Abstract

Established in 2012 as part of the Texas State University’s quality enhancement plan, the Personalized Academic and Career Exploration Center, (PACE), provides targeted services to first-year students in transition that include; Mentoring & Academic Coaching, Career Counseling, First-Year Seminar, and Academic Advising (PACE Advising). The goals of PACE are to assist students in clarifying their career goals and to help them develop and implement their educational plans.

PACE Advising supports the mission of PACE by providing innovative, comprehensive, and proactive academic advising and programs to first-year students at Texas State University. PACE Advising partners with academic colleges and campus resources; fosters a collaborative environment that engages students in their educational journeys; and strives to understand and honor the diverse needs of our students.

PACE Advising has focused on three main components to accomplish its mission: utilizing a personalized advising model, implementing strategic student learning outcomes, and fostering professional development amongst its staff. These components assist PACE Advising in supporting the overall goals of PACE and have moved it from an operational model to an aspirational model that allows for focused student contacts, a standardized advising curriculum, and consistent innovation from the staff. PACE Advising truly supports the needs of its growing student population, internal staff, PACE, the greater Texas State community, and the academic advising profession.