Schedule Your Appointment for Summer & Fall 2010 Advising Now!

Did you find that you had to wait a week, or two, to get in to see Billie Mitchell for your spring 2010 academic advising?

Myriah is making appointments for students to see Billie now for summer and fall 2010 academic advising. March is already filling up! Summer and fall registration begins in April.

Call Myriah at 217-351-2462 to make your appointment for summer and fall academic advising. Billie takes appointments Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Facebook

Have a Facebook page? Find us on Facebook by typing in “Parkland College Adult Re-entry Center” in the search box. Become our fan and stay updated with our events and information. Share the page with people you know that may be considering being a first time or returning adult student.

ATTENTION: Parkland is replacing the Parkland Connection with my.Parkland.edu this month. Please go to http://my.parkland.edu/help/ and watch the online tutorials under Web Advisor for search for sections, register for sections, class schedule, and account summary. Financial aid, grades, and transcripts tutorials coming soon.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

**Spring 2010**

March 1-Deadline for spring and summer graduation application to participate in Commencement

March 5-Midterm

March 20-28-Spring vacation

March 26-Spring holiday (campus closed)

March 29-Classes resume

March 31-Latino Family Day

April 5-Deadline for spring graduation application not participating in Commencement

April 8–Open House and Partnership College Fair

Explore Associate’s Degrees through Parkland College and Bachelor’s, Master’s Degrees Available Through Our Partnership Colleges. For more information call 217-351-2462, email finishyourdegree@parkland.edu.

(same time as Career Center’s Job Fair in the gym)

April 12-18-Fall Course Reservation

April 24-Outdoors Earth Day Battle of the Bands Concert starts at 3 p.m.

April 29- Last day to withdraw with W grade from full-semester courses

May 6-Last day of classes

May 7-Study day (no classes)

May 10-14-Final exams

May 14-Commencement
Have you met with one of our advisors, but never applied?...it is not too late to get into Parkland’s spring 2010 courses!

1. Apply to Parkland at www.parkland.edu, click on Future Students and complete the online application form

2. Have your high school/GED and any previous college official transcripts mailed to Parkland’s Admissions department (nothing hand carried is accepted as official)


4. Once your transcripts are here, make an appointment to take your assessments tests by calling 217-351-2432.

5. After you make your testing appointment, call 217-351-2462 to make an appointment for academic advising with Billie Mitchell or 217-351-2219 to make an appointment with Counseling & Advising

Are you a partnership college student that is graduating Fall 2009-Summer 2010?

If you are graduating from one of our partnership colleges this year, we would like to celebrate with you at our annual Commencement Celebration on Thursday, June 17.

Call or email Myriah for details at 217-351-2462 or mfillenwarth@parkland.edu.

Our partnership colleges are listed on the last page of this news blast.

Parkland Commencement Information

We like to encourage all graduating students to participate in Commencement, and want to facilitate that by making sure everyone is aware of the following deadlines:

March 1 - deadline for spring and summer graduation applications if you are participating in the Commencement ceremony

April 5 - deadline for spring graduation applications

July 15 - deadline for summer graduation applications

The Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 14, 2010 is to recognize students who graduate(d) Fall 2009, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010. The Petition to Graduate form is available at the Admissions office or at http://your.parkland.edu/admissions/forms/aspx. Please understand that if you do not submit a petition by March 1, your name will not appear in the Commencement program.

Once your petition has been approved, you will receive a letter with specific information about Commencement, tickets, cap and gown rental, photo opportunities, etc. Much of this information can be found at http://www.parkland.edu/studentlife/commencement.aspx. If you have questions about Commencement, please contact the Office of Student Life, X153, 351-2492.

Adult Re-entry Student Success Stories

http://www.parkland.edu/arc/success.htm

We are always looking for new stories to include on our website. If you have one you would like to submit, please email it to Billie at bmitchell@parkland.edu. Sharing your story helps others who are thinking of returning to school or helps motivate someone who is already a student.
Speech Lab: Taking a Speech Class...Here's Help

THE SPEECH LAB serves students, faculty, staff and administration - it is a place to get assistance with putting together and practicing that next presentation, to improve delivery skills, or to cope with speaking anxiety.

DROP IN HOURS: The Speech Lab has spring semester drop-in hours beginning January 25th

WHERE: C240

DROP-IN HOURS:
M, W, F: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
T, R: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Other times can be scheduled by appointment

CONTACT:
The Fine and Applied Arts department is happy to introduce our new Speech Lab Coordinator Amy Donohue. She can be reached at adonohue@parkland.edu or at ext. 2316; Or Julie Weishar, Program Director Speech Communication at jweishar@parkland.edu ext. 2029

Upcoming Parkland Activities

Visit these websites for Parkland activities for you and your family to attend. Some of these activities may be required as part of a course you are taking.

Parkland Theatre:
http://www2.parkland.edu/theatre/

Parkland Art Gallery:
http://www2.parkland.edu/gallery/

William M. Staerkel Planetarium:
http://www2.parkland.edu/planetarium/

Other event information can be found on Parkland’s homepage:
www.parkland.edu

Career Center News

Just a reminder on the free services that Parkland’s Career Center offers to students and the community. Students are their first priority.

For more information, call the Career Center at 351-2536.

*Resume and cover letter writing assistance
*Preparation for Interviewing
*Assistance with electronic job search
*Online resume posting and advising
*Job postings/Employer database
*Career Counseling and assessment

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Parkland’s Adult Re-entry Center is perfect for adults who need a convenient way to begin or finish their college degree.

Did you know you could stay at Parkland and earn your associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees? Our partnership schools offer advanced degrees that can be completed at Parkland, either online or with courses taught on the Parkland campus.

The best way we can give you personal assistance and information is to make an appointment. Appointments are available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 217/351-2462 or email us to schedule an appointment.

Friends? Yes!

Evening and weekend activities? Yes!

A very busy schedule? Yes!

Networking is a waste of my time? NO!!

Networking is essential to getting work done in today’s world. It is absolutely necessary in the job search process as well. It’s always a great way to learn current ideas and processes from other folks who are working in the career area you’d like to be working in. What’s in it for you to network? A little or a lot, depending upon how much time you put in. The ARC will provide you with networking opportunities, and you choose what works for you. Here’s this installment:

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce  www.ccchamber.org

Discover C-U  http://www.discovercu.com/

Women’s Business Council of Champaign County  www.wbcc.org

Interested in Health Professions?

Attend an application overview session on the following Tuesdays in Room L-141 at 5 p.m.:

March 30, April 20 and 27, May 4

Pick a date and join Rita Myles, phone 217-353-2681.

Most of these representatives will be in Parkland’s College Center on Thursday, April 8, from 2-6 p.m. For more information, email finishyourdegree@parkland.edu.