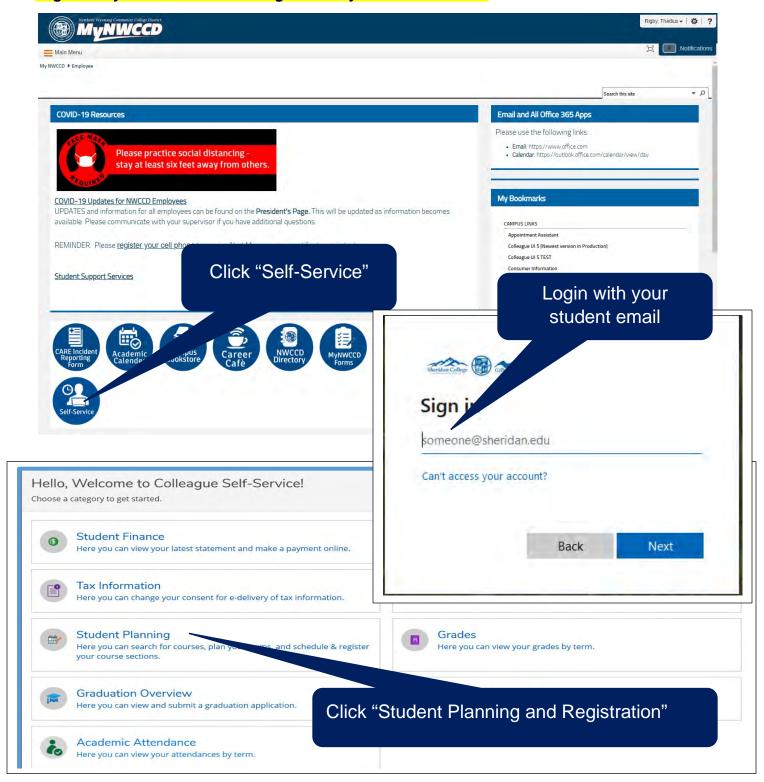
Grades

Here you can view your grades by term.

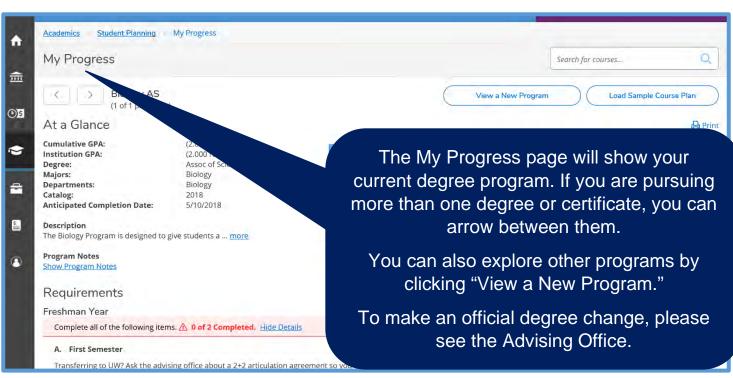
- View your mid-term and final grades
 - Instructors maintain test, quiz, etc. grades either in Canvas or some other system

Student Planning Reference Guide

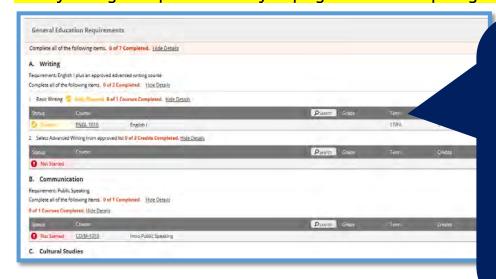
Log in to MyNWCCD – Your one log in for all your student needs.







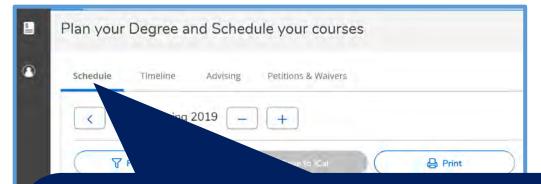
Check your degree requirements and your progress toward completing them.



Scroll down to review your degree requirements. You will see yellow markers indicating that the required course is planned, green for completed, and red for not started. Beware of the term referenced – if you plan and/or register for a course that you do not complete, it will still show here as planned, even if the term is in the past.

Go to Plan & Schedule from the "Student Planning" dropdown menu.

Plan & Schedule – Schedule & Register for Classes



Four Sections:

Schedule – This view allows you to see one semester, to choose active sections during registration period, and to build a class schedule on a weekly calendar grid. When you have an acceptable schedule, you can register for all classes with the button in the upper, right corner.

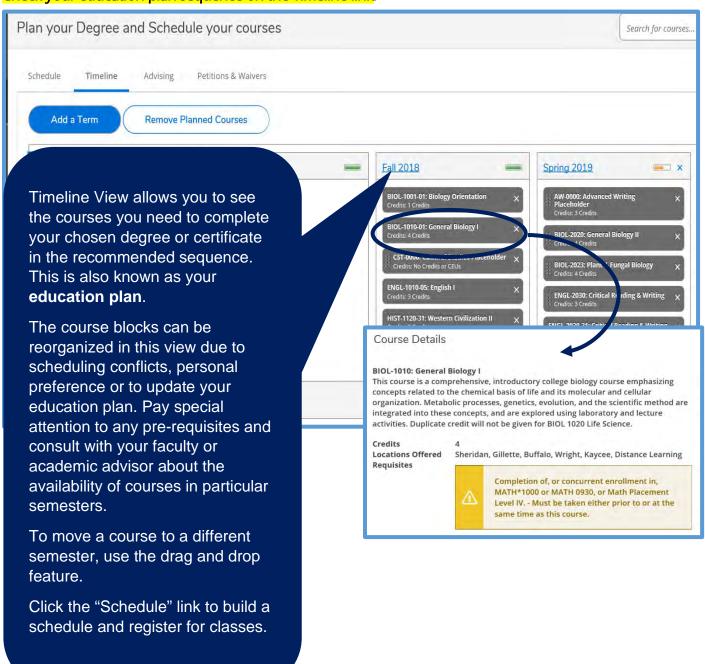
Timeline – Your education plan by semester, with the recommended courses in a semester-by-semester sequence.

Advising – a place for you to read messages to and from your advisor, or leave notes about changes or choices on your degree plan.

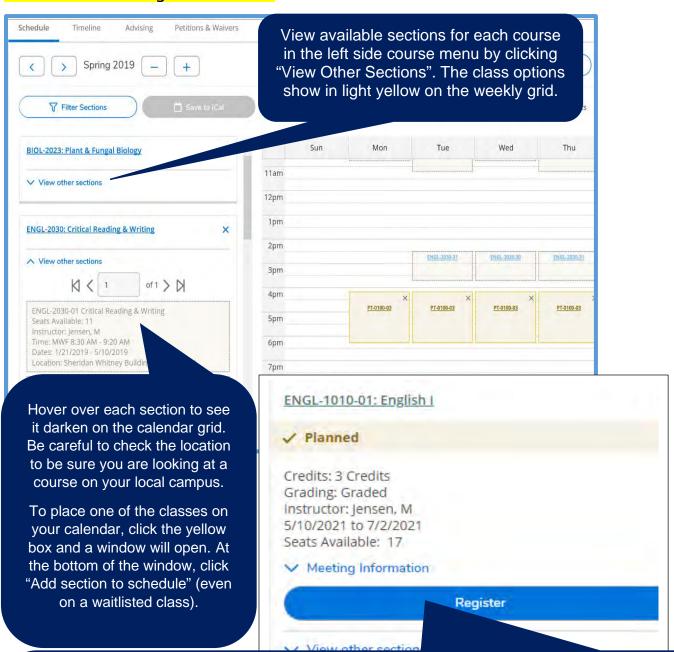
Petitions & Waivers – a place for you to review any course substitutions or waivers on your account.

Review any advising notes on the Advising link.

Check your education plan sequence on the Timeline link.



Schedule View - Building a Class Schedule

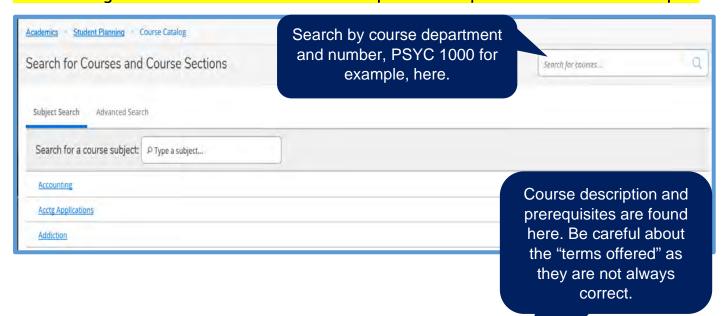


The buttons here will be Register or Waitlist. **DO NOT** register until your entire schedule is built. If you need to get on the Waitlist, go ahead and click the button. When courses change from yellow Planned to a green Registered, But Not Started, then you are actually enrolled in the class, **even when there is still a yellow Waitlist Warning**.

Yellow, planned classes can easily be removed by clicking the "X".

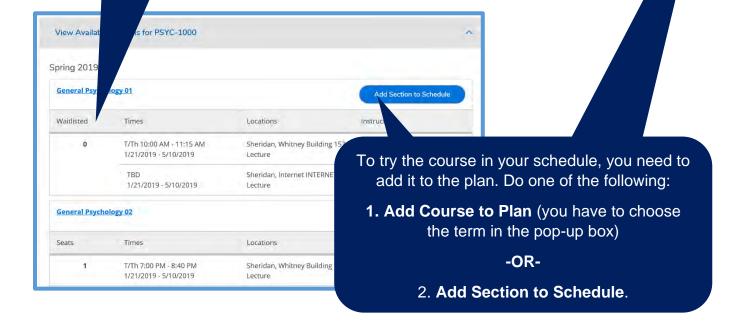
NOTE: If you want to move a course to a different semester, you must first remove any planned (yellow) sections selected here, then go to Timeline to move the course. Remember a yellow selection is only tentative and you are not enrolled in the class until you register and the box turns green.

Course Catalog – add courses or sections to fulfill the requirements for placeholders in the education plan.

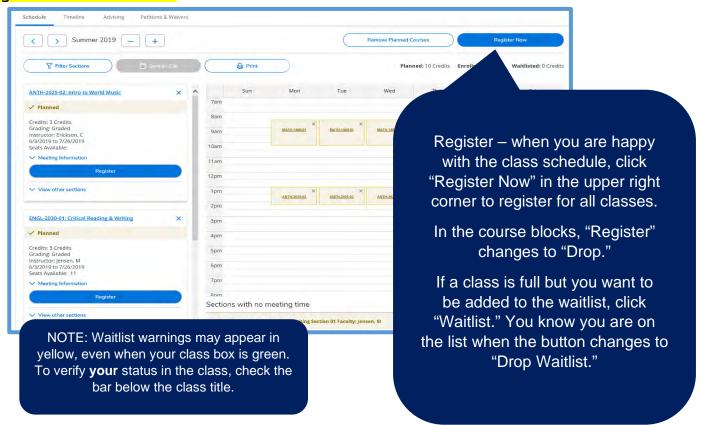


View Available Sections to look for courses currently active on the schedule, and to check if there is still room in the Course.





Register or Waitlist for Classes



Payment Responsibility and Waitlists – READ this to understand your responsibilities

A payment option must be established by the first day of the term!

PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY: Payment for your registration is due the first day of the semester. Please be sure you have 1) completed and verified Financial Aid that covers the balance, 2) signed up for convenient, low cost payment plan at https://nwccd.afford.com, OR 3) paid in full.

*Withdrawing from a class or classes? You are able to drop/withdraw from all but one course. You will need to complete the Withdraw Form or with Enrollment Services. If you have issues, contact Enrollment Servicesat 307-675-0110 in Sheridan or 307-681-6005 in Gillette or email at crigdon@sheridan.edu. If you are receiving financial aid, please work with the Financial Aid Office regarding your account. Please contact 307-675-0200 in Sheridan or 307-681-6040 in Gillette.

If you want to be added to a waitlisted for a section, make sure you click the Waitlist button on the course to actually add yourself to the waitlist. Once class begins, the instructor monitors the waitlist.

NEW: Waitlisted students will be sent an email at your @sheridan.edu email account when a seat becomes available in your waitlisted section up until classes begin. You have 72 hours to log into your Student Planning on & Schedule) from your MyNWCCD Self Service account and click Register. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to register in your waitlisted course(s). If you do not register within 72 hours, your seat will be of the next student in line, and you will be dropped from the waitlisted section. If you have a registration hold, contact Enrollment Services within the 72 hour time limit.

