

# Connecting With Your College

College of Public Health



# Today's Agenda



About the College of Public Health (CPH)



How academic advising works at George Mason University and in the College of Public Health and how to use it throughout your college experience



Important university systems and how to access them



Crucial academic and registration deadlines and processes



Strategies for success at George Mason



How virtual orientation advising works and how to prepare for it

**Our “Manager’s  
Special” Question:  
Who traveled the  
farthest to be here  
with us today?**



# About the College of Public Health

First College of Public Health in Virginia

Undergraduate Programs

Community Health

Nursing

Social Work

Health Administration

Health Informatics



**Other than your major, name at least one other major offered in the College of Public Health**



# Academic Advising at Mason

## Role of an Academic Advisor

- Academic planning
- Policy interpretation
- General support

## Expectations – both directions!

- Professionalism
- Preparation
- Communication
- **Using Advising Effectively**
  - When to meet?
  - Why to meet?
  - Academic deadlines





**How often should you  
be meeting with your  
academic advisor?**



# Academic Advising in the College of Public Health

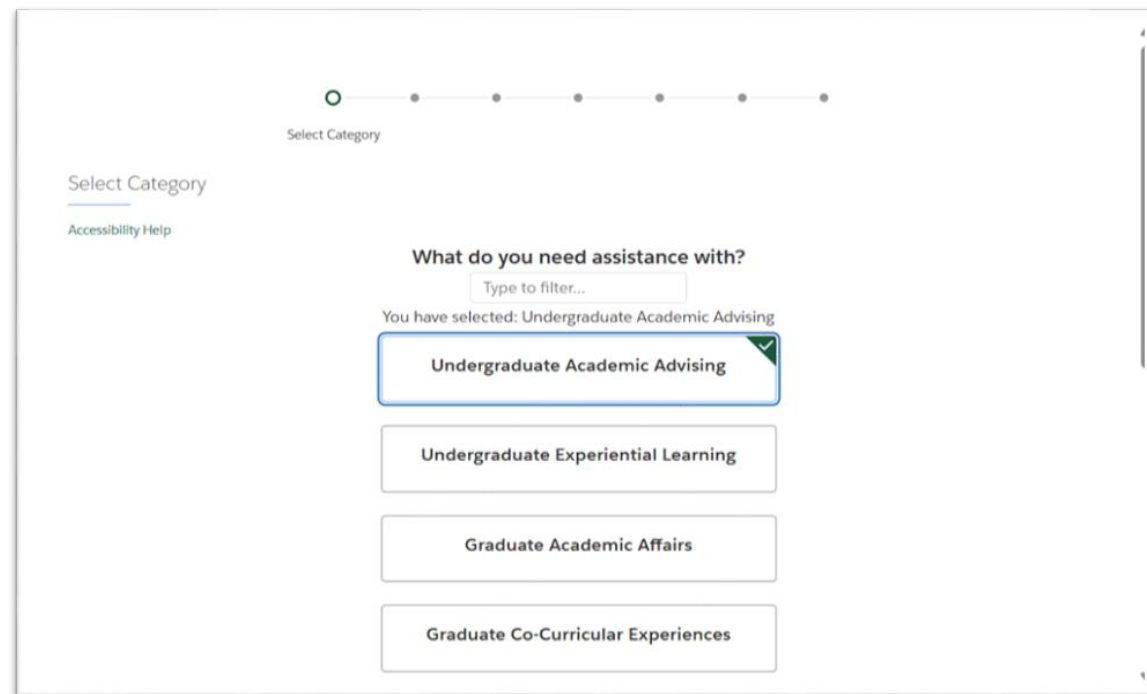
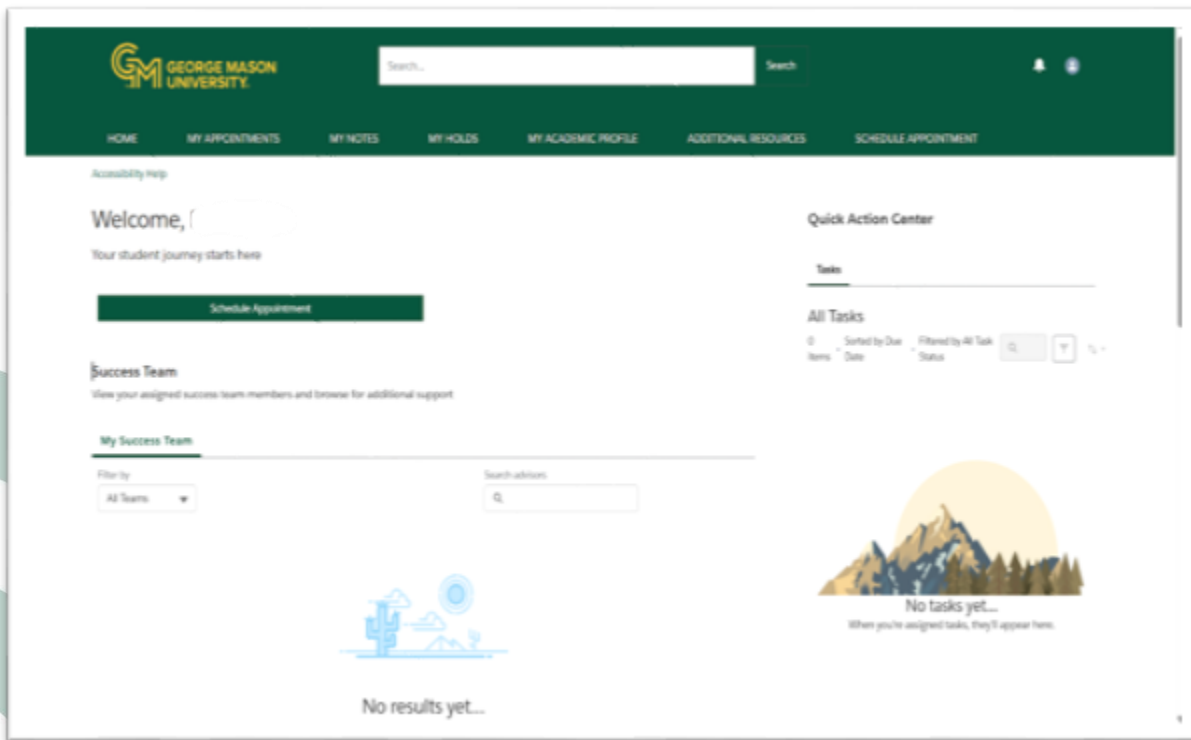
- CPH Students are advised in the Office of Student Affairs
- Advising Schedule:
  - In-person and virtual appointments
  - Walk-ins every Monday, 1pm-4pm
- Appointments can be made by:
  - Scheduling online via **Patriot Connect** ([connect.gmu.edu](https://connect.gmu.edu))
    - Choose College of Public Health (CPH)
  - Sending an email to [advcp@gm.edu](mailto:advcp@gm.edu)
  - Calling our office at 703-993-1901
  - Visiting our office at Peterson Hall, Suite 1000
- <https://publichealth.gmu.edu/advising>



