



Engaging Students Utilizing Interdisciplinary Transcript Distinctions & Catalog of Opportunities

Wednesday, September 14, 2021

11–12:00 p.m.

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Presented by **Jen Marco**, Academic Technology Analyst, Office of the Provost, and **April Belback**, Director of Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring, Office of the Provost

Pitt has launched a new class of credential—a “distinction”—that incorporates a curated, synergistic combination of curricular and experiential learning activities that support a student’s growth and development in particular interdisciplinary areas. Students participate in a sequence of courses (6-9 credit hours) that are then blended with high impact activities outside the classroom. In this way, students learn to translate their knowledge into practical applications and are prepared to communicate these experiences to a broad audience. This session will offer exploration of the four distinction offerings for students and tracking mechanisms for distinction progress and completion through the Catalog of Opportunities, powered by Suitable.

Advisement and Enrollment Tools in PeopleSoft HighPoint CX

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

3–4:00 p.m.

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Presented by **Christopher Coat**, Associate University Registrar, and **Andrea Tryon**, Associate University Registrar

In this session we will provide an overview of enrollment and advisement tools in the PeopleSoft/CX Student Information System from both the student and advisor perspectives.

Understanding the Unique Path of an International Student

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

2-3:00 p.m.

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Presented by **Delo Blough**, Director of the Office of International Services, and **Kati Von Lehman**, Assistant Director of Outreach and Engagement, Office of International Services

International students face obstacles in their educational journey, beginning even prior to the application process. This workshop will describe the unique challenges inherent in the international student path, including visa regulations, restrictions on their stay in the U.S., and cultural adjustments necessary for success. This session will include case studies and discussion about the resources available on campus, with plenty of time reserved for Q&A.



An Introduction to Pitt’s Strada Grant Initiative: Career Ready Approaches in the Classroom and Beyond

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

4-5:00 p.m.

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Presented by **Karin Asher**, Assistant Dean for Student Engagement and Professional Development and **Jen Cooper**, Instructional Designer, Office of the Provost

In this workshop, we will provide a background on Pitt’s Strada grant, where we seek to eliminate racial and socioeconomic disparities in employment outcomes for Pitt’s students and graduates by integrating career advising into our existing student support services and programs. We will walk through some data that informed the initiative and offer a few strategies that you, as faculty and staff, can do with your students right now to help them be more career-ready.

Student Experience Initiative: Discovery Findings and ATTAIN Student Engagement Dashboard

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

2–3:00 p.m.

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Presented by **Jen Marco**, Academic Technology Analyst, Office of the Provost, and **Jennifer Decima**, Senior Business Analyst, Pitt Information Technology

The Student Experience Initiative (SEI), which aims to document the student journey and understand what information students need, when they need it, and how they get it, is concluding its discovery phases and ready to share findings. Synthesizing interview data from focus groups of students, their parents and guardians, and over 150 subject matter and area experts across the University, the SEI project team’s findings are essential to informing conversations with and around the student journey. This session will recount the team’s findings and share areas of opportunity for improving the student journey.