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Preferred Pathway: P3 Scholars

By **Sharmaine Pechac**, Program Coordinator

Applications are rolling in for the Preferred Pathway Program scheduled to launch in the fall! Students seem to be excited about beginning their educational journey at Columbus State and then following a guided path to Ohio State. The program is ideal for students with a strong desire and potential to achieve college success.

All students (new or current) interested in transferring to OSU are eligible to follow a Preferred Pathway pre-major track. Following a pre-major track, the first two years of a student's bachelor's degree will be completed at CSCC. The second two years will be completed at OSU. A draft list of pre-majors is available online. A finalized list will be available later this summer.

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IMPORTANT DATES

July 8	Petition to Graduate Summer 2011 due 4:30PM
July 25	Readmission Deadline for Academic Dismissal/ Academic Review Autumn 2011
August 11	Last Day to Drop Classes

While all students are eligible to follow a pre-major track, a select group of students will be identified as P³ Scholars. This select group of students will receive a unique orientation program and opportunities to participate in select events and activities at both institutions. P³ Scholars must meet the following criteria:

- Commit to full-time status (minimum of 12 credit hours per term).
- Demonstrate College Readiness through placement at or above ENGL 101 and MATH 104 by means of COMPASS Placement Test, ACT test, AP test, or transfer credit.
- Additional criteria may be established at a later date.

In addition to meeting the initial qualifications, P³ Scholars are expected to be actively engaged leaders on campus. They will have access to a variety of learning experiences for academic enrichment and build a network of relationships in-and-out of school. The foundation of their learning environment will support success, retention, graduation and transition to OSU through collaborative advising, mentors and student success workshops.

The Preferred Pathway Program will build connectedness and maximize resources between CSCC and OSU. Additional information about The Preferred Pathway Program can be found online. Please find the program website at <http://www2.cscce.edu/academics/pathway/> for the most current information. CSCC inquiries should be directed to Sharmaine Pechac, Program Coordinator, at 614.287.5790. An OSU coordinator will be established at a later date. Inquires can be sent to preferredpathway@cscce.edu.

Switch Easy/ Switch Smart Tips

By Janet McDermott, Academic Advisor

The Switch2Semesters, coming Autumn 2012, is not far off. These tips will help you prepare well and breeze through the transition to semesters.

Embrace Semesters — Semesters offer many advantages, including easy transfer of credits between U.S. colleges and universities, most of which are already on semesters.

Check that your correct major is on file or declare one if you haven't already --To verify your major, call the Telephone Information Center, (614) 287-5353. To declare a major, submit a Change of Information form, (available at www.csc.edu under Quick Links) to Records and Registration.

Learn to run a Degree Audit Report — This online tool tells you where you stand academically and tracks progress toward your degree. To run a Degree Audit Report, log on to CougarWeb and then click "My Degree Audit."

Finish before semesters arrive if you're close to graduation — Run a Degree Audit Report to verify your academic status and meet with an advisor to plan your path to graduation.

Schedule required courses in a sequence soon — For a seamless transition, complete required courses in a sequence, like Math 102, 103, 104, prior to semesters or take them all after the switch.

Get advising help, make a plan, and follow that approved plan to completion -- Transition students should see an advisor or attend a program advising session starting Summer 2011. If you don't finish your degree/certificate before the Autumn 2012, you will be affected and considered a "transition" student. Together with an advisor, you will create a Degree Audit / Transitional Plan of Study that will guide you to graduation. Follow that plan!

Stay connected — Check <http://www2.csc.edu/academics/semesters/> and your student email often. Ask questions if you are unclear about something. You can email questions to semesters@csc.edu.

Semester Advising

What to do BEFORE you meet with an advisor

Declare your major.

If you haven't declared a major or have changed majors recently, call 287-5353 to update by phone or stop by Records & Registration to fill out a Change of Information form.

Submit transcripts for evaluation.

If you've attended other institutions, Columbus State must have a copy of your official college transcript(s) on file. Records & Registration will evaluate your transfer credit so an advisor can help you determine what courses you need to take complete your degree

Find out who your advisor is.

The online advisor directory, <http://www2.csc.edu/services/advising/directory.shtml>, or your program department's home page, <http://www2.csc.edu/academics/departments/>, has information about advisors.

Run a Degree Audit Report (DARS).

Review your progress to date to prepare for your advising appointment.

Attend a program advising session, if offered.

Check with an advisor to see if an individual appointment or a program advising session will work best for you. Many departments will be offering group advising/semesters information sessions. Dates will be posted on department home pages.

These 5 easy steps will help you breeze through semesters advising!

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For quick questions or to point you in the right direction, please feel free to contact us:

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