You have 72 hours to register after email notification of an open seat.

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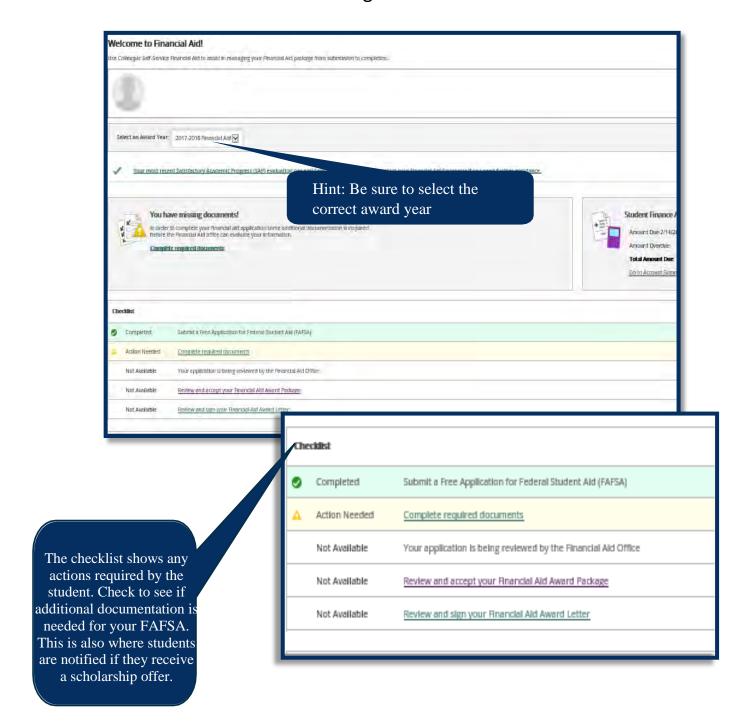
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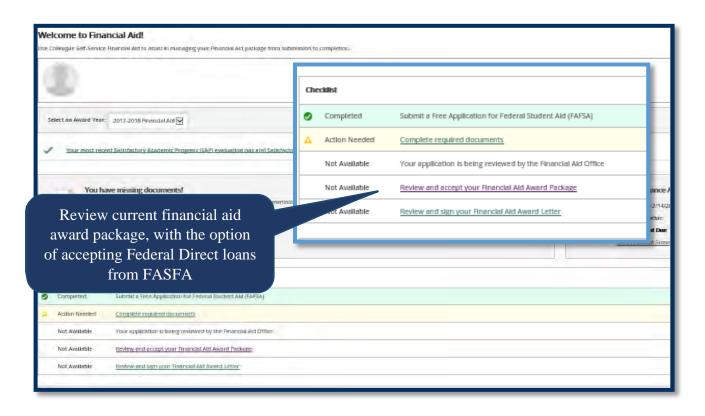
Student Self-Service Home Page

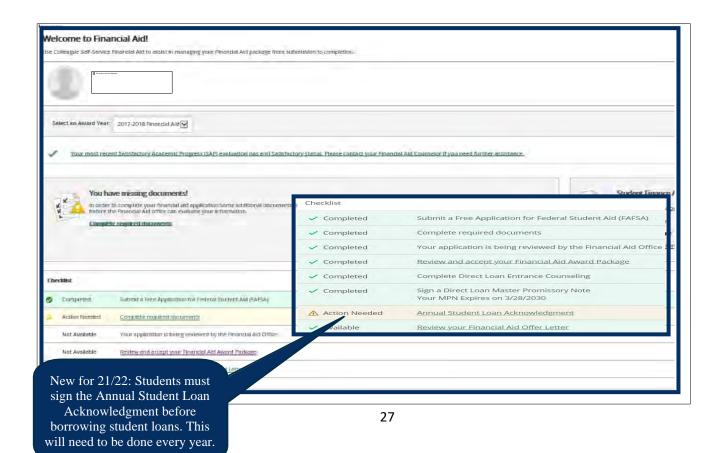


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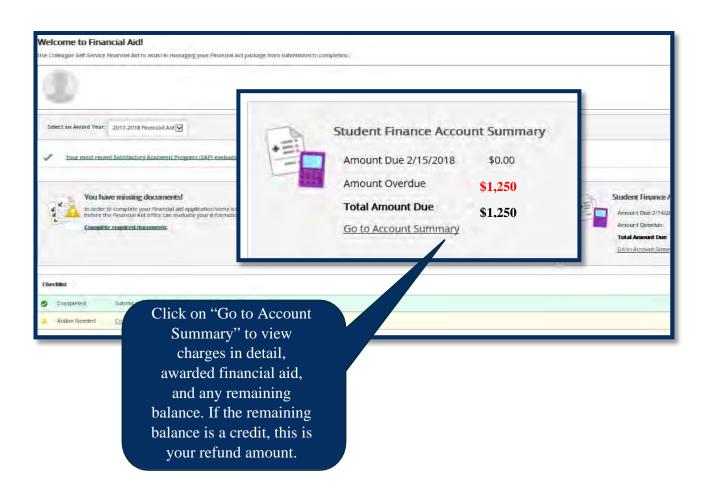




Self-Service Financial Aid Home Page

Important Student Loan Information

- Loan Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note must be completed prior to the Financial Aid Office processing the loan request. These are completed on https://studentaid.gov
- Master Promissory Notes are valid for 10 years.
- Students will see what amount of student loans they qualify for on their Self-Service page. The amount is split fall/spring/summer. If a student does not plan to attend for the summer semester, the loan amount can be split evenly between fall and spring.
- Students must be enrolled in 6 credits towards their program/degree in order to be eligible to request student loans.



Self-Service Home Page



Student Finance shows your semester charges, your schedule, and what financial aid is applied to each semester's balance. This is also where you can pay your balance or set up a payment plan.

Student Finance is updated in real-time whenever the Financial Aid module is updated. Use Student Finance as a checklist to monitor scholarships received and if your federal financial aid is applied.

Check out how the Student Finance and the Financial Aid modules relate to each other, beginning on pg. 46.

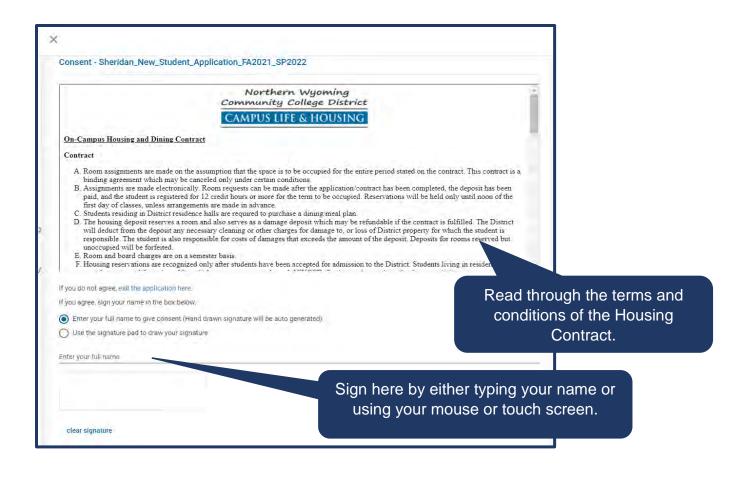
How to Apply for Housing

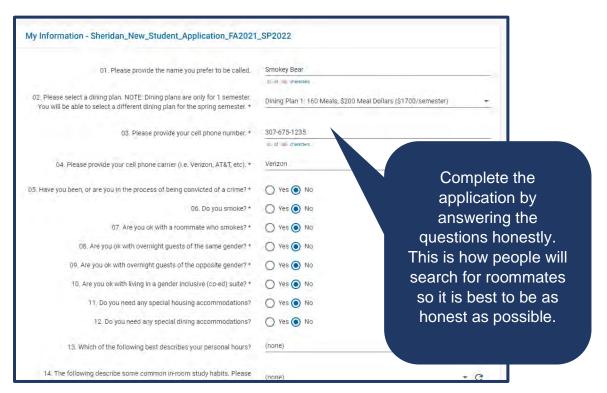
Log in to MyNWCCD (http://www.sheridan.edu/mynwccd/) – Your one log in for all your student needs.

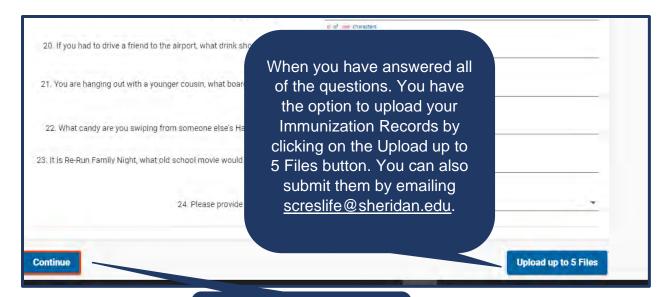


Click on Applications and Forms

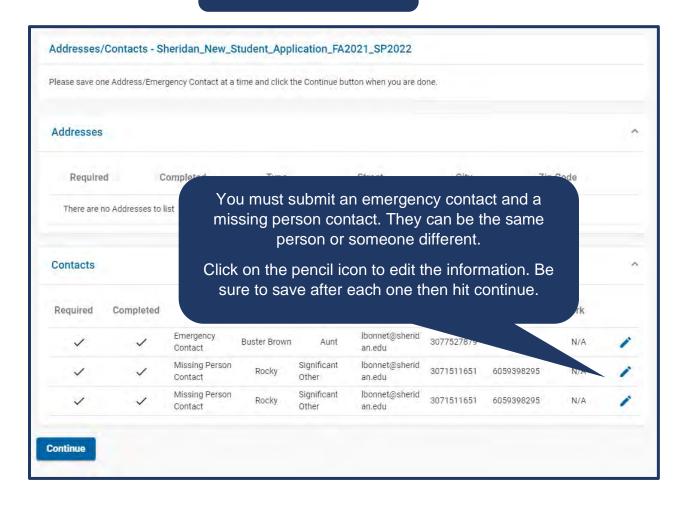








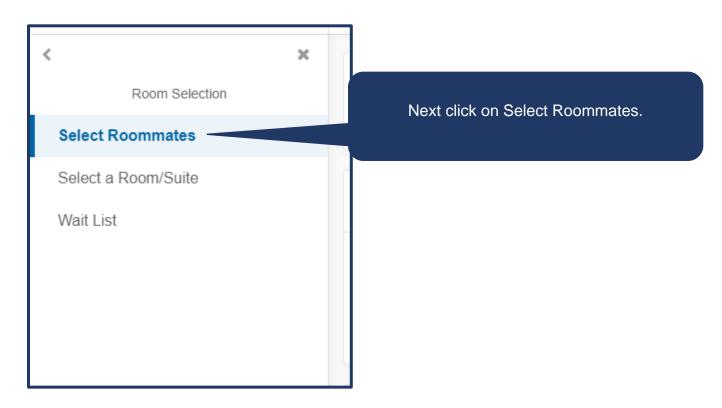
Once you are finished, click the continue button.

