

## New Student Orientation

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish new student orientation for first time freshman at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) students.

**II. Scope**

Students new to DSCC will be required to attend new student orientation in person, online or virtually.

**III. Policy**

New student orientation is part of the first-year experience for first-time students. Topics to be discussed during orientation include:

1. College Survival Skills
2. Academic Support Resources available in person or online including:
  - a. the Learning Resource Center (LRC) services
  - b. Tutoring options including the Academic Success Center, Math Lab, Student Support Services, and online tutoring.
  - c. Academic Advising and the Navigate app
  - d. Career Counseling resources
3. Personal and Mental Health Counseling and the DSCC Counseling web page
4. Services for Students with Disabilities
5. Student Activities and Student Organizations
6. Navigating the DSCC web site including use of the course management system
7. Utilizing the student web portal to access student self-service options
8. Admission and Financial Aid requirements including Satisfactory Progress Standards
9. Review of the DSCC Catalog and Student Handbook including the DSCC Code of Honor and Citizenship, Parking Regulations and the Annual Security Report.

10. Location of offices and classrooms and the online staff directory.

## **IV. Compliance**

All new degree-seeking students are required to complete New Student Orientation before or during their first semester of enrollment.

## **V. Definitions**

**Orientation** – an introduction, as to guide one in adjusting to new surroundings and activities

## **VI. Revision History**

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