

# Center for Academic Success and Advising (CASA)

## **Academic Advising**

CASA directs the academic advising and scheduling of all first-year students, in consultation with major advisers and the Registrar's Office. CASA endeavors to enhance the educational experience of each student through assistance in understanding the major selection process and first-semester course selection. Student progress is monitored each semester, and the CASA faculty and staff coach students encountering difficulties.

## **Academic Success**

The Center for Academic Success and Advising supports the entire undergraduate academic program by providing students with writing consultation, math support, subject area peer tutoring, academic coaching, English support for international students, and Peer-Led Study Sessions (PLSS) for select courses. These services are available to all NNU students free of charge. In addition, CASA offers courses for credit: University Success, Mathematics Strategies, English Strategies, Major and Career Explorations, English language acquisition courses, and more. For a detailed description of these courses, see "Course Descriptions" listed under Study Skills (STSK) and English Language/Writing (ELWR).

## **Disability Services**

It is the policy of Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) that no qualified persons with disabilities shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities. Any qualified student who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of major life activities--such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and/or working--can receive assistance at NNU as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the ADA Amendment Acts of 2008. The Director of CASA serves as the campus contact for disability-related needs.

## **Testing**

The Testing Office supports the educational mission of NNU by providing high-quality testing services in accordance with the National College Testing Association Professional Standards and Guidelines and governmental regulations. The services provided for students, faculty, staff, community members and business partners will be consistently rendered with an attitude of service that demonstrates value for relationships, personal excellence, diversity, and commitment to lifelong learning. Tests/services include proctoring for distance learning courses; residual ACT testing; CLEP, DSST, and placement testing.

## **International Student Services and Programs**

The office provides ongoing support to international students in the academic, spiritual, and social aspects of their lives. The office seeks to promote awareness, cooperative efforts, and understanding the various aspects of ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity.

CASA may be contacted at [casa@nnu.edu](mailto:casa@nnu.edu) or (208) 467-8463.