

# Advising Checkpoints for Success

## Associate Degree

### “Getting to Know You” - First Advising Session with Assigned Advisor

- Discuss transition into college life, which may include exploring skills, interests, goals, time management, and personal responsibility
- Establish a program objective that aligns with career goals and transfer plans (or explore meta majors if undecided) and review degree requirements (log transfer major and institution)
- Determine eligibility for SB1720 exemption; use Academic Profile to advise of developmental education options (make and log recommendations)
- Advise of accelerated credit options: Career Pathways, CLEP, AP, IB, AICE
- Create a personalized Guided Pathway (verify Foreign Language requirement)
- Discuss financial aid options, scholarship opportunities, and payment plan alternatives
- Familiarize student with IRSC technology, i.e. MyIRSC, Rivermail, and Blackboard
- Review other IRSC resources and services, i.e. Academic Support Center (ASC), RiverSupport Resources, Smarthinking, The River Shop, and RiverLife
- Check RiverSupport status and address any concerns regarding ReachOuts, if applicable

### Checkpoint: 25-49% Benchmark

- Confirm program objective selection is current and still applicable to goals
- Explore overall experience, inside and outside of the classroom, including the use of IRSC technology, resources, and services
- Follow-up on any pending discussion points from previous meeting
- Review degree audit and modify Guided Pathway if necessary
- Check RiverSupport status and address any concerns regarding ReachOuts, if applicable

### Checkpoint: 50-74% Benchmark

- Assist with making plans for transfer or continuation of studies at IRSC
- Follow-up on any pending discussion points from previous meeting
- Review degree audit and modify Guided Pathway if necessary
- Check RiverSupport status and address any concerns regarding ReachOuts, if applicable

### Checkpoint: 75%+ Benchmark

- Review remaining degree requirements to ensure that student is on track for graduation
- Finalize plans for transfer or continuation of studies at IRSC
- Refer to Career and Transition Services for resume development and mock interviewing
- Check RiverSupport status and address any concerns regarding ReachOuts, if applicable
- Discuss barrier-free graduation and advise of commencement opportunity