

## **WHAT IS ADVISING?**

Advising is an interactive relationship between an advisor and student that helps to identify, plan for, and achieve short and long term educational and career goals. Advisors empower students to make appropriate decisions with regard to his or her interests, goals, abilities, and particular degree requirements.

It is crucial in the ongoing process of advising for advisors to consider the individual needs of each student, which may require appropriate referrals for accessing services and resources necessary for success.

Quality academic advising requires that the academic advisor be available and approachable; be knowledgeable of the institution, its resources, and rules beyond his/her own department; and be interested in and capable of helping the student understand the existing educational options in order to develop realistic career goals.

Finally, we affirm the students' responsibility for knowing and following the institution's requirements and determining their own direction and goals. As an academic advisor, your assistance in explaining the University's processes and requirements are invaluable in retaining and graduating students from