



University Life

**NEW STUDENT AND
FAMILY PROGRAMS**

George Mason University®

Connecting With Your College

College of Public Health

Summer 2026



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



Today's Agenda



About the College of Public Health
(CPH)



Introductions



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



How virtual orientation advising
works and how to prepare for it

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



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** (plan.connect.gmu.edu)
 - Choose College of Public Health (CPH)
 - Sending an email to advcp@gmuedu
 - Calling our office at 703-993-1901
 - Visiting our office at Peterson Hall, Suite 1000
- <https://publichealth.gmu.edu/advising>

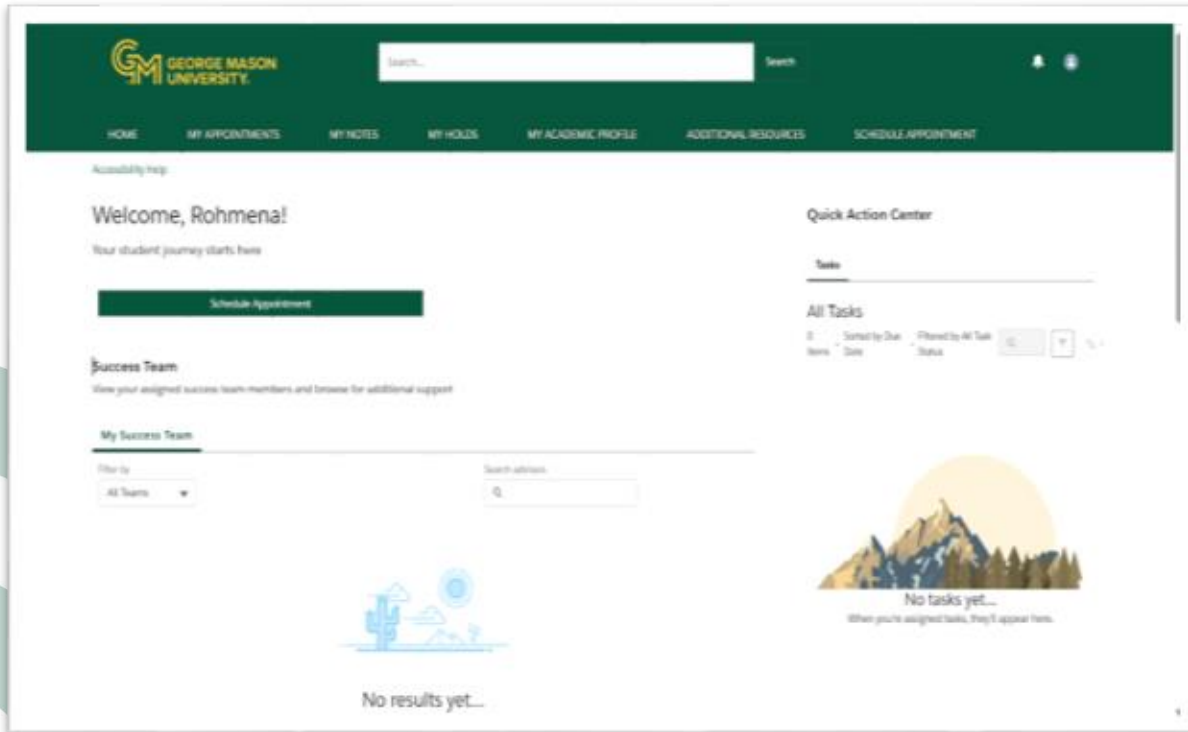
When do we have walk-in advising hours?



