

Student Advocate Program

The Student Advocate Program at Mountain Empire Community College is intended to increase retention rates. This goal is met by assisting students with needs that are impeding their ability to be successful in college. The program targets first year students enrolled in SDV 100 (College Success Skills) or SDV 101 (Orientation to Education).

These needs may include:

- ❖ Needing assistance with a distance education class
- ❖ Improving math, writing, and/or computer skills
- ❖ Needing a tutor for a particular class
- ❖ Improving Time management
- ❖ Improving Stress management
- ❖ Improving study skills
- ❖ Needing help with financial aid; child care; transportation problems
- ❖ Deciding on a college plan or program
- ❖ Selecting a major
- ❖ Assisting with information about how to pursue a particular career field and/or how to transfer to a four year institution
- ❖ Balancing work, personal life, and school
- ❖ Needing assistance with Health issues
- ❖ Needing help with employment
- ❖ Addressing other concerns

Students may request assistance from the student advocate by telephone, office visit, and/or email or be referred by their College Success Skills instructor.

Contact Information:

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