**When do we have  
walk-in advising  
hours?**



# Patriot Connect



# Patriot Connect (continued)

A progress bar at the top shows the first step, 'Schedule Appointment', is active. The page title is 'Schedule Appointment'. Below it is a section for 'Support Staff'. Under 'Available to Everyone', there are two dropdown menus: 'College/School' (set to 'College of Public Health') and 'Department/Division' (set to 'Select an Option'). Below these is a search bar labeled 'Type to filter...'. Two results are shown: 'Aging Studies Minor Advising' and 'Community Health Major Advising', each with a blue circular icon containing a white 'A'.

The background shows a user profile for 'Rohmena!' with a 'Quick Action Center' and a 'Tasks' list. A modal window is open in the center. It has a progress bar with the second step, 'Select a Topic', active. The modal title is 'Select a Topic'. Below it is a search bar. A result is shown: 'Appointment with Social Work Major Advising'. Below this result is a button labeled 'Advising outside of my program' with a blue checkmark icon. At the bottom of the modal are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons. The background also shows a 'No results yet...' message.

# Patriot Connect (continued)

This screenshot shows the 'Select Channel' modal in the Patriot Connect interface. The modal is titled 'Select Channel' and contains a progress bar at the top with five steps, the third of which is highlighted. Below the progress bar, the text 'Select Channel' is displayed. The main content area shows an appointment with 'Social Work Major Advising' on the topic 'Advising outside of my program'. There are two options for the channel: 'In Person' (selected with a blue checkmark) and 'Virtual'. At the bottom of the modal are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons. The background shows a sidebar with 'Welcome, Rohmena!', 'Your student job', 'Success Team', and 'My Success Team'.

