

Academic Advisor

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Summary

Sixteen years experience academic advising at a 4-year liberal arts institution. I have a strong interest and experience working with students of diverse backgrounds, goals and abilities. I performed both academic and preprofessional advising requiring knowledge of multiple degree programs and prerequisites for matriculation into professional and graduate schools. My regular duties included meeting with prospective students and their families, and attending night time/weekend recruitment or orientation programs for prospective and new students.

Highlights

- Academic advising biology majors and minors, semester class schedules, graduation requirements and audits, change of major (into and out of biology).
- Pre-professional advising medical, dental, physical therapy, and physician assistant
- 1st year student registration of classes
- Participation in recruitment and welcome events on campus, covering biology, biochemistry, chemistry, pre-professional programs and research opportunities.
- Advising software, Moodle
- Experience and familiarity with many academic programs and as a 1st year advisor developed 4-year plans for many students in the social science and humanities.
- Worked with faculty and students at four tribal colleges in Montana performing West Nile Virus research.

Education

Ph.D. 1996 Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences, University of California Riverside - Soil Microbiology.

B.S. 1992 California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo - Soil Science

Relevant Employment and Experience

2020	Academic Advisor College of Humanities and Sciences, University of Montana
2018-2020	Inn Keeper/Owner North Beach Retreat, Belize Central America. Northbeachretreat.com
August 2001- 2017	Professor of Biology, Department of Life and Environmental Sciences. Carroll College, Helena, Montana
January 2000-May 2001	Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences, University of California Riverside.
October 1996-December 1999	United States Peace Corps, Niger, West Africa. Community based agricultural extension worker.