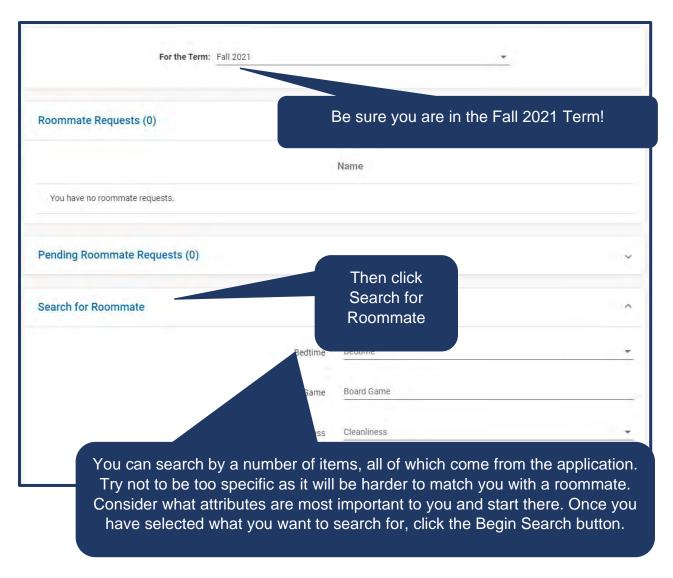


Sheridan_New_Student_Application_FA2021_SP2022 Northern Wyoming Community College District CAMPUS LIFE & HOUSING The housing deposit at NWCCD is \$200. \$150 is a refundable deposit if all terms and conditions of the contract are met. \$50 is a non-refundable administration fee. The housing deposit reserves a room and serves as a damage deposit which may be refundable if the contract is fulfilled. The District will deduct from the deposit any necessary cleaning or other charges for damage to, or loss of District property for which the student is responsible. The student is also responsible for costs of damages that exceeds the amount of the deposit. Deposits for You are required to pay a \$200 housing Failure to complete all eposit. A fee will deposit (\$150 is refundable and \$50 is a When you click Continue, you will b shed, you will be redirected back to non-refundable administration fee) before Self Service to continue with you you can select or be assigned a room. Continue

How to Select your Roommate



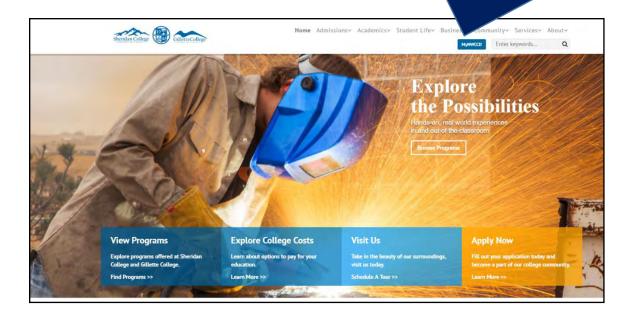




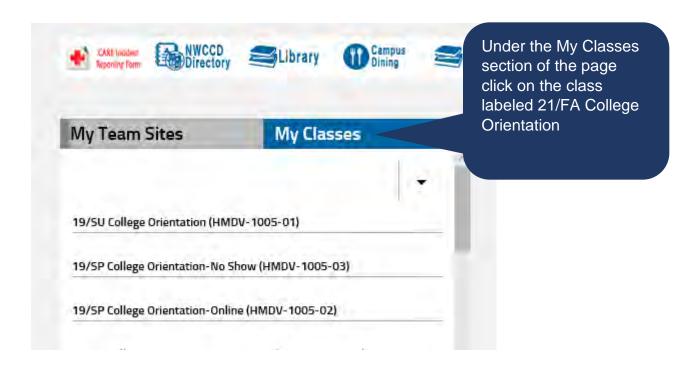


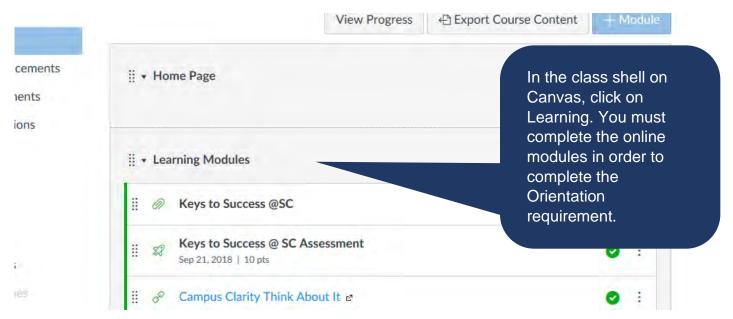
How to Access Online Orientation

Go to www.sheridan.edu and click on the MyNWCCD button located in the upper right hand









Click on each individual learning module to complete the task. Be sure to read the instructions before starting.

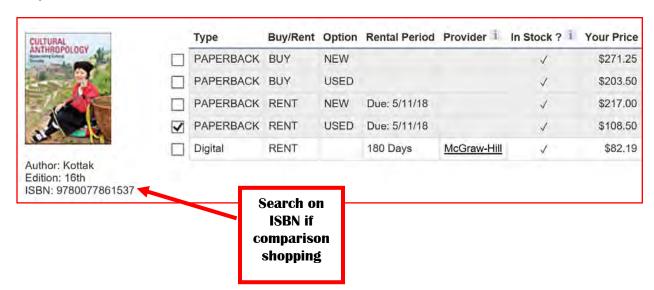
^{***}If you have any issues with the Learning Modules contact Campus Life & Housing at 307-675-0510.

How to Price Textbooks at the Bookstore

- 1. What info do I need?
 - a. Please have your student ID and/or student ID number
 - b. Course prefix, number and section (e.g. ENGL 1010-05) for each class.
- 2. Where do I find it?

At the bookstore website - https://www.bkstr.com/sheridanstore/home/en

- Enter your 7 digit student ID for a complete listing OR
- Click on the 'Books' link to enter the information about your courses.
 - o Remember that Distance Learning = online.
- 3. Make your selection.



Your Sheridan College Bookstore

Convenient
Book buyback
School supplies
Charge against your
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Buy at the bookstore or order online at https://www.bkstr.com/s heridanstore/home/en.

Have them shipped to your door or saved to pick up in the store.

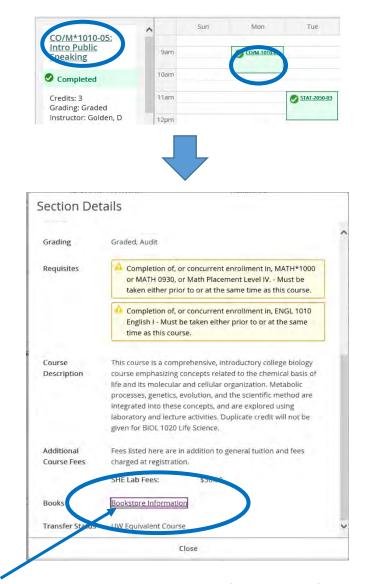
Books are expensive – Shop smart!

Using Student Planning to Find Your Required Textbooks

Find your book requirements in any location in Student Planning that provides Section Details.

- Course availability in Catalog
- On Timeline if a section is picked
- On Schedule if a course is planned or registered

Click on a link for a course that includes a section number, e.g. CO/M 1010-05, to open Section Details.

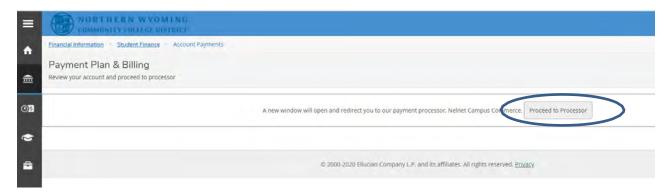


This link takes you directly to the requirements for the specific section as provided to the bookstore by the instructor.

Student Account - Online Payments/Add Authorized Party

www.sheridan.edu/payments

Login with MyNWCCD username/password. Click 'Proceed to Processor'.

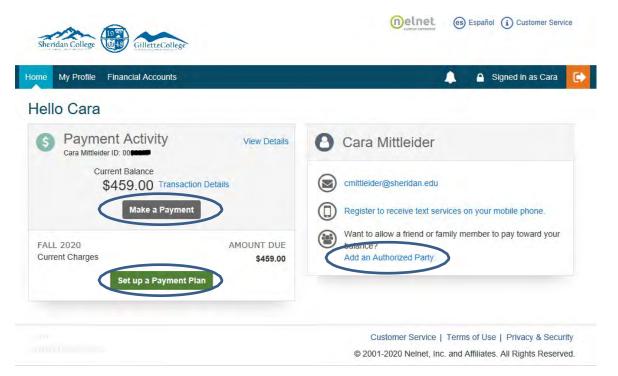


If prompted, verify your information, enter a phone number and click 'Submit'. If prompted, create a 4-digit PIN and click 'OK' to continue.

'Make a Payment' > Click here for a one-time payment on your account.

'Set up a Payment Plan' > Click here to enroll in a payment plan.

'Add an Authorized Party' > Click here to give an Authorized Party access to your NWCCD account balance and the activity that the Authorized Party has initiated on your behalf, such as payments. They do not haveaccess to your contact information, user credentials, other Authorized Parties or your financial account information.



<u>Student Account – How Much Do I Owe?</u>

www.sheridan.edu/accountactivity

Login with MyNWCCD username/password.

For a PDF copy of your statement, click 'View Statement'. Your statement will load as a PDF and you can print, email, save, etc.

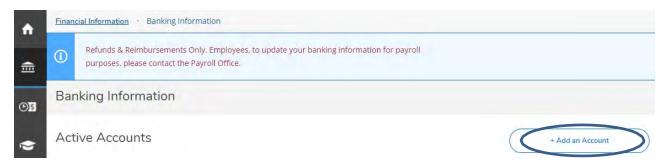
Click 'Expand All' to see your semester charges, financial aid, refunds and balance due.



<u>Student Account – Refund Direct Deposit</u>

www.sheridan.edu/account

Login with MyNWCCD username/password. Click '+Add an Account'



How to Get Connected/Involved on Campus

You have many options when it comes to getting involved with your campus community. We encourage you try something new or expand on a current interest.

Attend an on-campus event:

With nearly 400 activities throughout the year you are sure to find something that catches your interest.



Magicians, laser tag, comedians, dances and more! We offer something fun for everyone.



Open Gym up to five nights every week, tournaments and off campus events. Everyone is welcome no matter what skill level.



We offer day trips, educational activities and gear rental.



The voice of our resident students, this group is all about making our campus feel a bit more like home. Hosting events such as Trick or Treating on campus and the annual Super Bowl Party.

Leadership Opportunities:

Student Government Association (SGA): Your voice to the administration. A great leadership opportunity. All students are welcome.

Student Employment: Learn new skills and meet new people. Working on campus is a great way to not only earn some extra cash but to make connections all over the school.

National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS): Become part of the nation's largest leadership honor society. NSLS is an organization that helps people discover and achieve their goals.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK): Specifically, for students at two-year colleges PTK provides opportunities for students to grow as scholars and leaders.

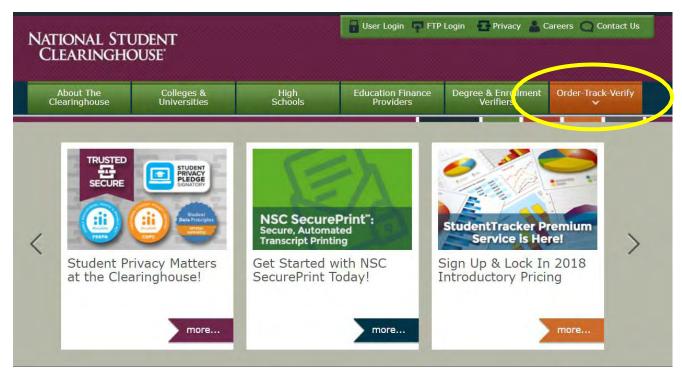
Join a Club:

Student Clubs and Organizations: There are a variety of clubs on campus based on shared interests whether it be academic or just for fun. We also accept new club applications if you want to start your own.

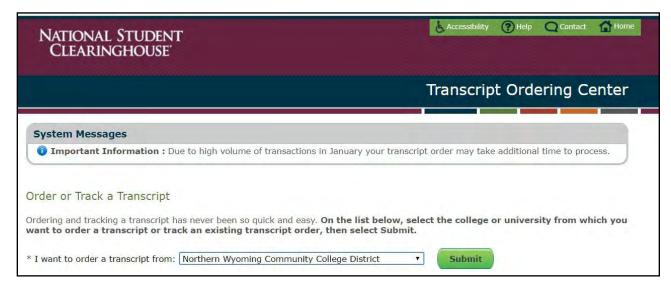


How to Request Your Official NWCCD Transcript

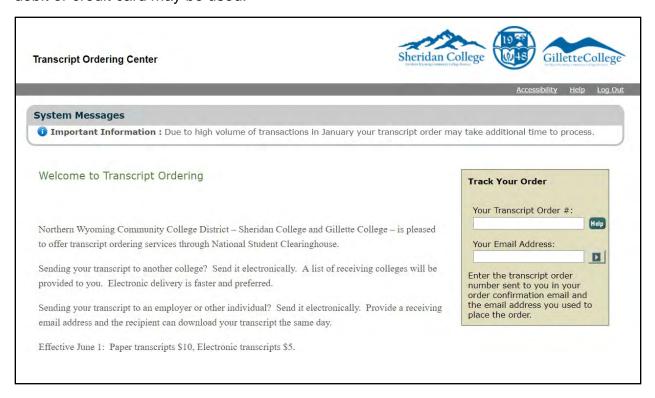
- 1. Access http://studentclearinghouse.org
- 2. Click the orange Order-Track-Verify button on the toolbar.