This screenshot shows the 'Select Date and Time' modal in the Patriot Connect interface. The modal is titled 'Select Date and Time' and contains a progress bar at the top with five steps, the fourth of which is highlighted. Below the progress bar, the text 'Select Date and Time' is displayed. The main content area shows an appointment with 'Social Work Major Advising' on the topic 'Advising outside of my program' and the channel 'In Person'. The time zone is set to 'EST/EDT Eastern Daylight Time (America/New\_York)'. A date picker shows 'Thursday, May 20'. Below the date picker, the name 'Julio Diaz-Carroll' is listed with the title 'CPH US Academic Advisor'. At the bottom of the modal, a time slot '1:30 PM - 2:00 PM' is selected with a blue checkmark. The background shows the same sidebar as the previous screenshot.

# Patriot Connect (continued)

This screenshot shows the 'Review Appointment' step in the Patriot Connect process. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step. The main content area contains the following details:

- Topic:** Advising outside of my program
- Support Staff:** Julio Diaz-Carril  
CPH UG Academic Advisor
- Appointment Time:** Thursday, May 29, 2025  
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
- Location:** College of Public Health, Office of Student Affairs

At the bottom right, there is a 'Confirm' button.

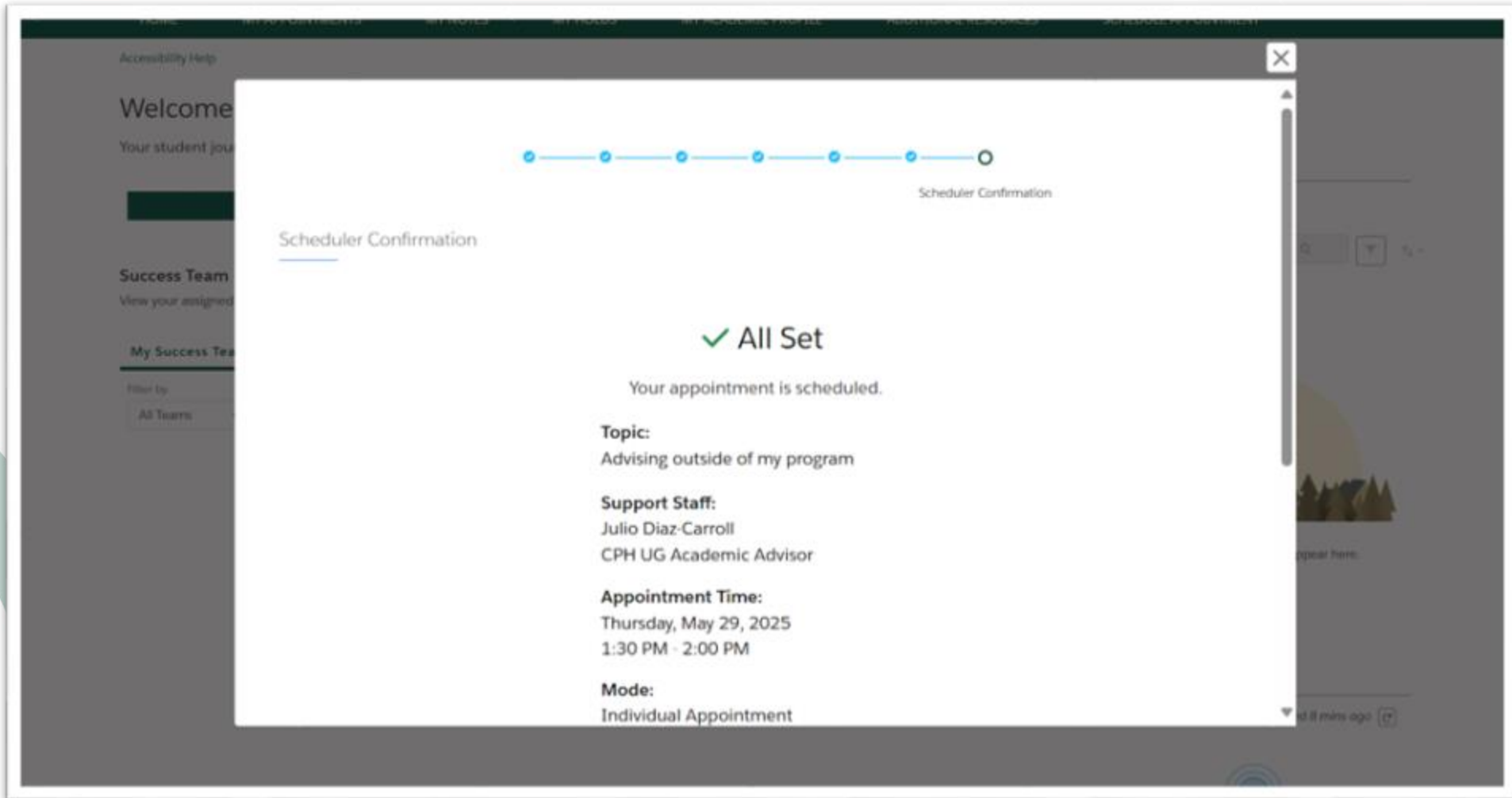
This screenshot shows the 'Appointment Document' step. It includes the following information:

- Address:** Peterson Hall, Suite 1000, Fairfax, VA, 22030
- Channel:** In Person
- Mode:** Individual Appointment
- Instructions:**

Below the instructions, there is a text area for a brief explanation of the discussion, followed by an 'Appointment Document' section with 'Upload File' and 'Or drop files' options. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Email' (selected) and 'SMS' for receiving reminders, with a note that reminders will be sent to [mlmwan@gmu.edu](mailto:mlmwan@gmu.edu). 'Back' and 'Confirm' buttons are at the bottom right.



# Patriot Connect (continued)





**What are two ways  
you can schedule an  
advising  
appointment?**



# Academic Deadlines

[registrar.gmu.edu/calendars](https://registrar.gmu.edu/calendars)



Description	Full Semester	7.5 Week: Session I	7.5 Week: Session II	8 Week: Session I	8 Week: Session II
Schedule of Classes Available in PatriotWeb	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11
Priority Dates Begin	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15
Consortium Registration Deadline	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>First Day of Fall Classes:</b>	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Oct 20	Mon. Aug 25	Wed. Oct 22
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25
<b>Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due</b>	Tue. Sept 2	Wed. Aug 27	Wed. Oct 22	Thur. Aug 28	Sat. Oct 25
<b>Labor Day : University Closed</b>	Mon. Sept 1	Mon. Sept 1	N/A	Mon. Sept 1	N/A
<b>Last Day to Drop: With 100% Tuition Refund</b>	Mon. Sept 8	Fri. Aug 29 (Final Drop)	Fri. Oct 24 (Final Drop)	Tue. Sept 2 (Final Drop)	Wed. Oct 29 (Final Drop)
<b>Last Day to Drop: With 50% Tuition Refund</b>	Tue. Sept 16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Unrestricted Withdrawal Period: 100% Tuition Liability</b>	Wed. Sept 17 - Tue. Sept 30	Sat. Aug 30 - Fri. Sept 12	Sat. Oct 25 - Fri. Nov 7	Wed. Sept 3 - Sun. Sept 21	Thur. Oct 30 - Tue. Nov 18
<b>Fall Break</b> (Classes Do Not Meet)	Mon. Oct 13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Mid-term Evaluation Period:</b> 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via PatriotWeb	Mon. Sept 22 - Fri. Oct 17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Selective Withdrawal Period</b> - Undergraduate Students Only (100% Tuition Liability)	Wed. Oct 1 - Mon. Oct 27	Sat. Sept 13 - Fri. Sept 19	Sat. Nov 8 - Fri. Nov 14	N/A	N/A