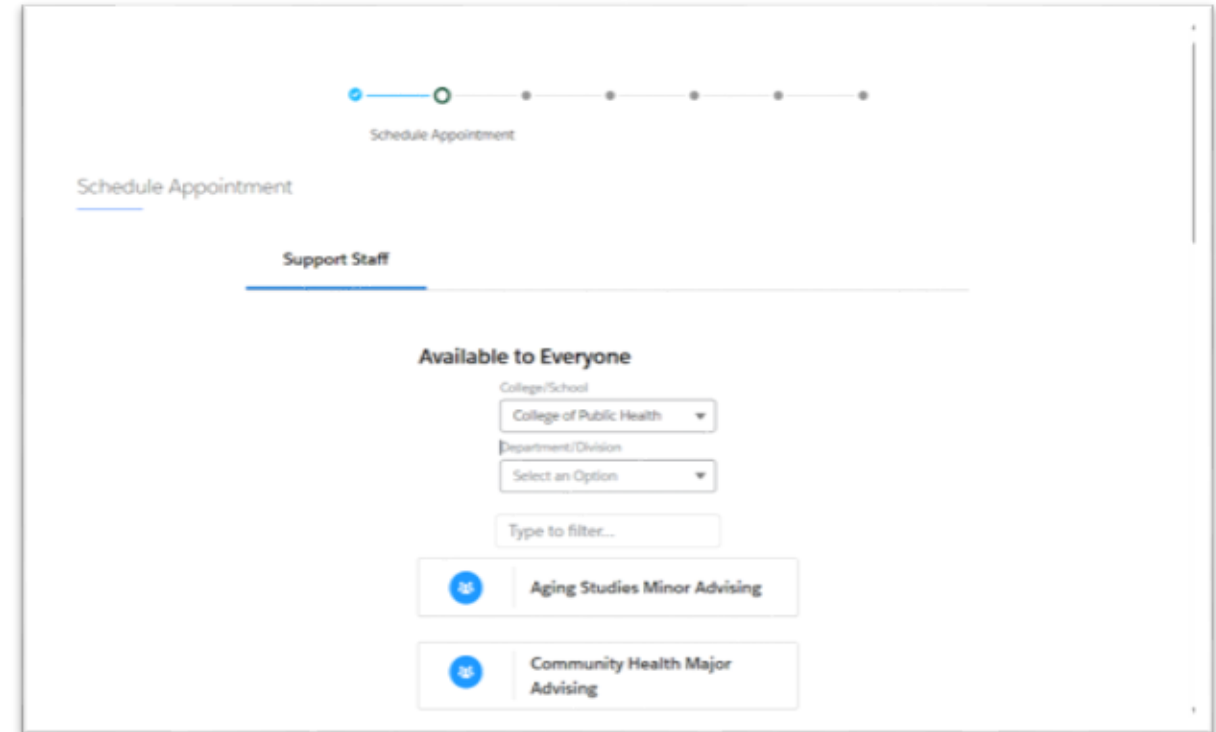
**How often should you
be meeting with your
academic advisor?**



Patriot Connect



The screenshot shows the Patriot Connect homepage for a student named Rohmena. The top navigation bar is dark green with the George Mason University logo, a search bar, and links for HOME, MY APPOINTMENTS, MY NOTES, MY HOLDS, MY ACADEMIC PROFILE, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, and SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT. Below the navigation bar, there is a welcome message "Welcome, Rohmena!" and a "Schedule Appointment" button. A "Success Team" section is also visible. On the right, there is a "Quick Action Center" with a "Tasks" section showing "All Tasks" and a "No tasks yet..." message. At the bottom, there is a "No results yet..." message.



The screenshot shows the "Schedule Appointment" page in Patriot Connect. The page has a progress bar at the top with the first step, "Schedule Appointment", highlighted. Below the progress bar, there is a "Support Staff" section with a list of available staff members. The list is titled "Available to Everyone" and includes two entries: "Aging Studies Minor Advising" and "Community Health Major Advising". Each entry has a blue circular icon with a white 'A' and a name. There are also dropdown menus for "College/School" (set to "College of Public Health") and "Department/Division" (set to "Select an Option"). A "Type to filter..." search bar is also present.

Patriot Connect (continued)

This screenshot shows the initial selection screen of the Patriot Connect system. At the top, there is a progress indicator with six dots, the first of which is active. Below this is a 'Select Category' link and an 'Accessibility Help' link. The main heading is 'What do you need assistance with?' followed by a search bar labeled 'Type to filter...'. Below the search bar, it states 'You have selected: Undergraduate Academic Advising'. There are four selectable options, each in a rounded rectangle: 'Undergraduate Academic Advising' (which is highlighted with a blue border and a green checkmark), 'Undergraduate Experiential Learning', 'Graduate Academic Affairs', and 'Graduate Co-Curricular Experiences'.

