

Creating Academic Success at NEC

Free for Students & Family

- 8:00am -9:00am Registration
- 9:00am- 9:15am Welcome and an Introduction to the Academic Community
- 9:15am- 11:55am Break Out Sessions and Individual Appointments

Disability Services appointments available between 9-11, and after 12
Family members may want to split up and attend different sessions.

Time	New to Campus	Know the NEC Basics	Build Academic Skills	Mentoring
9:15-10:00	Pathways: Get to Know Us with Pub Trivia!	Disability Services: How the Rules Change Between High-School and College	Time Management Skills: So Much To Do, So Little Time!	Mentoring: How it can support your family
10:10-11:10	Academic Realities: We're All In This Together	Introducing Yourself: Career Focusing and Internships	Beyond SnapChat: Best Technology Aids for College Students	Mentoring: How it can support your family
11:20-11:55	Hands-On NEC: Outside the Classroom	Punctuation Matters: Tutoring Services	NEC Tech Tools: NEC.edu	Mentoring: How it can support your family

**Please see page 2-3 for descriptions of the Breakout Sessions*

- 12:00pm- 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm– 2:00pm Parent and Student Sessions

Parents: Please join us for an important wrap-up session and discussion, Partnering with NEC: Your Evolving Relationship with your Student. This will be an opportunity to do one more hands-on exercise before leaving NEC

Students: Students who will be staying on for the afternoon/evening Pilgrimage will check-in at this time. Students not participating in the Pilgrimage will be involved in a structured activity

- 2:00pm- 4:30pm Offices Open and Tours Available

Breakout Session Descriptions

Pathways: Get to Know Us with Pub Trivia!

Learn about the various Academic Success Services offered at New England College. We'll be playing Trivia in the NEC Pub. You'll join teams and discover the programs designed to help students be successful at NEC. Pathways' departments include Academic Advising, Career and Life Planning, Disability Services, the First-Year Program, the Mentoring Program, and Tutoring Services. All ages welcome, no ID required. (Coffee and juice will be served)

Academic Realities: We're All in This Together

What is a first semester/first year at college really like? In this workshop you will have the opportunity to look at different scenarios and actual experiences from the viewpoint of students and parents. You'll be asked to brain-storm solutions, using campus resources you learned about earlier, to navigate academic issues in the various scenarios. We will include a discussion on academic mapping and the curriculum, and the ways to enhance student learning.

Hands-On Learning – Outside the Classroom

Learning doesn't only happen within the walls of the classroom. In this session participants will be exposed to the exciting experiential learning opportunities at NEC. Many of our classes are focused on the experience as well as the theory. Learn about our liberal arts curriculum, our Spring Break travel opportunities, internships, and study abroad. You'll see a photo gallery of trips students have been on (Nicaragua, Belize, New Orleans, and Washington, DC to name a few.)

Punctuation Matters – Tutoring Services at NEC

In this session, we will explore some of the reasons why punctuation is important and how the Tutoring Center helps with the entire writing process. Along with discussing the Tutoring Center services (writing development, critical reading skills, time management, study skills, etc.), our professional and peer tutors, and how a typical tutoring session goes, we will also complete some fun activities that will demonstrate how misplaced punctuation can have a serious impact on the meaning of a sentence. If you ever had to say, "I didn't write that," "that's not what I meant," or "what are you so angry about?" after submitting a paper or sending a text or email...then this session is for you!

Introducing Yourself! Career Focusing and internships

NEC has 400 internship opportunities posted online! Real work, real contacts... but how does a student approach these opportunities? Using John Holland's "RIASEC" codes can help students find the right internship... and also help give them the skills to introduce themselves to participating employers. Come find out for yourself. In this interactive workshop we will be using this simple self-assessment exercise. You may be surprised what you learn about yourself!

Disability Services – How the Rules Change Between High-School and College

If you had services in high school, this is a session you should attend. It will help you find out how college is different, and how you can make it work for you. Topics we'll cover include:

- How college will be different from high school
- How to get the accommodation you need
- Why you, the student, now make all the decision, and what that looks like in practice
- Strategies for making the first semester a success

This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have, and prepare you for the changes college will bring. (please note that individual appointments with the Director of Disability Services can be scheduled throughout the morning, or during the summer.)

So much to do, so little time!

Are you interested in knowing the difference between high-school and college? Between classes, homework, sleeping, and friends, how do you keep all of that in order?! For students, this session will talk about maintaining balance during your first semester in college. This balance will talk about managing classes and homework, but also discuss making healthy choices to ensure you are your best self! Parents will also learn how to best support their students as they enter their first year at New England College.

Beyond SnapChat: Best technology aids for college students

Leaving home doesn't mean you have to do it on your own. This interactive session will review some of the best apps and technology resources to help you stay on track. Participants will leave with an understanding of the current technology and apps to keep college life smooth. From studying and note taking to managing life, students and parents will come away with ideas to keep themselves on track through the college transition.

NEC.edu

Did you know you have access to a wealth of resources as an NEC student? During this session, students will have the chance to explore their own NEC.edu resources and learn tricks to easily integrate these tools into their student experience. Additionally, parents will come away from the session with ways to help support students in utilizing these resources.

Mentoring: How it can support your family

Have you been curious to learn more about the Mentoring Program? This informal session will provide families with an opportunity to learn more about Mentoring, meet individuals associated with the program, and determine how Mentoring can be a resource for you. Participants will leave with an understanding of the Program and information on how to enroll.