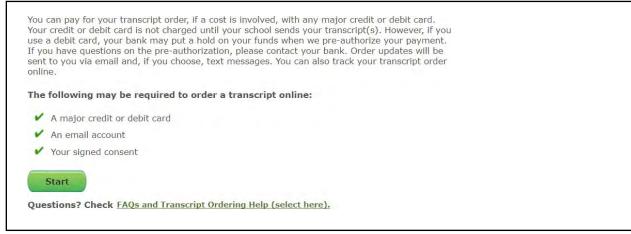


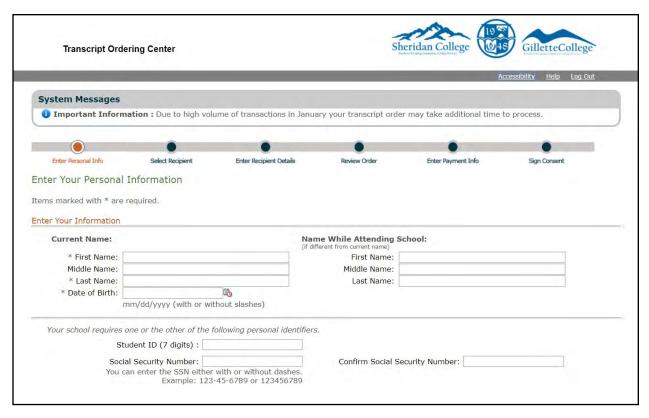
- 3. Select Order or Track a transcript from the drop down menu.
- 4. Select Northern Wyoming Community College District from the drop down menu.



5. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete your order. The cost is \$5 for electronic and \$10 for mail effective June 1, 2017. Mail will be limited to 3 copies. A debit or credit card may be used.



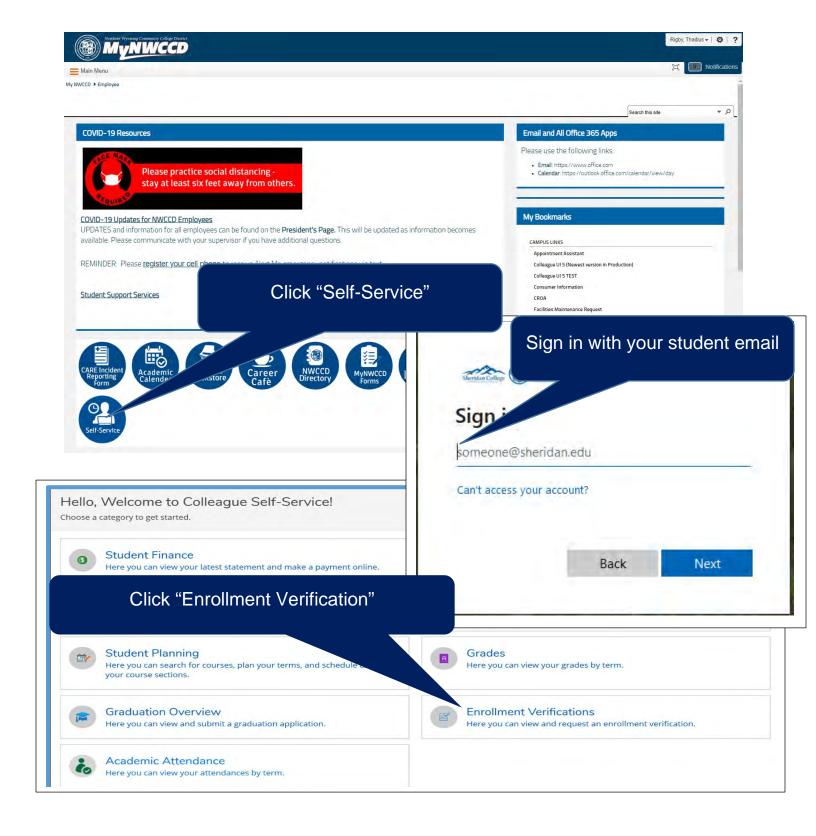




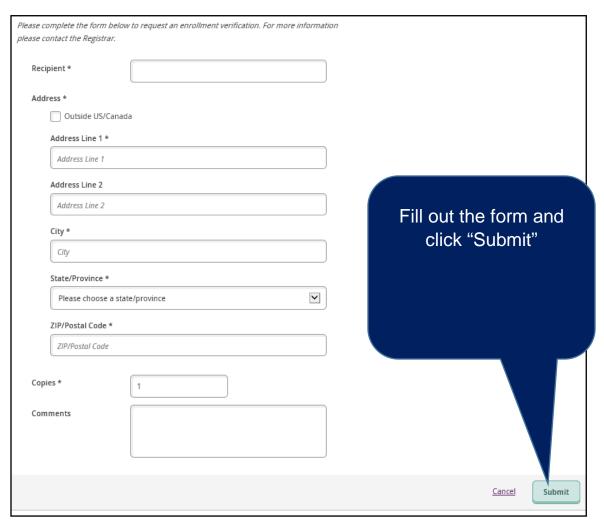
The Records Office is no longer printing transcripts.

How to Request Your Enrollment Verification

When do you need an enrollment verification? Anytime you need to provide proof of enrollment. This includes health insurance coverage, car insurance, scholarship, etc.





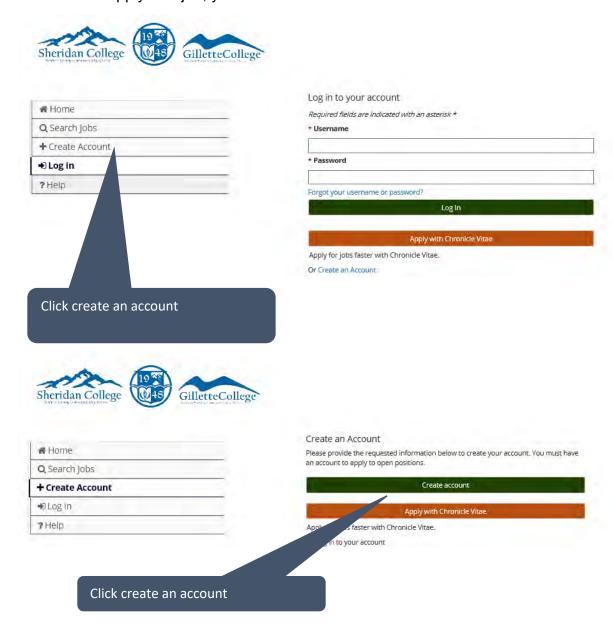


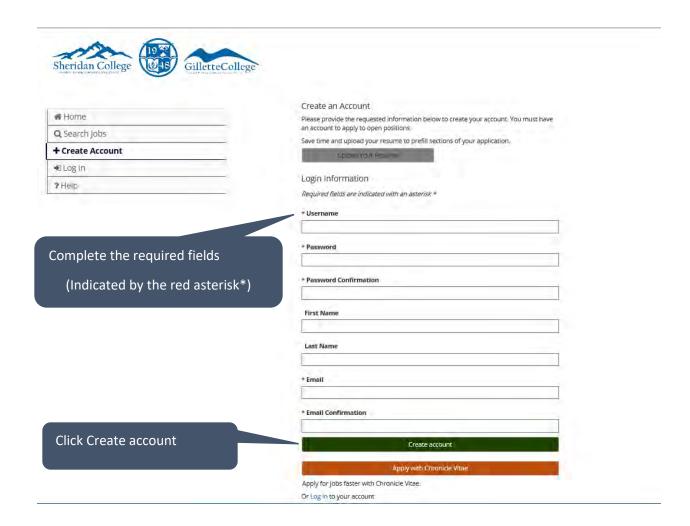
^{*}Enrollment Verifications are processed the next business day of submission of the request.

Apply for Student Employment Positions

NWCCD Job website: https://jobs.sheridan.edu/

In order to apply to a job, you must create an account:





Once your account has been created, your application information is available to apply for additional student employment positions. Please see the following pages as reference to searching for student employment positions.

Click tab for your campus employment postings: Student – Sheridan or Student – Gillette













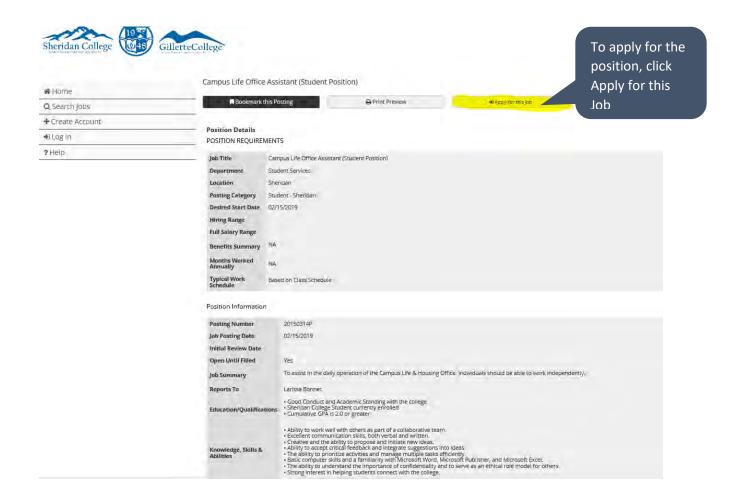
Click the Search button to show available positions Be sure to enter the location you are looking for (Sheridan or Gillette)

Select Student – Sheridan or Student – Gillette depending on which location you want.

To review the job description click the title or View Details. To apply for a job you must be in the job description.



Once inside the job description, you can apply for this job:



If you want to exit the job description to review additional jobs, click the back arrow in browser.

How to Respond in an Emergency



MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- 1. Call 911.
- 2. Provide FIRST AID if you feel comfortable doing so.

BIAS-RELATED INCIDENT

- 1. Call 911 or Campus Safety 307-675-0250.
- Preserve all evidence (where applicable).

SEXUAL ASSAULT

- 1. Call 911 or Campus Safety 307-675-0250.
- 2. To report anonymously, call 307-672-3222.
- 3. The Advocacy and Resource Center: 307-672-3222
- 4. Preserve all evidence (where applicable).

BOMB OR SUSPICIOUS DEVICE

- 1. Evacuate the area and relocate.
- 2. Follow the evacuation plan posted in each room.

VIOLENT THREAT

- 1. Evacuate if possible.
- 2. Hide if necessary.
- 3. Fight if must.

CHEMICAL SPILL and/or GAS LEAK

- 1. Call 911.
- Evacuate the area and relocate.
- 3. Follow the evacuation plan posted in each room.

FIRE ALARM / FIRE or EXPLOSION

- 1. Stop all activity.
- 2. Evacuate the room and relocate.
- 3. Follow the evacuation plan posted in each room.

NWCCD Alert Me Texting Notification System (by ReGroup):

All College-issued email addresses will receive emergency notifications through our Alert Me system automatically.

To receive notifications on phones or other mobile devices, please go to: https://nwccd.regroup.com



Section 2: Campus Resources

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WELCOME TO SHERIDAN COLLEGE ADVISING SERVICES

Visit with your Faculty
Advisor once per semester.

307-675-0100

Who are We?

Sheridan College Advising Services is a central hub for students starting out at Sheridan College as well as continued academic guidance.

How We Help:

We offer a variety of resources through advising appointments and walk-in service.

- Review your education plan
- Schedule and register for classes
- Career exploration/change major
- Career Planning/Career Fair/Career Opportunities
- Transfer information and planning

Walk-in Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5pm

To schedule an appointment:

- www.calendly.com/sheridan-advising
- Call 307-675-0100

Before Your Advising Meeting:

- Make sure you activate your MyNWCCD account.
- Consider your academic goals and interests.
- Prepare your questions.
- Plan to share any changed interests with your advisor as well as any areas you would like to improve upon.



Testing Services

We provide a quiet and convenient testing environment for students.

Our Services:

- Placement exams
- Faculty exams. Students who require accommodations for testing, or for those who need to make up an exam
- CLEP Exams. Interested in getting credit for your prior knowledge? Come in and take one of over fifty exams to test out of a class. Save time and money!

We are open Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm Closed Wednesdays for industry testing.

Schedule an appointment by stopping in and seeing us in the Whitney Building, calling us at 307-675-0100, or emailing us at sctestingcenter@sheridan.edu.



Engaging students in their success



Our Mission

TRIO is a federally funded program of the U.S. Department of Education that is designed to be a comprehensive support system for students. TRIO as part of the College Success Program (CSP) at NWCCD, assists participants with enhancing academic skills, increasing retention and graduation rates, and transferring to four-year institutions from community colleges by fostering a climate supportive of student success.

TRIO Eligibility

A student may be eligible for the TRIO program if he or she is a U.S. citizen who is working towards completing a degree, who demonstrates an academic need, and if one or more of the following applies:

- First generation college student neither parent has completed a bachelor's degree
- ☐ **Limited income** based on current federal guidelines for eligibility
- Documented disability

CSP Eligibility

Any NWCCD student may be eligible for the College Success Program if he or she demonstrates:

- Academic or Personal Need
- □ Under-Resourced

Program Services		
Academic	Financial	
Individual tutoring & academic plans	Financial aid/FAFSA assistance	
Supplemental academic advising	Financial literacy training	
Study skills development	Recommendation for scholarships	
Priority registration		
Academic intervention & advocacy	Career	
Academic success workshops	Four-year college visits	
	Transfer planning	
Personal & Professional	Employment preparation	
One-on-one mentoring	Networking opportunities	
Community service opportunities		
Access to on/off – campus resources		
Student enrichment opportunities		

How to apply for TRIO

- Complete the TRIO CSP application online at www.sheridan.edu/trio or on your MyNWCCD portal page under Bookmarks.
- The CSP staff will verify your eligibility and contact you to schedule an interview.
- We will notify you of your acceptance status based on the information provided in your application and interview.