This screenshot shows a modal window titled 'Select a Topic' overlaid on a user's dashboard. The dashboard in the background includes a 'Welcome, Rohmena!' message, a 'Quick Action Center', and sections for 'Success Team' and 'My Success Team'. The modal window has a progress indicator at the top with four dots, the second of which is active. It contains a search bar labeled 'Select a Topic' and a list of results. The first result is 'Appointment with Social Work Major Advising', which has a sub-option 'Advising outside of my program' highlighted with a blue border and a green checkmark. At the bottom of the modal are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons. Below the modal, the dashboard shows a 'No results yet...' message and a progress bar at the bottom right indicating 'Upcoming', 'Active', and 'Past' stages, with a note 'Updated 4 hours ago'.

Patriot Connect (continued)

This screenshot shows the 'Select Channel' modal in the Patriot Connect interface. The modal is titled 'Select Channel' and features a progress bar at the top with five steps, the third of which is highlighted. Below the title, the text reads 'Appointment with: Social Work Major Advising' and 'Topic: Advising outside of my program'. There are two selection options: '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 journey', '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 features a progress bar at the top with five steps, the fourth of which is highlighted. Below the title, the text reads 'Appointment with: Social Work Major Advising', 'Topic: Advising outside of my program', and 'Channel: In Person'. The time zone is set to 'GMT-04:00 Eastern Daylight Time (America/New_York)'. A date selector shows 'Thursday, May 29'. Below this, the advisor is listed as 'Julio Diaz-Carrillo', 'CPH US Academic Advisor', and 'CPH US Academic Advisor'. A time slot of '1:30 PM - 2:00 PM' is selected with a blue checkmark. At the bottom of the modal are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons. The background shows the same sidebar as the previous screenshot.

Patriot Connect (continued)

Accessibility Help

Welcome

Your student job

Success Team

View your assigned

My Success Team

Filter by

All Teams

Review Appointment

Verify all the appointment details as you can't edit the appointment after clicking the Confirm button.

Topic:
Advising outside of my program

Support Staff:
Julio Diaz Carroll
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

11 mins ago

Accessibility Help

Welcome

Your student job

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All Teams

Address:
Peterson Hall, Suite 1000, Fairfax, VA, 22030

Channel:
In Person

Mode:
Individual Appointment

Instructions:

* Please provide a brief explanation of what you want to discuss

Appointment Document

Upload Files Or drop files

How do you want to receive a reminder for your appointment?

☒ Email

Reminder will be sent to minish@gmu.edu

☐ SMS

Back Confirm

11 mins ago

Patriot Connect (continued)

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Patriot Connect'. On the left is a dark sidebar with links like 'Accessibility Help', 'Welcome', 'Your student journey', 'Success Team', and 'My Success Team'. The main content area is white and titled 'Scheduler Confirmation'. At the top of this area is a progress bar with seven steps; the last step is active and labeled 'Scheduler Confirmation'. Below the title, a green checkmark and the text 'All Set' are displayed. A message states 'Your appointment is scheduled.' followed by details: 'Topic: Advising outside of my program', 'Support Staff: Julio Diaz-Carroll, CPH UG Academic Advisor', 'Appointment Time: Thursday, May 29, 2025, 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM', and 'Mode: Individual Appointment'. A 'Back' button is at the bottom right. The background of the interface features a faint illustration of a forest.

Accessibility Help

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Scheduler Confirmation

Scheduler Confirmation

✓ All Set

Your appointment is scheduled.

Topic:
Advising outside of my program

Support Staff:
Julio Diaz-Carroll
CPH UG Academic Advisor

Appointment Time:
Thursday, May 29, 2025
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Mode:
Individual Appointment

Back

8 mins ago

How do you schedule an advising appointment?



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

Schedule of Courses

Four-year plans

Catalog

Mason Core

Math Placement



Where you go to find out more about a course?



Your Next Steps

- ☐ Review sample 4-year plans for your major of choice
- ☐ 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

Breakout Sessions With Your Majors

- Community Health
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Health Administration
- Health Informatics

THE END!!!

