



advising newsletter

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"WHY WON'T MY
ADVISOR JUST TELL ME
WHAT CLASSES TO
TAKE?"

OUR ROLE AS YOUR ADVISOR

I've noticed and overheard a few comments recently from students frustrated because their assigned academic advisor "just won't tell them what classes to take." Because of this, I want to share with you, future teachers, the role of the academic advisor at MTSU.



MTSU ACADEMIC ADVISING MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the MTSU academic advising **process** is to provide a quality, student-centered environment that **promotes** intellectual growth. This **process** is dedicated to fostering a **collaborative** and **mentoring relationship** among advisors, students and the university community. Students are encouraged to **think logically, critically, and creatively** in order to **assume ownership** of their lifelong educational goals. Advisors **guide** students through a variety of support services that **enable** them to make a successful and holistic **transition** in the MTSU and global community.

SO, WHAT DOES THE MISSION STATEMENT MEAN?

The purpose of sharing MTSU's Academic Advising Mission Statement is to reinforce the roles and responsibilities of both the advisor and the student.

"collaborative and mentoring relationship"

As your advisor, I work *with* you, but not *for* you. We guide you through various processes as you make decisions regarding YOUR education. We give you all of the tools that you need to succeed, but as your advisor, it's our role to show you *how* to use those tools. We don't simply tell you what courses to take because you already know the courses

Hint: Before every advising appointment, complete the

Pre-Advising Checklist!

The Pre-Advising Checklist is on page 12 of your advising folder or visit www.mtsu.edu/cebsadv/resources.php

that are required for your major. Unless you have misplaced your advising folder or deleted items sent to you that should be in your folder, you have all of the materials you need. If this is the case, we are more than happy to resend your documents to you so that you have them on hand to access at any time necessary. We work through your educational career together as a team.

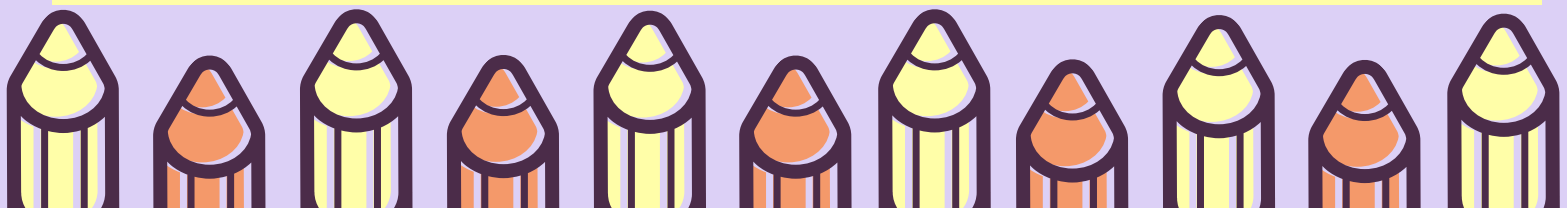


Student Profile

Lena Tayib

**Elementary Education
Residency One**

My Residency 1 experiences have been more than just amazing! I have been at Barfield Elementary in a Kindergarten Readiness class the past couple of months and have loved every moment there! The experiences in Residency 1 have taught me so much and has me so excited for what is to come in Residency 2!



Students Can Expect their advisor to...

- discuss students' academic performance
- assist students with College of Education major exploration and interpreting degree requirements
- empower students to advocate for themselves
- support students with academic issues and personal concerns
- provide a safe, inclusive environment
- provide detailed knowledge and guidance about candidacy requirements for the College of Education
- Help guide students through their plan of study and give advice about course requirements
- inform students of the required prerequisites for subsequent courses in their program
- establish a positive working relationship to help students feel welcome at MTSU.
- teach students how to analyze information and make well informed decisions throughout their academic career.
- inform students of their responsibilities in the advising process
- educate students on various policies and procedures necessary to navigate the university

Advisors can Expect their students to...

- know your advisor's name, office location, and email address
- inform your advisor if you have an interest in outside internships, study abroad, and/or experimental learning so you can plan in a timely manner
- check your MTSU email daily and pay careful attention to advisor emails
- be open to exploring new opportunities that may challenge you.
- develop realistic short- and long-term educational and career goals
- notify your advisor of any academic difficulties or changes in your program or career interests
- meet with your advisor *at least once a semester and come prepared with your materials and any questions you may have*
- **PREPARE** for advising appointments by researching course offerings and requirements
- continuously review your degree requirements and monitor your academic progress
- be informed of MTSU policies and procedures. **BE PRODUCTIVE IN YOUR EDUCATION;** seek help at the very first sign of concern.



Student Profile

Erika Brown **Elementary Education** **Teacher Candidate**

As I prepare for Residency I in the Fall of 2022, I can't help but be grateful for the experiences that I've gained through Columbia State Community College and MTSU. I've had many wonderful professors who have given me advice and have helped prepare me for this moment. The courses I've taken this semester have allowed me to see different educational perspectives, have given me ideas to use inside my future classroom, and I've even had the opportunity to go inside a couple of different public schools. I'm a little nervous, but I'm mostly excited to officially start my journey to becoming a teacher next fall! With the knowledge and experience I've gained, I know I'm ready.