What students say about TRIO:

"My mentor explained and answered my questions thoroughly. She kept In contact with me and made me feel like she cared."

"Thank you so much. If it wasn't for this program I would have literally probably lost funding and self-confidence. I'm so very thankful for the people and employees here. Thank You."

The TRIO, Student Support Services Program is offered through a federal grant of \$242,136 for the fiscal year 2018-19 from the U.S. Department of Education, with facilities and administrative support provided by The Northern Wyoming Community College District.

Northern Wyoming Community College District Sheridan College Griffith Memorial Building 110 (307) 675-0141

Math Center



MATH CENTER

W201

Monday – Thursday 8am – 6pm Friday 9am – 3pm

Stop by the Math Center upstairs in the Whitney Building for help successfully completing your math course. Staffed with friendly faculty and student tutors to help you with math from MATH 0900 through Calculus and Statistics.

No appointment necessary.

There are computers available for your use to work on your homework with tutors available to answer any questions you have.

Math Help

No Appointment Needed

> Computers Available

Tutors for All Math Courses

MATH CENTER COORDINATOR

Jennifer Nichols

307-675-0724

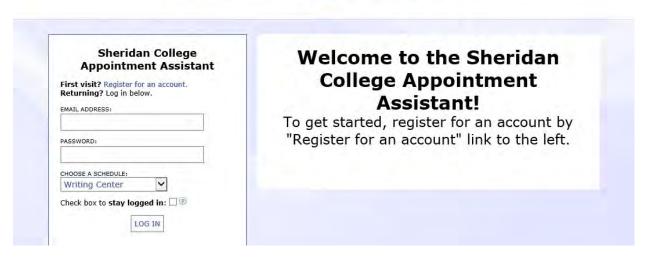
jnichols@sheridan.edu

Office: W204J

Sheridan College Writing Center

Writing Center Consultants are here to help you during every step of the writing process!





Writing Center Consultants can help with: thesis development, brainstorming, MLA and APA citations, essays, lab reports, proposals, scholarships, and more!

Schedule an appointment with us at sheridan.edu/appointment

or

Stop by the Kooi Library in the Griffith Memorial Building (GMB)

Sheridan College Tutoring Center



Need extra help in your classes? Don't hesitate!

Contact the Tutoring Center now! We have free,

subject-area tutors ready to help you succeed!

Fill out an application for a tutor in Kooi Library in the Griffith Memorial Building!

Counseling Services



Shelby Garstad Counselor/Coordinator of ADA Services Whitney 156 307-675-0122 sqarstad@sheridan.edu

Sheridan College offers free counseling and referral services to all students. Counseling assists you to manage personal and situational crises, and counseling can help you learn strategies to manage challenges and meet your goals.

We seek to provide and connect students to holistic mental health services by educating, empowering, and supporting students in meeting their goals.

Counseling with a trained professional can help you manage:

- Stress
- Test Anxiety
- Depression
- Social Phobias
- Obsessive Thinking
- Loneliness
- Self-Injury and Cutting
- Experiencing/Witnessing a Traumatic Event
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse
- Relationship Problems

- Suicidal Thinking
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Assault
- Anger Management
- Parent/Family Issues
- Excessive Worrying
- Perfectionist Thinking
- Grief/Loss
- Panic Attacks

How to make an appointment

- **1. Call** 307-675-0122
- 2. Email sgarstad@sheridan.edu
- 3. Visit Whitney 156

Disability Services



Shelby Garstad Counselor/Coordinator of ADA Services Whitney 156 307-675-0122 sgarstad@sheridan.edu

The Sheridan Disability Services facilitates inclusion and equal access for all students and provides accommodations to students with disabilities.

The Sheridan College Disability Services assists students by providing reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and its amendments.

All accommodations at NWCCD are based on appropriate documentation, initial paperwork, the initial meeting, the student's needs, and recommendations from a qualified health care provider. The process is unique to each student; one student's accommodations may be different from those of another student.

Allow plenty of time for the accommodation process. Although some accommodations can take less than a week to set up, others can take as long as three to six weeks.

Steps to Request Accommodations

Step 1: Self Identifications

Contact Disability Services if you have a disability and want to request accommodations and/or classroom modifications. If you want, you can complete the Disability Services Intake Form and bring it to your appointment with the Disability Services office.

Step 2: Appropriate Documentation

Disability Services must receive appropriate documentation from a qualified health care provider. This documentation should include a formal diagnosis that identifies specific functional limitations created by the diagnosed disability. It should also include recommendations for academic accommodations. Documentation should be current within three years; however, there are a few exceptions. Please note: Individual Education Plans (IEP) and 504 Plans are not considered appropriate documentation at the collegiate level.

Step 3 and 4: Eligibility and Accommodations

Documentation will be reviewed (along with information received in the initial appointment) to help determine eligibility. Once eligibility is determined, a meeting will be scheduled with the student to explore academic challenges and reasonable accommodations that can help equalize learning opportunities. To best help with accommodations, students should bring

their documentation and upcoming course schedule with them to their initial Disability Services appointment.

Step 5: Notification/Accommodation Letter

Accommodation letters are written by Disability Services and given to students to give to their instructors. These letters clearly state which accommodations are to be implemented in the classroom. Students are advised to meet with their instructors as soon as possible to discuss their accommodations. Instructors will be asked to contact the Disability Services office to let us know the accommodation letter was received.

Students need to come to the Disability Services office each semester for new accommodations letters.

Sample Accommodations (not a complete list)

Extended Testing Time
Distraction-Reduced Testing Environment
Digital Books
Priority Seating
Digital Recorders or Smart Pens
Copy of Instructor Notes
Sign Language Interpreter

How to make an appointment

- 1. **Call** 307-675-0122
- 2. Email sgarstad@sheridan.edu
- 3. Visit Whitney 156



Veterans Services

The Marna M. Kuehne Veterans Center is open to all Veterans, current military, and their dependents.

- ☐ Computer Lab
- □ Free Printing
- ☐ TV/XBOX
- ☐ Kitchenette
- □ Study Tables
- ☐ Conference Room





Veterans Services offers academic, social, personal, and job readiness workshops each semester for current students. We also offer technology equipment loans for students to use during the semester.

Our Veterans Advisor, dedicated to working with veterans, current military, and their dependents. They can assist students with academic advising, as well as processing benefits.

Contact the Veteran's Advisor at (307) 675-0777 to learn more!

Community Resource Center

Location: GMB 101

The Community Resource Center acts as the campus hub for our Sheridan community partners. Currently, we have three agencies/organizations utilizing the space each week:

Advocacy and Resource Center

• Wednesday: 8:30am - 11:30am

• Friday: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Reproductive Health Care of the Bighorns

• Wednesday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Spiritual Care Program

• Tuesday: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

• Wednesday: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

• Thursday: 12:00pm – 2:00pm



Two locations to obtain career focused information:

- 1) Digitally open, 24 hours a day, by logging into MyNWCCD.
- 2) Physical location, across from the Admission Offices in the Whitney Academic Center, open when the building is open.

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START	assist students in making career decisions and pursuing
CIAILI	skill development necessary to complete in a rapidly changing global
	workplace. What you'll find with NWCCD's Career Café are some of
	the best resources available for career success.
PROFESSIONAL	Student employment at NWCCD
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Volunteer opportunities
DEVELOPMENT	Leadership and Community Engagement
	Why leadership is important to employers
	Ways to gain leadership experience
	NWCCD club spotlight
	 Ways conferences and associations help you learn about job
	opportunities, internships and best practices in your field
	Associations recommended for your program of study.
	 Links to top job search engines and job boards
JOB SEARCH	Community Job Postings
OOD SEARCH	Create an online job portfolio (LinkedIn)
Committee of the Commit	SMART goals
EXPLORE	 Career interests and options (Career Transitions, My Next
EXPLORE	Move and Career Cruising)
_	 Descriptions, statistics and trends for specific jobs (O'Net)
	Three Steps to Resume Success including links to help you
PREPARE	create your next resume
PREPARE	 Top 5 Resume Tips and Best Way to Write a Resume Video
	 Links to NWCCD's Writing Center for proofreading help
	Three Steps to Writing a Cover Letter
	 Examples of cover letters from over 100 different fields
	 Interviewing tips and tricks in a series of short videos from the
	Interview Guys
	Professionalism in the job search
	Personal branding for career success
Charles	Career and workplace trends
RESOURCE LIBRARY	Campus resources
LIBRARY	Glossary of job search terms
FOCUS O	FOCUS 2 an online, interactive, self-guided career and education
FOCUS 2	planning system designed to help you make decisions about your
Career Assessment	future career goals and education plans. You have the opportunity to
	take five different assessments – work interest, leisure interest,
	personality, values, and skills. Based on your results, career options
	and degree majors are identified for you to explore in more depth.

Additional Career Services Available through Advising Services/Faculty Support at Sheridan College

- Career Exploration/Counseling
 - Workbook with assessments
 - o Resume Reviews
 - o Job Shadow Program with area employers in interested occupation fields
- Career Development Workshops, including
 - o Resume Writing
 - Mock Interview Skills
 - o Navigate the Career Fair
 - Networking
 - o Choose a Major/Career
 - o Job Search
- Career Fair Annual, in spring
 - o On Campus Recruiting
 - o Employer Interviews

To get more information or ask questions, contact Advising Services, Karen St Clair, at 307-675-0105

How to Access Focus2 Career Assessment

Set up your FOCUS 2 CAREER Account

New Users: To get to FOCUS 2 CAREER, log into MYNWCCD, and go to Career Café.

https://mynwccd.sheridan.edu/adhoc/Career/SitePages/Home.aspx

Scroll to the bottom of the home page of Career Café and click on the FOCUS 2 button.



Focus-2 Career Assessment access code: nwccd

This button will take you to the self-registration page for FOCUS 2 CAREER.

NWCCD's Access Code: NWCCD

Returning Users: You can log back into your FOCUS 2 CAREER account with your username and password at any time. If you forget your user name and/or password, go to the FOCUS 2 CAREER login page and click on the link that says, "If you have forgotten your username or password, click here".

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Use FOCUS 2 CAREER on any device, including all computers, phones, tablets, etc. (No apps to load).
- FOCUS 2 CAREER always saves your assessment results
- Use FOCUS 2 CAREER as often as you wish
- You can change your mind about earlier choices, repeat a section and explore new options
- Your results are stored online and are always available to you and your advisor
- Use the various features of FOCUS 2 in any order
- Save the occupations and majors that most appeal to you
- Seek the expert advice of your advisor to enhance your career planning

A snapshot of the Main Menu of FOCUS 2 CAREER appears on the next page. The layout of the FOCUS 2 CAREER dashboard mirrors the steps of the career planning process. Most students start at the top of the dashboard and then work down through the FOCUS 2 CAREER tools.

CFOCUS™2 CAREER



Credit for Prior Learning

What is Prior Learning?

Prior learning is learning gained through life or work outside structured higher educational courses. Many people learn through their experiences in life, such as those in professional endeavors (through business, the military, or other work/training experiences) or through other education experiences (through community, travel, or personal study).

What is Credit for Prior Learning?

Credit for Prior Learning is a process through which students identify and demonstrate areas of relevant learning through appropriate documentation. These artifacts and evidence are submitted to the district for assessment and the potential reward of academic credit relative to specific course outcomes. Students must support claims of specific relevant knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs), competencies, training, experience, and certification aligned with course outcomes. Collegiate learning acquired through non-traditional experience (e.g., work, training, research, civil or military service, and life experience) must be accompanied by a critical self-assessment of prior learning.

Assessing Prior Learning

NWCCD uses several different testing formats to assess prior knowledge:

- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) the award of credit for CLEP subject examinations.
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) Formerly known as Defense Activity for Nontraditional Educational Support testing, DSST is a credit by examination process available nationally and recognized by the American Council on Education.
- American Council on Education (ACE) An organization providing program evaluation and transcripts for training acquired through specific employers, such as training received during a military career.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Equivalencies Qualified beginning students applying to NWCCD may be eligible for credit in certain courses based on their College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Test scores as approved by instructional departments.
- Departmental Credit by Examination Students currently enrolled who present satisfactory
 evidence that they are qualified in a particular subject are eligible to receive credit upon passing
 an examination developed and administered by the appropriate academic department.
- Portfolio Assessment For courses that do not have prior learning assessments available, but for which a student believes he or she is qualified for credit based on prior training or work experience, the portfolio assessment option is an alternative form of CPL.

