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Philosophy of Academic Advising

As an academic advisor, I am committed to supporting students' academic, personal, and professional development through a holistic and student-centered approach. My philosophy of academic advising is grounded in NACADA's Core Competencies Model, which emphasizes the importance of conceptual, informational, and relational competencies.

Conceptual Competencies

I believe that effective advising begins with a clear understanding of the advising role and its significance in higher education. I see academic advising as a vital component of student success, promoting critical thinking, self-awareness, and informed decision-making. I strive to help students understand the purpose of their education, align their academic pursuits with their long-term goals, and recognize the value of lifelong learning.

Informational Competencies

To provide accurate and relevant guidance, I stay informed about institutional policies, degree requirements, and available resources. I make it a priority to be knowledgeable about academic programs, career opportunities, and campus services. This allows me to offer precise and up-to-date information that helps students navigate their educational paths effectively. I encourage students to explore various academic options and to be proactive in seeking out resources that enhance their learning experiences.

Relational Competencies

Building strong, supportive relationships with students is at the heart of my advising practice. I approach each advising session with empathy, active listening, and respect for the student's unique background and experiences. By fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment, I aim to create a safe space where students feel comfortable sharing their aspirations and concerns. I am dedicated to empowering students to take ownership of their educational journey and to develop the skills necessary for academic and personal success.

In summary, my philosophy of academic advising is rooted in a commitment to student development and success. By integrating NACADA's Core Competencies into my practice, I strive to provide comprehensive, informed, and compassionate support to each student. I am passionate about guiding students through their academic journey, helping them overcome challenges, and celebrating their achievements.