



JUNE 2009 Orientation Workshops

General Workshops: 8:30am-9:30am

Building Academic Success (Parent)

Mon in Westside Campus-O'Neill Center Conf. Room; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center 202A

Ms. Lisa Temkin Carrozza, Asst. Director of Career Development Center; Ms. Lisa Peck, Asst. Director, Academic Advisement Center

Not sure if your student has chosen the right major or is uncertain about how to choose a major? How do you assist your student in getting off to a good start at college? What should be a game plan for success? And speaking of success, how can you assist students in finding out about career options? These questions will be addressed by representatives from our Academic Advisement Center, and Career Development Center. Learn the secrets to academic success, helping students develop their college calendar and get important tips to use in supporting students in their very first semester and throughout college.

The Importance of Getting Connected at WestConn (Parent)

Mon in Westside Campus-O'Neil Center Multi-purpose Rm; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center 201A

Dr. Walter Bernstein, VP for Student Affairs; Chief Neil McLaughlin, WestConn Police; and Mr. Dennis Leszko, Assoc. Director for Student Life/Activities

Students entering their first year of university face a range of challenges in making a successful transition from high school to college. The goal of this workshop is to review those challenges and to provide suggestions on how parents can assist their students in making important campus connections. Other topics include campus security, student life and computing.

Student to Student Workshop (Student)

Mon in Westside Campus-O'Neill Center Mid-Section; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center Theater

Mr. Dennis Leszko, Assoc. Director for Student Life/Activities and Ms. Caitlin Houlihan, Graduate Intern, Student Life with Orientation Leaders

Students will get the opportunity to meet other new students, learn the "ins and outs" of the campus and get the scoop on what student life is like at WestConn through the experiences of our orientation leaders.

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Specific Topic Workshops: Two sessions 11:00am – 11:40am; 11:45am – 12:30pm

Financial Aid (Parent)

Mon in Westside Campus Center 3rd Fl. Lounge; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center 201A
Ms. Nancy Barton, Director of Student Financial Services; Ms. Melissa Stephens, Assoc. Director of Student Financial Services

This workshop offers an introduction to the financial assistance available through the Office of Student Financial Services, such as: student grants from private, state and government organizations, low-interest loans with deferred payment schedules, scholarships and on-campus employment opportunities. The workshop will also focus on alternatives concerning financing your student's education through payment plans and alternative loans.

Visit our CULTURE™: Housing & Residence Life at WestConn (Parent)

Mon in Westside Campus Center Ballroom South; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center 202B
Housing & Residence Life staff

Whether or not your student has decided to live on campus, join members of the Department of Housing & Residence Life as we “show and tell” about what it is like to live on campus. You'll discover the nuts and bolts (costs, due dates, when your student will know their room assignment) and you'll find out about the great experience our staff is planning for your student's on-campus experience. Come with questions, and join us in exploring the CULTURE™ of the WestConn residence life!

Campus Safety (Parent)

Mon in Westside Campus Center 212-214; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center 209
Dr. Lori Wagner, Interim Director, Counseling Center; Sgt. Richard Montefusco, WestConn Police; Mr. Mauro Ongaro, WestConn Police; Ms. Sharon Guck, Coordinator, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program; Ms. Jillian Lane and Ms. Monica Sievel, WCSU Campus Advocates, Women's Center of Greater Danbury

This workshop will focus on transitional issues facing college students today in terms of personal safety and wellness on a college campus. Issues to be discussed include independence and responsibility, the importance of making healthy choices, and the resources available to your student as they transition from high school to our University.

Afternoon Workshop: 1:30pm-2:30pm

AccessAbility Services: Helping Students Transition (Parent and Student)

Mon in Westside Campus Center Leadership Library; Tues, Wed, Thurs in Midtown Student Center 207
Ms. Deborah Cohen, Coordinator of AccessAbility Services

WestConn recognizes students' rights to reasonable accommodations and necessary services to support their educational experience. This workshop will introduce parents and students to the staff of WestConn's Office of AccessAbility Services who will provide an overview to the services which include advocacy, confidential counseling, academic advising, accommodation planning and referrals and other important services that are of value to the student.