Credit for prior learning will not be awarded until after the student has been admitted into a specific program and all official documentation previous work or competencies demonstrated has been received. NWCCD also reserves the right to accept credit in a way best calculated to preserve the integrity of its own degree. CPL credit may be granted only in programs where NWCCD offers coursework in disciplines related to its certificate or degree programs.

No more than 24 credits maximum may be applied toward a degree program. CPL credit will be posted to the transcript as credit earned, without a grade, and does not affect a student's grade point average.

For more information about Credit for Prior Learning, visit with your Academic Advisors. You can call Advising Services at 307-675-0100.

Section 3: Appendix

- ☐ Academic Code of Conduct
- ☐ Student Code of Conduct
- ☐ Sexual Misconduct Procedure
- ☐ Glossary of Terms Used in Higher Education & at NWCCD

NWCCD Academic Code of Conduct

Academic Integrity at NWCCD

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at NWCCD, and all members of the NWCCD community are expected to act in accordance with this principle. Consistent with this expectation, the college's Code of Conduct states that all students should act with personal integrity, respect other students' dignity, rights and property, and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their efforts.

Academic integrity includes a commitment by all members of the college community not to engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception, or to disrupt the learning environment. Such acts of dishonesty violate the fundamental ethical principles of the college community and compromise the worth of work completed by others.

The Academic Code of Conduct serves to provide accountability to principles of academic integrity. Administration of the Academic Code of Conduct is the responsibility of the District Chief Academic Officer, the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA). Administration also involves Associate Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs (AVPAA), Deans, Chairs, Directors and Faculty members. The purpose of the Academic Code of Conduct is to provide a clear and fair process for addressing incidents of academic dishonesty and student-initiated instructional complaints. At any point within Academic Code of Conduct procedures where a conflict of interest exists, the VPAA will appoint a suitable party to perform relevant duties within the procedure.

All matters concerning the Academic Code of Conduct, including academic dishonesty proceedings and instructional complaints, will be kept on record within the Administrative Coordinator's office on each campus.

Student Academic Rights & Responsibilities

NWCCD students are responsible for knowing the information, policies, and procedures outlined in this document. NWCCD email is NWCCD's primary means of communication with students. Students are responsible for all communication delivered to their NWCCD email address.

NWCCD Students' Rights and Responsibilities enumerate the essential provisions for students' freedom and NWCCD's expectations for students to participate responsibly in the College community. NWCCD has established expectations designed to maximize the learning environment. Each student enrolling in the College assumes an obligation as a responsible member of the NWCCD community to demonstrate conduct compatible with statements of students' rights and responsibilities as follows:

Students' Rights

 Freedom of student participation in institutional governance. The student body will have clearly defined means to participate in the formulation and application of

- institutional policy (i.e. student government).
- Freedom of access. The facilities and services of the college will be open to all of its enrolled students in accordance with policies and procedures established for use of NWCCD facilities.
- Protection of freedom of inquiry and expression. The College recognizes the rights of all students to engage in discussion, to exchange thought and opinion, and to speak, write, or publish freely on any subject, in accordance with the guarantees of federal or state constitutions. Students are free to engage in peaceful and orderly protest, demonstration, and picketing which does not disrupt the regular and essential operations of the College.
- Freedom of association. Students will be free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests in accordance with policies and procedures for the establishment of organized NWCCD teams and clubs.
- Freedom of student publications. Student editors and managers will be free to develop their own editorial policies and news coverage. The advisor does not review copy unless requested to do so by a staff member. This separation helps protect the institution from legal actions relating to obscenity, criminal or civil libel, or copyright infringement. In addition, the advisor offers ethics training as well as ongoing education to ensure the student newspaper is in compliance with the canons of journalism and journalistic ethics. Specific student publication rights will follow those contained in the current student publication policy and procedures.
- Notification of Rights under FERPA. Students will be informed annually of their right to privacy under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
- Be informed of course requirements through a written syllabus.
- Be evaluated solely on academic performance as required and outlined by an instructor.
- Experience competent instruction and academic advisement.
- Take exception, in a scholarly manner, to the data or views presented and reserve judgment about matters of opinion.
- Expect protection against an instructor's improper disclosure of a student's views, beliefs, and political associations, which may surface because of the instructor's teaching or advising.
- Be informed with regard to resources and support services available as well as college policies and procedures.
- Expect protection, through established procedures, against prejudiced or capricious evaluation.
- Expect protection against any form of prohibited harassment.
- Be afforded due process, as defined within these procedures, prior to the imposition of serious sanctions including suspension or expulsion.

Students' Responsibilities

 Inquire about program, course, and College requirements if there is a lack of understanding about them or is in doubt about them.

- Adhere to the standards of academic performance established for individual courses and for programs of study.
- Satisfactorily learn the content of any course of study.
- Make up missed assignments in accordance with the course syllabus.
- Understand and meet graduation and other program requirements by reading the catalog and making reasonable efforts to obtain academic advising.
- Fulfill academic responsibilities in an honest and forthright manner.
- Respect and foster the academic and personal endeavors of others.
- Respect the integrity of NWCCD academic and administrative records.
- Know and abide by the behavioral expectations outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.
- Adhere to federal, state, and local laws, along with College regulations, which govern individual actions and relationships among community members.
- Protect and support the personal safety of self and others.
- Demonstrate respect for others in all actions and interactions.
- Show respect for personal, College, and NWCCD Foundation property.
- Contribute to a safe environment within College and NWCCD Foundation property.
- Assist the College in fulfilling its administrative procedures (i.e. registering for classes, checking NWCCD email, obtaining a College ID card, paying bills, etc.).

General Misconduct and Academic Dishonesty

In the event that the conduct of a student violates both the General Code of Conduct as well as the Academic Code of Conduct, the Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA) and the VPAA shall jointly agree as to which disciplinary process will be used.

Examples of Misconduct

The following list contains examples of academic misconduct, and is not intended to be complete. Note that, although the examples refer to written assignments and exams, the same rules apply to assignments and exams that are administered or presented orally or by some other non-written means.

- Copying from another student's exam or assignment
- Allowing another student to copy from your exam or assignment
- Allowing another student to see your exam or to see part or all of your assignment before you hand it in, unless authorized by an Instructor
- Collaborating on assignments or take-home exams when instruction (or the syllabus) calls for independent work
- Providing or receiving answers to an exam using a system of signals or other means of communication with another student
- Bringing unauthorized materials to an exam without placing them where they cannot be used during an exam
- Altering the answers to, or otherwise tampering with, exams or assignments after they
 have been handed in, without consent of the Instructor
- Taking an exam or completing part or all of an assignment for another student
- Having another person take an exam for you or complete part or all of one or more of your assignments

- Hiring a ghostwriter to write part or all of an assignment
- Submitting all or part of a purchased term paper as your own
- Using course materials, including lecture notes and excerpts from textbooks, in written assignments without proper citation
- Downloading text, drawings, images, and other materials from the Internet and using these in written assignments without proper citation of the sources
- Copying material without proper citation
- Feigning illness to avoid taking an exam or handing in an assignment on time
- Submitting the same term paper for credit to more than one course without permission
- · Reviewing a copy of the regularly scheduled exam prior to taking a make-up exam
- Reviewing a stolen copy of an exam prior to taking the exam
- Providing questions from a test given in one section of a course to students in another
- Receiving questions from a test given in one section of a course from another student in another section before you have taken the test
- · Altering or forging an official document
- Disrupting the learning environment in any way
- Refusing to sit in assigned seats for roll or tests
- Plagiarizing
- Cheating or misrepresenting one's self in the online class environment
 - o Hiring another person to take an online class in which you are the enrolled student
 - Using banned materials while taking a quiz or test (class notes, textbooks, cellular phone, another browser window, etc.)
- Trafficking in academic material; both distributing and accepting these materials

Sanctions for Academic Dishonesty

The college district may act upon any violation of academic dishonesty within the Academic Code of Conduct. Breaches of academic dishonesty may result in the administration of Lesser or Greater Sanctions. At the point of a student's second Lesser Sanction, the procedure for Greater Sanctions shall be followed:

Lesser Sanctions

If a faculty member suspects that a student has engaged in academic misconduct, in addition to discussing the matter with the student, the faculty member may elect to require the student to redo the assignment correctly, in accordance with academic standards, or reduce the grade on the assignment. If the assignment grade is lowered to a 'D' or higher, and if the faculty feels no further punitive action is necessary, the incident will be considered a "teachable moment." The faculty member should then document the resolution using the Academic Code of Conduct Violation & Resolution Form that will be kept on file in accordance with the records retention policy.

If, after discussing the matter with the student and the academic supervisor, a faculty member decides to give the student a *failing grade for the assignment*:

- A notice of failure is sent to the student in writing.
- The faculty member will then report the student using the Academic Code of Conduct Violation & Resolution Form.

If, after discussing the matter with the student, department lead, Chair/Director, and others who are deemed appropriate because of academic misconduct, a faculty member decides to give the student a *failing grade for the course*:

- A notice of failure is sent to the student in writing.
- The faculty member will then report the student using the Academic Code of Conduct Violation & Resolution Form.
- A notice of failure is given verbally to the student in person in a meeting with the faculty member and the academic supervisor. The notice should outline the findings of the faculty member issuing the notice of failure and the given grade of "F".
- This notice is copied to the Registrar's office (if a grade of F for the class). The
 notice of failure makes the student aware of academic standards as well as puts
 them on notice that further violations of academic misconduct could lead to
 permanent separation from the college. The Registrar will enter a grade of F for the
 course regardless of whether a W has already been submitted.

Greater Sanctions

Greater sanctions concern academic dishonesty that is of greater significance than plagiarizing or cheating on a single assignment. Such sanctions may include, but are not limited to, academic trafficking, the accumulation of multiple lesser sanctions, and disruption of the learning environment. Greater sanctions include the following:

- · Dismissal from a course
- Dismissal from a program in which a student was seeking a degree
- College suspension
- College expulsion

If a student receives Lessor or Greater Sanctions and is not satisfied with the written decision of the Instructor, s/he may proceed to Step Two of the Academic Dishonesty Procedure, an Informal Hearing with the Academic Supervisor.

If determined to be a student discipline issue, see Student Code of Conduct.

Academic Dishonesty Procedure (Student, Staff or Faculty Initiated)

If academic misconduct is suspected, the faculty member should proceed to Step One: Informal Hearing with Instructor. Student conduct files will be reviewed in every instance of academic dishonesty. The following parties have access to student conduct files: VPAA, AVPAA, Deans, Chairs, Directors, and Administrative Coordinators for Academic Affairs. Students, faculty and staff are also able to bring misconduct complaints regarding students to faculty members with direct instructional responsibility and their Chairs/Directors. Any student, staff or faculty who does not have direct instructional responsibility for a student may submit a written complaint to the affected Instructor if academic dishonesty is suspected. A written description of the violation

must be submitted to the Instructor within five working days of the incident. The affected Instructor will review the complaint. Any previous violations of the Academic Code of Conduct will be taken into consideration. The affected Instructor must make a determination to pursue academic dishonesty proceedings within two working days. If the Instructor decides to proceed, the Instructor will begin with Step One: Informal Hearing with Instructor and have 10 workings days to meet with the student after consultation with the Chair/Director.

Step One: Informal Hearing with Instructor

The Instructor must first speak with the student prior to any action taken to help determine whether the suspicion is warranted within 10 working days of the incident. Before the meeting, the faculty should then confer with their academic supervisor for advisement or clarification of Lesser or Greater Sanctions. The academic supervisor should research prior violations of conduct to determine whether the student has a record of similar misconduct on file to seek further guidance. After review of the incident and consultation with the academic supervisor, the Instructor and academic supervisor will meet with the student to issue Lesser or Greater Sanctions (described above).

If at any point a student has admitted guilt, the student cannot appeal the sanction. If the student is dissatisfied with the decision of the Instructor, s/he may request a formal hearing with the academic supervisor within two working days.

Step Two: Informal Hearing with Academic Supervisor

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Instructor at Step One, s/he may file an appeal within five working days to the Instructor's academic supervisor. The student must submit a written response to the Instructor's decision from Step One, detailing why the student is appealing. The student may also give the academic supervisor any supporting material. The affected Instructor will provide a concise written statement of the offense including any supporting material.