**Per the academic calendar, when is the last day  
to drop a class with a 100% tuition refund?**



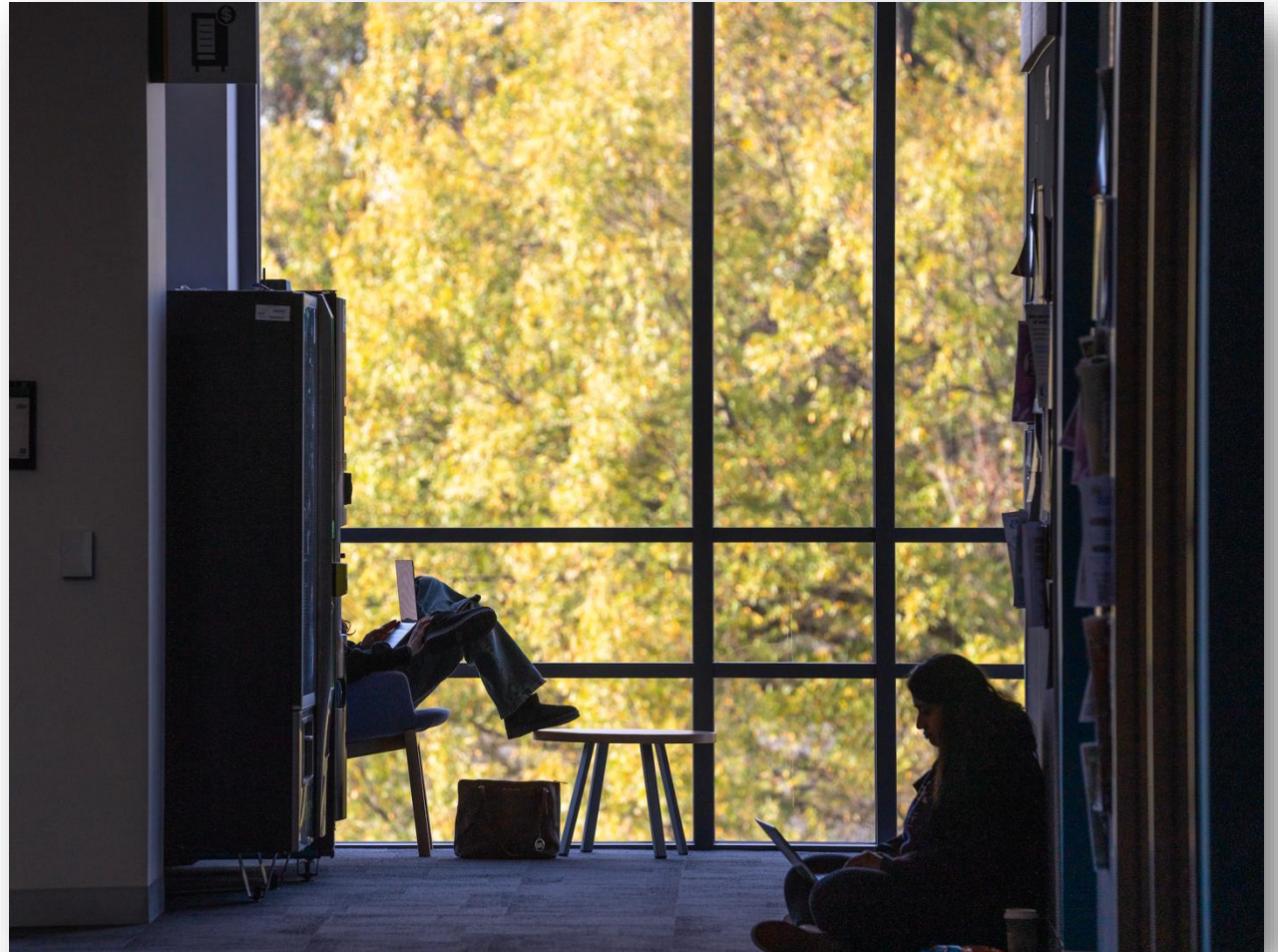


## Resources at Mason

- Academic, Social, Financial, Well-being
- Free and accessible to all Mason students
- [advising.gmu.edu/resources](https://advising.gmu.edu/resources)



**Name at least one  
resource you can take  
advantage of during  
your time at Mason**



# Virtual Advising & Registration

Conducted remotely via Zoom

Punctuality and preparation are essential –  
treat it like class

Meet CPH advisors and leaders

Focus on Fall courses

Transfer/Freshmen Timelines





# Preparing for Your Virtual Advising Session

- [Patriot Web](#)
  - Degree Audit
  - Schedule of Courses
- [Catalog](#)
- [Mason Core](#)
- Math Placement



# Where you go to find out more about a course?



# Lower-Level Mason Core Waiver

- Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower-level) Mason Core requirement categories
  - VCCS Uniform Certificate of General Studies
  - VCCS or Richard Bland Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A. & S.), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)
  - Admitted under the Guaranteed Admissions (GAA)
- Major, College, and the Mason Core Integration (upper-level) requirements are not waived under this policy.
- Exceptions: If you did not receive a C or higher in the Mason equivalent to **ENGH 101**, you will be required to complete the course at Mason. ENGH 302 is required
- Please note, you must submit your final transcripts to the admissions office.

# Your Next Steps

- ☐ Prepare a list of AP/IB, dual-enrollment, or any other college-level credits earned, if applicable, and make sure any test scores have been sent to the Office of Admissions
- ☐ Use Patriot Web to complete a rough draft of your schedule
- ☐ Review your Transfer Credit Evaluation for any missing credits
- ☐ Ensure your **final** transcript is submitted to the Office of Admissions
- ☐ Review your degree audit to see how your transfer credits are applying to requirements
- ☐ Identify at least three questions to ask during virtual advising

**Please complete this quick feedback  
survey for this presentation!**

