“Lingo” Lesson

Navigating the college experience is a process of learning and discovery. Even outside the classroom, there are lessons to learn, systems to navigate and “lingo” to master. Pay close attention to all the details surrounding your enrollment, such as effectively managing your schedule, meeting payment due dates, and using your resources. Doing so will allow you to focus on your studies and successfully reach your academic goal. A great way to do this is to review consumer information, ask questions of those who are qualified to answer, understand policies and keep good records. Even if you don't like an answer, it's important to understand the “why” so you can anticipate best practice for next time. Remember that information from friends or second-hand is often meant to be helpful and is usually well-intentioned, but it is not always accurate or true for your situation, so it could negatively impact you.

To help you understand the “lingo,” we'd like to introduce you to service areas highlights, spotlight a few college policies, and provide a glossary of terms you can use for reference (see Glossary of Terms insert).

Service Areas Highlights:

The following service areas are just a few you'll want to become familiar with and use effectively during your RCC experience.

**Rogue Central** — Centrally located on each main campus, this service counter is staffed with professionals who can assist you with enrollment, financial aid and cashiering services. Whether it's general information, assistance with student web resources, submitting a form, or requesting official transcripts, we're here to help.

**Counseling and Academic Advising** — RCC provides comprehensive counseling services to assist students with education and career planning, academic success and with personal or social concerns. Program advisors are also available to provide academic guidance and offer advice toward career preparation.

**Tutoring, the OWL, the Library** — If you need help with an assignment, tutors are available on a walk-in basis during operating hours on each main campus. RCC’s Online Writing Lab (OWL) provides a constructive, technical critique of your written work as well as helpful information on industry-specific writing tips. Remember library resources, including access to printed and electronic research, material loaned from other libraries, wireless access, and textbook and lap-top check-out.

**Bookstore** — Located on each main campus, RCC Bookstores provide a convenient way to purchase your course texts and materials, school supplies, RCC memorabilia and snacks. Online, credit-card purchases are available, as is fee-based shipping. Financial Aid students have the option of charging purchases against awarded aid for a limited time near the beginning of each term.

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**Don't wait to educate!**

Now is the time to obtain training and education for career readiness. In choosing a career, be sure to evaluate not only your earnings potential, but also job satisfaction and quality of life. The sooner you realize your career goals, the more time you'll have to enjoy doing what you love and invest in your future.

**Not all programs are created equal.**

RCC offers a wide variety of programs to meet a wide variety of needs. To find out if your academic goal is aid-eligible, the Financial Aid Eligible Academic Program Chart insert.

www.roguecc.edu/financialaid