In reviewing the appeal, the academic supervisor may request additional information from the Instructor or anyone else involved. These individuals will have five working days to submit this and any other written information they wish to be considered. The academic supervisor also may conduct face-to-face interviews with the student, the Instructor, and anyone else involved. The academic supervisor will provide a written decision within five working days following receipt of all pertinent information (including the interviews, if conducted). The academic supervisor will send a copy of his/her written decision to the student and the Instructor.

If the student or the Instructor is not satisfied with the written decision of the academic supervisor, then s/he proceeds to Step Three within two working days of the decision.

Step Three—Formal Hearing with Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA)
The VPAA initiates formal hearing procedures in response to an appeal from Step Two.
When the VPAA acts on a case, the intent is to handle it in a hearing using discussion,

persuasion, and mediation.

If a student or Instructor initiates the hearing as an appeal from Step Two, then s/he will file the appeal with VPAA within five working days of the academic supervisor's decision in Step Two. The appeal must include a written statement explaining why the decision from Step Two dissatisfies him/her, copies of supporting material from Steps One and Two, the Instructor's written decision from Step One, the academic supervisor's written decision from Step Two, and any new supporting material.

If an Instructor is initiating the hearing in order to impose a greater sanction, then s/he will send the case in writing to the VPAA within five working days of the alleged violation. The written referral from the Instructor will contain a concise statement of the offense (including dates, places, witnesses, and others involved) and a justification for the proposed sanction. Within the same time frame, the respective academic supervisor will supply the VPAA with a written document that indicates his/her degree of support for the proposed sanction. The VPAA will request a written statement from the student(s) charged with the violation or anyone else involved. These individuals have five working days after receiving the VPAA's request to submit any written statements they wish to be considered. The VPAA has the right to request additional information.

The VPAA must conduct the hearing within 10 working days of receiving a request. At the hearing, the student receives in writing the charges and evidence against him/her. The student has the opportunity to offer verbal and additional written information on his/her behalf. The VPAA may impose all sanctions including expulsion and/or recommend changes in the instructional area relating to grading, testing, or other instructional procedures. The VPAA may uphold, rescind, or decrease sanctions given by the Instructor and/or academic supervisor. The VPAA sends a written decision to the student, the Instructor, and the academic supervisor within five working days of the hearing.

For the Instructor and the student, the matter ends with the written decision of the VPAA.

Instructional Complaint Procedure (Student-initiated)

Disagreements between students and faculty may occur over instructional incidents. Such concerns may be related to a contested final grade, violation of the Academic Code of Conduct, instructional design or delivery or matters of free speech. The district's instructional complaint procedure encourages informal solutions to rectify human error, bias, and misunderstandings of intellectual viewpoints. The instructional complaint process is an internal process, so neither Instructor nor student will be accompanied by an attorney. If the complaint involves sexual harassment, then the student must consult the Office of Human Resources.

Step One: Informal Hearing with Instructor and/or Academic Supervisor

The informal complaint procedure is a verbal process that the student must start within 10 working days of the alleged incident or disagreement. The student should meet

initially with the concerned faculty member. During this initial meeting, the student is responsible for explaining why he/she believes an incident has occurred, detailing the problem, and presenting supporting materials, if appropriate. The student is welcome to bring an advocate to the meeting (e.g., a person associated with the college). The Instructor is responsible for considering the complaint presented by the student and for striving to resolve the difficulty. The student has the obligation of listening to and considering the Instructor's viewpoint.

In the event a student is uncomfortable interacting with an Instructor, s/he may pursue the informal complaint with the appropriate Chair/Director. The Chair/Director may meet privately with the student and subsequently with the Instructor, or the Chair/Director may schedule and attend a joint meeting with both. The aim of the Chair/Director's involvement is to facilitate informal resolution of the problem. If the student has a complaint specifically about the conduct of a Chair/Director, the student is encouraged to discuss the point with the Chair/Director during office hours or other agreed upon time. In the event a student is uncomfortable interacting with the Chair/Director, the AVPAA will refer the student to another Chair/Director.

At the beginning of the information hearing, the concerned Instructor or academic supervisor must initiate the Instructional Complaint Tracking Form and submit it to the AVPAA. The informal process ends with either the Instructor or the Chair/Director notifying the student of the problem's resolution within 10 days of the initial informal meeting. The AVPAA will not hear an informal complaint about an instructional disagreement or incident unless the complaint is against the Chair/Director. The informal process can resolve most misunderstandings and problems. If the outcome of Step One dissatisfies the student, then s/he proceeds to Step Two.

Step Two: Written Complaint to Instructor

If the student cannot resolve a complaint or problem concerning an instructional incident using the informal complaint process described in Step One, the student may file a formal complaint. The formal complaint begins with the student filing a written statement with the Instructor within five working days after the failure to resolve the complaint informally (the day the Instructor or academic supervisor notified the student of his/her resolution). The written statement must contain the following:

- A concise statement of the complaint
- · An explanation of why an instructional incident or disagreement has occurred
- Evidence that supports the argument, including copies of corrected papers, examinations, projects, etc.
- The outcome sought by the student

The Instructor will have five working days to respond to the formal complaint in writing. If the student is satisfied with the result, then the process is done. If not, s/he proceeds to Step Three.

Step Three: Written Appeal to Academic Supervisor
If the student is not satisfied with the written decision of the Instructor at Step Two,

he/she may file an appeal within five working days to the Instructor's Chair/Director. The student submits the following in Step Three:

- The written statement of the complaint and copies of the supporting materials at Step Two
- The written response from the Instructor at Step Two
- A written statement explaining why the decision at Step Two dissatisfies the student, with copies of any new supporting material

In reviewing the complaint, the Chair/Director may request a written statement from the Instructor or anyone else involved. These individuals will have five working days to submit this and any other written information they wish to be considered. The Chair/Director will provide a written decision within five working days following receipt of all pertinent information (including face-to-face interviews if necessary) but no longer than 15 working days following the receipt of the complaint. The Chair/Director will send copies of his/her written decision to the student and the Instructor.

If the student and Instructor are satisfied with the result, then the process is done. If not, then either party may proceed to Step Four.

Step Four: Written Appeal to Vice President of Academic Affairs
If the written decision at Step Three dissatisfies the student or the Instructor, then either party may file an appeal to the VPAA within five working days. The complainant must submit the following in Step Four:

- The written statement of the complaint and copies of the supporting materials at Step Two and Step Three
- The written response from the Instructor at Step Two
- The written response from the Chair/Director at Step Three
- A written statement explaining why the decision at Step Three dissatisfies the student or the Instructor, with copies of any new supporting material

In reviewing the complaint, the VPAA may request all materials gathered by the Chair/Director and may conduct face-to-face interviews with any or all parties involved with the complaint. The VPAA must receive any requested statements within five working days. The VPAA may use additional time if necessary to gather and review pertinent information; unless otherwise notified of the reason in writing, the student or the Instructor may expect to receive a written decision from the VPAA within 10 working days following the receipt of all pertinent information. The VPAA sends copies of his/her written decision to the student, the Instructor, and the Chair/Director.

For the all involved parties, the matter ends with the written decision of the VPAA.

Annual Review of Dishonesty Proceedings and Instructional Complaints
Within two weeks of final commencement ceremonies at the end of the academic year, the VPAA, AVPAAs, Deans and Academic Chairs/Directors will review the year's dishonesty proceedings and instructional complaints. Maxient reports will be made available to the review team. All complaints and proceedings will be reviewed for the

purpose of making further improvements to processes and policies. Process and policy proposals will be submitted at the beginning of the following academic year.

Attachments Below: Academic Code of Conduct Violation & Resolution Form

Instructional Complaint Tracking Form Academic Year

Tracking Spreadsheet

Academic Code of Conduct Violation & Resolution Form

To be Filled Out by Administrative Coordinator for Academic Affairs: Date of Incident: Is Incident within Appropriate Timeframe? □ Yes \square No (Academic Dishonesty Procedure must be initiated within five working days of the incident) Does student have previous violations? ☐ Yes □ No Description of Current Violation: To be Filled out by Faculty ☐ Lesser Sanction **Action** □ Submit CARE Report Sanction ☐ Teachable Moment ☐ Failing Grade: Assignment ☐ Failing Grade: Course **Follow-up** □ Written Notice sent to Student ☐ Written Notice sent to Registrar (only if student failed course) ☐ Complete Conduct Violation Form and submit all materials to AVP for review ☐ Greater Sanction Action ☐ Submit CARE Report Sanction □ Course Dismissal □ Program Dismissal □ Suspension or Expulsion Process Completed Step One: Informal Hearing with Instructor (student has 48 hours to proceed) ☐ Completed Step Two: Informal Hearing w/Academic Supervisor (student has 48 hours to proceed) ☐ Completed Step Three: Formal Hearing w/VPAA (student has 48 hours to proceed) **Follow-up** □ Written Notice sent to Student ☐ Written Notice sent to Registrar (only if student failed course) Complete Conduct Violation Form and submit all materials to AVP for review To be Filled Out by VPAA: **Hearing Date** Follow-up ☐ Written Notice sent to Student ☐ Complete Conduct Violation Form and submit all materials to AVP for review To be Reviewed by AVP: Action ☐ Submit in Academic Affairs Student File on each campus. ☐ Log violation and outcome summary in Academic Year Tracking Spreadsheet X

Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs

Instructional Complaint Tracking Form

To be Fil	led Out by Chair/Dire	ector:							
Date of Incident: 3/27/2018		Is Incident within Appropriate Timeframe? $\ \square$ Yes $\ \square$ No							
		(Instructional Complaints must be initiated within 10 working days of the							
incident)									
Does stud	dent have previous ac	ademic code of conduct violations? ☐ Yes ☐ No							
Descripti	on of Current Comp	laint: Click or tap here to enter text.							
Action	ction Completed Step One: Informal Hearing with Instructor and/or Chair/Director								
	(s	tudent has 5 working days to proceed)							
	☐ Completed Step Two: Formal Written Appeal to Instructor (student has 5 working days to proceed)								
☐ Completed Step Three: Formal Written Appeal to Academic Supervisor (student has 5 working days to proceed)									
	☐ Completed Step Four: Formal Written Appeal to VPAA								
Resolution	on of Complaint: Clic	ck or tap here to enter text.							
	Complete Instructional	Complaint Form and submit all materials to AVP for review							
To be Re	viewed by AVP:								
X									
	/ice President, Academic Affai	rs							
To be Re	viewed by Administ	rative Coordinator for Academic Affairs							
Actio	n □ File in Instruction	onal Complaint File for Academic Year							
	☐ Log violation a	and outcome summary in Academic Year Tracking Spreadsheet							
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Administrat	ive Coordinator, Academic Aff	airs							

Academic Year Tracking Spreadsheet

Instructional Complaint	Process Start Date	Brief Description of Incident	Date of Resolution	Resolution Summary	AVP Review Date	AVP Initials

Policy Series 5000
Policy 5075
Procedure 5075.2
Code of Student Conduct

Visit https://www.sheridan.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Procedure-5075.2-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf to view the most current version of the Student Code of Conduct.

