

# Reentry Programs

*Reentry advisors work with tutors in the Reentry Student Center.*

**E**ducation is the key to a better life and a more secure future. The Reentry Program assists potential students, 25 years of age and older, who wish to begin or resume a college education.

Transitions are difficult for people of all ages because they usually entail changes in routines and adjustments to new relationships and surroundings.

The reentry staff has a special interest in fulfilling the changing needs of adult learners. Though many who have been away from the formal learning process are apprehensive, the success rate among returning students is high.

Adults possess certain assets that come only with age and experience. Older students tend to have strong motivation, coupled with a special eagerness to learn. Broader life experiences usually mean more effective coping skills. Staff and peer advisors help reentry students to make the best use of these advantages.

At the same time, returning individuals often face complicated circumstances which, while making further education desirable, also make it difficult to achieve. Reentry staff can help reentry students when complex issues need attention. Services offered by the Reentry Program:

**Pre-entry advising** helps you with your initial questions about college. We can advise you



regarding eligibility, courses, costs, deadlines, and other services.

**Academic advising** gives you the information you need to make informed decisions about your academic career.

**Crisis and personal counseling** assist you with the transition to student life.

**The Evening Program** provides support services for reentry students with evening classes.

**Peer support** promotes a feeling of belonging to the campus community. A student lounge in the Reentry Center provides a place for you to meet friends or relax between classes.

**Weekly support groups** provide emotional support and an opportunity for you to share concerns with other reentry students.

**Coffee Hours**, scheduled weekly, provide you with informal information sessions. Excellent speakers from the campus and

community address a variety of interesting topics, such as time management, stress control, and overcoming academic anxiety.

**Career exploration and counseling** referrals are available to assist you in making well-informed, appropriate decisions when change is needed.

**Workshops** are offered in the evenings to further assist you with self-awareness, personal growth, relationship and family enrichment, and academic success.

**Reentry may make referrals** on your behalf to campus services, such as Career Development and Employment Services, Health and Counseling Services, Child Care Center, and Financial Aid.

If you would like more information about the many opportunities for reentry students, visit the Reentry Office or call (209) 278-3046.