Navigating Your College Experience: GPS 1.0
Admissions to Advising

You must complete these steps before attending New Student Orientation:

☐ **If you plan on receiving Federal Financial Aid,** fill out your FREE application at fafsa.gov:
  - Go to lowercolumbia.edu/finaid for instructions, and to access the LCC Financial Aid Portal, check your status, and upload any requested documents. First time users, log in using your social security number and birth date (mmdy). Use the portal to continually check your status.
  - Apply for scholarships at lowercolumbia.edu/scholarships

☐ **Apply for admission to Lower Columbia College:** Complete an application in the Admissions Building at Entry Services or Registration, or go to lowercolumbia.edu/applynow

  Once your application has been approved, you will receive an email with your **student identification number (SID).** Your **global PIN** number is your six-digit date of birth (i.e.: if your birthday is November 7, 1975, your global pin would be 110775).

☐ **Determine your program:** Go to lowercolumbia.edu/programplanners or stop by Career Services in the Admissions Building and print your program planner(s), which maps the courses you need to take to earn a degree/certificate.
  - **Unsure of your career or educational plans?** Visit Career & Employment Services and meet with a Career Specialist, or go to lowercolumbia.edu/careerservices to explore your options.
  - **Take the free career assessment on campus/ online:** Stop by Career and Employment Services in Admissions or go to wois.org or career cruising.com. Call 360.442.2330 for access.

☐ **Practice, and take your placement assessment:** Assessments in reading, writing, and math determine which English and Math courses you are eligible to register for. Access practice materials online and read about possible alternatives to placement testing at lowercolumbia.edu/placement or stop by Admissions Testing in the Admissions Building for more information. **Please bring a copy of your test scores to your New Student Orientation and any other paperwork such as transcripts that may apply.**

☐ **If you are participating in one of these Special Programs, Individual Certificate Program (ICP), Worker Retraining, Disability Support Services (DSS), or Work First please check** YES [ ] NO [ ]

  If you check **NO** please continue on to the next step. If you choose **YES** Contact the appropriate office:
  - **Disability Support Services**, located in ADC 143 or (360) 442-2340
  - **Individualized Certificate Program (ICP)** contact the Work-based Learning office at (360) 442-2620
  - **Worker Retraining**, located in Career & Employment Services, ADC 120 or (360) 442-2330
  - **WorkFirst**, located in ADC 144 or (360) 442-2540

☐ **Sign Up and Attend a NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:** Please contact the Testing Office to sign up for a New Student Orientation at 360-442-2353. Advisors are available and you will have the opportunity to register for classes during the orientation. Please do some planning; consider your personal schedule and browse the online class schedule. Bring to the orientation these following items:
  - Placement Test Results (given at the conclusion of placement test)
  - Previous College Transcripts (all transcripts must be officially evaluated before courses begin). Please have all of your official transcripts from previous college you have attended mailed to the LCC Registration Office along with a Transcript Evaluation Request Form to Registration.

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**New Student Orientation Reminder:**

Date:_________________________

Time:_________________________

Classroom:_____________________
Pre-Advising Questionnaire: Please consider the answers to these questions before your entry advising appointment.

How many classes would you like to take at one time?

Will you be working while you are attending? (Circle one): YES / NO
If yes, how many hours per week?

Are you planning on receiving Federal Financial Aid? (Circle one): YES / NO

Please list any other commitments/responsibilities you have that might impact your schedule:

Additional Resources:
- Campus map: [http://lcc.ctc.edu/maps](http://lcc.ctc.edu/maps)
- Directory: [http://lcc.ctc.edu/employees/](http://lcc.ctc.edu/employees/)
- Paying for College: Go to [lowercolumbia.edu/payingforclasses](http://lowercolumbia.edu/payingforclasses) for information regarding tuition and fees, financial aid, the payment plan, payment deferment, scholarships, and alternative resources for paying for college such as ones listed below:
  - Worker Retraining: [lowercolumbia.edu/workerretraining](http://lowercolumbia.edu/workerretraining) or 360.442.2330
  - Opportunity Grant: [lowercolumbia.edu/opportunity](http://lowercolumbia.edu/opportunity) or 360.442.2330
  - Work First: [lowercolumbia.edu/workfirst](http://lowercolumbia.edu/workfirst) or 360.442.2540
  - Veterans Educational Benefits: [lowercolumbia.edu/veterans](http://lowercolumbia.edu/veterans) or 360.442.2393
- Academic and Events Calendar: [lowercolumbia.edu/academic-eventscalendar](http://lowercolumbia.edu/academic-eventscalendar)
- Student Support Services: Transfer students who are first-generation, low-income, or have a documented disability can receive additional academic support. [lowercolumbia.edu/sss](http://lowercolumbia.edu/sss) or 360.442.2420
- Veterans Services: [lowercolumbia.edu/veterans](http://lowercolumbia.edu/veterans)
- Disability Support Services: [lowercolumbia.edu/disability](http://lowercolumbia.edu/disability) or 360.442.2341
- Transitional Studies: Basic skills classes designed to prepare students for success in entry-level college level courses and beyond. [lowercolumbia.edu/transitionalstudies](http://lowercolumbia.edu/transitionalstudies) or 360.442.2580
- I-Best: Combines instruction in specific certificate programs with basic instruction in reading, writing, math, speaking, and listening. [lowercolumbia.edu/ibest](http://lowercolumbia.edu/ibest) or 360.442.2584
- Child care/ preschool: [lowercolumbia.edu/childcare](http://lowercolumbia.edu/childcare) or 360.442.2890