Sexual Misconduct Policy Governing Students and Employees

(Procedure 3003)

Visit https://www.sheridan.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Policy-3003-Sexual-Misconduct-Policy-Governing-Students-and-Employees.pdf for the most current version of the Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Glossary of Terms Used in Higher Education and at NWCCD

- <u>ABD (All But Dissertation)</u> a title used to describe a doctoral candidate that has completed all their coursework and exam requirements, but still needs to write their dissertation.
- <u>Academic Advisor</u> a member of the college community who provides advice and guidance on academic matters such as course selection. This person could be a professional advisor or a faculty member.
- <u>Academic Honesty</u> is the expectation that student's work is their own and based on their own knowledge, ideas, and thoughts. It is the absence of cheating and plagiarism.
- <u>Academic Code of Conduct</u> Procedure that serves to provide accountability to principles of academic integrity. The responsibility for this falls under the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- Academic Integrity Basic guiding principle for all academic activity at NWCCD.
- **Academic Year** the academic year is broken into fall, spring, and summer semesters and runs August to July.
- <u>Accredited/Accreditation</u> the official recognition that a college or university meets the standards of regional or national organization.
- <u>ACT American College Test</u> a standardized test administered to students who
 want to be admitted into a college or university. It is designed to assess a student's
 readiness for college-level academic work.
- <u>Accuplacer Placement Test</u> Integrated system of assessments designed to evaluate students' skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Add/Drop a process that allows students to change their course schedules by adding or dropping courses.
- Adjunct Faculty part time-instructors at colleges and universities that are hired as needed (usually semester by semester) with no guarantees of continued employment.
- <u>AP (Advanced Placement)</u> a national program of standardized classes offered to high school students. AP courses are college-level courses that allow students to earn college credits with a qualifying score on the end of course AP exam.
- <u>Assistant Professor</u> untenured faculty on a tenure track. This is usually an entrylevel position with a probationary period of approximately 5-6 years following the completion of a doctorate program.
- <u>Associate Professor</u> tenured faculty at the intermediate level. Many faculty stay at this rank throughout their careers once it's achieved. However, some strive for the rank of full professor.
- Associate's Degree a degree that requires 60-80 specified credit hours which breaks down to approximately two years of study. It is awarded as Associate in

- Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS). Typically, associate degrees are awarded by community colleges.
- **Asynchronous Learning** a type of distance learning offered through online courses with no requirements for students and instructors to interact face-to-face.
- <u>Audit</u> taking a class to gain knowledge about a subject, without receiving a grade or credit toward a degree.
- <u>Bachelor's Degree</u> a degree that requires 120+ specified credit which breaks
 down to approximately four years of study. It is awarded as Bachelor of Arts (BA),
 Bachelor of Science (BS), or Bachelor of Social Work (BSW).
- <u>College</u> the generic term that is used to refer to any post-secondary institution. Typically a college only provides an undergraduate education. College can also refer to an academic division of a university like College of Education.
- **Commencement** a graduation ceremony that takes place in May at NWCCD.
- <u>Community College</u> a public two-year postsecondary institution that offers two
 programs: a transfer program which consists of the first two years of a bachelor's
 degree and a terminal program which consists of vocational training resulting in an
 associate's degree.
- **Commuter Student** student who does not live on campus.
- <u>Comps</u> short for a comprehensive exam that is usually taken at the end of a Master's degree program or at the end of coursework for doctoral students. The content, length, and time are determined by each department.
- <u>Core Requirements/Core Curriculum</u> Mandatory general education, usually interdisciplinary, course requirements needed for the completion of a degree.
- <u>Course</u> regularly scheduled class on a particular subject.
- <u>Course Load</u> the number of courses/credit hours a student takes during a specific semester.
- <u>Course Number</u> every course has an identification number that distinguishes it from other courses in a particular subject. Course numbers increase as the difficulty of the course increases. For example, at NWCCD, ENGL 1010 is an introductory English course and ENGL 2050 is a higher level English course.
- Course Offerings a schedule of courses offered during a specific semester.
- <u>Course Prefix</u> series of four letters indicating the department or program offering the course. i.e. ENGL is the prefix for English
- <u>Credits/Credit Hours</u> units used by institutions to record the completion of courses (with a passing grade) in a degree program.
- <u>Curriculum</u> a program of study made up of a set of courses offered by a degree program.
- **CV (Curriculum Vitae)** a document that details your accomplishments similar to a resume, but longer. It is usually requested at academic institutions when applying for an academic position.
- **Dean** the director or head of a division of a certain professional school or college.

- <u>Degree</u> a diploma or title awarded by a college or university to students after they
 have successfully completed a program of study.
- <u>Department</u> the formal division of a school consisting of faculty and support staff responsible for instruction in a subject area.
- **Discipline** an area of academic study.
- <u>Dissertation</u> an in-depth thesis on an original topic of research that is typically submitted and presented in the final stage of earning a doctorate.
- <u>Doctorate</u> the highest degree awarded by a university after the successful completion of an advanced graduate program of study. It usually requires three or more years of study beyond the master's degree. Also referred to as a PhD.
- <u>Drop</u> refers to the withdrawal of a student from a course that must be completed in a specified period of time depending on the college or university. Click here to read the guidelines specific to student drops at NWCCD.
- <u>Dual Degree</u> a program of study that allows a student to concurrently earn two
 degrees from the same college or university.
- <u>Electives</u> are courses students can take for credit toward their degree, but are not part of the required program listed classes.
- **Enroll** to register for course.
- **Exempt** not required to do something that other students may be required to do.
- **Faculty** the instructional staff of an educational institution.
- <u>FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)</u> the application used by the US government to determine the amount of financial aid a student will receive in a given year. Students must reapply every year they attend a college or university. International students are not eligible.
- <u>Fees</u> an amount of money charged by schools, in addition to tuition, to cover institutional costs. At NWCCD we administer institutional, course, and student fees.
- <u>Fellowship</u> a study grant or financial assistance awarded by varying institutions such as educational institutions, the government, research centers, and hospitals. They are usually awarded to graduate and doctoral students and are based on academic achievement.
- **Final Exam** a course based assessment taken at the end of a semester or term during finals week. See NWCCD's academic calendar for specific dates.
- **Financial Aid** a general term that includes all types of money offered to students to help them pay tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.
- <u>Freshman</u> a student in their first year of attendance at a high school or college/university.
- <u>Full Professor</u> refers to the rank of a tenured faculty member that has advanced beyond the associate professor level.
- <u>Full-time Student</u> a student taking 12 or more credit hours at the undergraduate level and 9 or more hours at the graduate level.
- **GA (Graduate Assistant)** a graduate student employed part-time to assist faculty in teaching, grading, and meeting with students.

- **GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test)** a standardized test required for admission into graduate programs in business.
- **GPA (Grade Point Average)** a system of recording a student's overall academic performance as a numerical average. A GPA is on a 4.0 scale and calculated at the end of each term/semester with an overall GPA calculated upon graduation.
- **Grades** a score or mark (ie. A,B,C,D,F) indicating a student's academic performance on an assessment, paper, or in a course.
- Graduate Course a credit course that is applied toward a graduate degree like a master's or doctorate.
- **Graduate School** the division of a college or university which offers graduate programs that result in a master's degree, doctorate, or graduate certificate. Click here for more information on graduate programs at NWCCD.
- **Graduate Student** a student that already has an undergraduate degree and is enrolled in an advanced studies program leading to a master's or doctorate degree.
- **Grant** a type of financial aid that does not require repayment and is given to students by the federal or state government, company, school, or charity.
- **GRE (Graduate Record Examination)** a standardized test that is required for admission into a graduate degree program. The exam measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing skills.
- <u>Independent Study</u> a course that allows students to earn credit toward their degree for work with a faculty member outside the traditional classroom setting.
- <u>Interlibrary Loan</u> a system offered through the NWCCD library that can get access to materials that the campus library does not have.
- <u>Internship</u> supervised professional training designed to provide students with experience in the work place.
- **Junior** a student in their third year of high school or college/university.
- <u>Letter of Recommendation</u> a letter written on behalf of a student that assesses
 their qualifications and skills. They are usually required for admission to a program of
 study or as part of the application process for a fellowship, internship, scholarship,
 etc.
- <u>LSAT (Law School Admission Test)</u> a standardized test required for admission into law school. The exam measures reading comprehension, analytic reasoning, and logical reasoning skills.
- <u>Major</u> an area of specialization, consisting of a number of courses in a discipline of study, chosen by undergraduate students. Students are usually required to choose their major before the end of their sophomore year.
- <u>Major Professor</u> a professor that serves as an advisor and mentor for students at the graduate level. The student is typically responsible for choosing their major professor, but the preferred professor must agree to the arrangement.

- <u>Master's Degree</u> a degree awarded after the completion of an advanced program
 of study at a college or university. A master's degree program typically requires one
 to two years of study past the bachelor's degree. It is awarded as a Master of Arts
 (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.).
- <u>Matriculated</u> enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree at a college or university.
- MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) a standardized test required for admission into medical school. The exam measures verbal reasoning, writing skills, and physical and biological sciences knowledge.
- <u>Midterm Exam</u> an exam given in the middle of an academic term that covers all the material studied in a particular course to that point.
- Minor a secondary area of specialization chosen by undergraduate students at four (4) year schools.
- <u>Noncredit</u> a course taken that does not apply to a degree program. Noncredit
 courses are taken by students who need developmental work in order to be accepted
 into a program of study. Noncredit courses can also be taken for one's own
 professional development or interest.
- <u>Nonresident</u> a student that does not meet a state's requirements for residency.
 Colleges and universities usually have higher tuition rates for nonresident students. A nonresident student can also refer to a student that does not live on campus or in campus housing.
- <u>Non-traditional Student</u> a student that enters a college or university a year or more after high school graduation, pursues their college education while working full time, returns after a number of years away from formal education, and/or attends college while raising a family.
- Open Admissions a college or university's non-selective policy to accept all students who have completed high school regardless of their grades and/or standardized test scores.
- <u>Orientation</u> a college or university's official process of welcoming new students to campus and providing them with relevant information on campus policies, financial aid, housing, dining, courses, etc.
- <u>Part-time Student</u> a student who is enrolled in less than 12 credit hours per semester.
- Pass/Fail a grading system that results in a pass or a fail and not a traditional letter grade. At NWCCD, this system results in an S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).
- **PhD Candidate** a student who has completed all their coursework, passed their qualifying or comprehensive exam, and is in the dissertation writing process.
- <u>Plagiarism</u> the illegal use of another person's words or ideas as your own without acknowledging that person through an academically accepted citation

- process. Many colleges and universities have strict policies and punishments for plagiarism.
- <u>Postdoc (Postdoctoral scholar)</u> a recent PhD recipient engaged in a temporary period of mentored research, scholarly training, or teaching in order to acquire professional skills.
- <u>Prerequisite</u> a required course that must be completed before a student is permitted to enroll in a more advanced course.
- <u>Probation</u> a status given to students with a low GPA and unsatisfactory academic
 work as defined by their college or university. The probationary period requires
 students to improve their performance or be dismissed from school.
- **Promotion** the process of gaining tenure and moving from assistant professor to associate professor to full professor.
- **Provost** the chief academic officer at a college or university responsible for overseeing academic policies and curriculum-related matters.
- **Qualifying Exams** similar to the comprehensive exam taken by students at the conclusion of a master's program or following the completion of doctoral coursework.
- <u>Research Assistant</u> a graduate student employed part-time to assist faculty with research.
- Resident Assistant (RA) upper class student hired to provide guidance to students who live in the residence halls on campus.
- <u>Residential Student</u> Student who lives in on campus housing (residence halls).
- Registration the process in which students choose and enroll in courses for an academic term.
- <u>Reserves</u> refers to course items like textbooks and additional research material placed on reserve by a professor at the library for student use throughout the academic term.
- <u>SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)</u> a standardized test required for admission into a college or university and is usually taken in the junior or senior year of high school. The exam measure reading, writing, and math skills.
- <u>Scholarship</u> a type of financial aid that consists of free money given to a student by a school, individual, organization, company, charity, or federal/state government to help pay for college tuition and expenses.
- <u>Section Number</u> a number that is used to distinguish between multiple classes of the same course.
- **Semester** an academic term that is 15 to 18 weeks.
- <u>Seminar</u> a small class focused on specialized topics discussed in depth with a professor.
- **Senior** a student in their fourth year of study at a high school or college/university.

- <u>Social Security Number</u> a unique nine digit number issued to people eligible to work and collect benefits in the US such as US citizens, permanent residents, and temporary (working) residents by the US government.
- <u>Sophomore</u> a student in their second year of study at a high school or college/university.
- **Student Employee** student who is enrolled at the college on a full or part time basis and employed by the college working no more than 18 hours per week.
- <u>Syllabus</u> a document distributed to students enrolled in a course that outlines the
 material a course will cover, instructor expectations, assignments, due dates,
 instructor contact information, and relevant NWCCD policies. Keep your syllabus until
 you have completed your highest degree.
- **TA (Teaching Assistant)** a graduate student employed part-time to assist faculty with teaching an undergraduate course.
- **Tenure** a status earned by faculty members at a college or university after demonstrating a strong record of research, publishing, and teaching.
- **Term** a period of study such as a semester.
- Thesis a formal piece of writing on a specific topic required for a degree.
- <u>TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language)</u> a standardized exam that determines English proficiency in reading, listening, speaking, and writing. The exam is required for international student admission to a US college or university.
- **Transcript** an official record of a student's performance at an academic institution.
- <u>Transfer Credit</u> credit awarded toward a degree on the basis of studies completed at another college or university.
- **Tuition** the amount of money an academic institution charges its students for attendance.
- <u>Undecided/Undeclared</u> a student that has not chosen or declared their major field of study.
- <u>Undergraduate</u> a post-secondary program leading to a bachelor's degree. The term also refers to a student attending such a program.
- <u>Visa</u> an official mark or stamp in a passport that allows someone to enter a country for a specified amount of time. The US government issues the following types of visas for students and scholars: F-1 (student visa) and J-1 (exchange visitor visa).
- <u>Work-study</u> a financial aid program funded by the US government that allows students to work part-time on campus.

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