PRIDE EXPERIENCE 1: SUMMER REGISTRATION
Welcome Home

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & SUCCESS: TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE

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Widener University
Welcome Widener Parents and Families!

- Widener wants to support parents in supporting their children while they are studying at Widener.

- We realize that Widener faculty and staff don’t have all the answers – We need each other!
Developing Competence
What am I good at?

Autonomy – Interdependence
How do I take responsibility and seek help at the same time?

Managing Emotions
How do I handle stress/anxiety?

Mature Relationships
How do I relate with others?
Developing Competence

Autonomy - Interdependence

Managing Emotions

Mature Relationships

Establishing Identity (who am I?)

Developing Integrity (personal values)

Clarifying Purpose (personal & professional goals)

Student Development: Ages 17-23 | Arthur Chickering & Linda Reisser (1993)
GET INVOLVED THIS YEAR!

- 24/7: www.widener.edu & Facebook
- Widener Parents Facebook Group
- Widener Parents E-Newsletter: Virtual communication sent quarterly
- Join Us! Homecoming and Family Weekend is set for Saturday, October 12
- Email us at parents@widener.edu
- Call us at 610-499-4385
UNIVERSITY POLICY ON HOUSING

- All full time undergraduate day students are required to live on campus until they attain senior class status (90 credits completed)
- To qualify for commuter status, a student must live at home with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and within 25 miles the university.

SMOKE FREE CAMPUS

- No cigarettes, no cigars, no cigarillos, no pipes, no hookahs, no pinch between the cheek and gum. Nowhere, no time, no how.
You will find information about the following services:

- Academic Support Services
- Dining Services
- Health Services
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Residence Life
- Student Conduct
- Pre-Orientation Programs
- Campus Safety
- Enrollment Services
- Student Involvement

PRIDE GUIDEBOOK
Available Online
http://www.widener.edu/parents
Questions?

OUR WIDENER FAMILY WELCOMES YOURS!!
WELCOME TO PRIDE EXPERIENCE 2019
WIDENER
ENROLLMENT SERVICES

BURSAR / BUSINESS OFFICE
CAMPUS1CARD OFFICE
FINANCIAL AID SERVICES OFFICE
REGISTRAR OFFICE
UNIVERSITY LOAN OFFICE

ONE STOP SERVICE CENTER
The E-Check In Process

E-Check In is the combination of updates that occurs at the start of each semester through your student’s my.Widener.edu account.

Your student should complete these 2 processes on or after July 1:

- Emergency Information
- FERPA Waiver (Release of Information to authorize Widener to discuss financial and/or academic records with parent(s) or others
FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

What is it and who is protected?
E-Check In

In my.Widener.edu, search: E-Check

- click on the Task Center:

- the two tasks required for completion are:
In my.Widener.edu, search: E-Check In click on the Task Center:

Emergency Contacts:

Click on this task:

Provide at least two contact names, each with at least one phone number and email address.
At the bottom of each contact added, check whether the contact is an emergency contact and/or a missing person contact. At least one contact must be a missing person contact in the event the student is determined to be a missing person.

![Emergency Contact window](image)
For the Student Information Release Form (FERPA waiver):

Provide up to 3 names and information release type(s); or click no release granted.

FERPA Waiver

Widener University Enrollment Services

Academic Information includes:
Grades, GPA (term and cumulative), credits completed, and registration information

Financial Information includes:
Billing information, financial aid awarded, and status of financial aid
Academic progress information (only if both financial and academic release are granted)
Your Student’s Widener Email Account

Your student’s Widener email account is the official way they will receive important communications from the University.

Your student is responsible for checking their Widener email frequently.
Semester e-Billing and Tuition Payments

Each semester the student will receive an e-Bill which includes all charges for tuition, fees, and housing if they are living in the residence halls. Any financial aid appearing on the Award Letter will show as an estimated credit at the time the bill is generated.

The first fall 2019 e-Bill notification will be emailed to the student in late July and payment is due in mid August before school starts. You can choose to pay the total due in full or utilize the Widener Payment Plan.
4 Month Fall / 4 Month Spring Semester Payment Plans

The 4 month semester payment plan is available for both the Fall and Spring Semesters. Each plan distributes the total semester estimated net charges (after any financial aid) across 4 months with payments due as follows:

Fall Semester – August, September, October, and November
Spring Semester – January, February, March, and April

The first payment is due in August -- the same date as your fall 2019 semester bill. Enrollment Fee: $50 per semester
Semester e-Billing and Tuition Payments

WIDENER PAYMENT OPTIONS:

* Pay by check: mail your payment by check made payable to Widener University and include the student’s Widener ID in the memo section on the check.

* Pay ON-LINE through the Widener Student Account Suite with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover) or via Direct Debit from a checking or savings account. There is no charge for using direct debit from a checking or savings account as a payment method. Credit card payments will be charged a 2.85% service fee*. 

* Important Note about Credit Card Payments: The service fee is non-refundable, even if the student account payment is refunded.
Assigning Authorized User Access

Students will be able to view their semester bill through their my.Widener.edu account. Parent(s) or anyone the student designates can be added as an “Authorized User” to view and pay semester e-Bills or set up a Payment Plan in the Widener University Student Account Suite. Authorized users can be set up now. **You and your student should do this tonight!**

Authorized users will also receive email notifications when e-Bills are produced, and when Widener Payment Plan payments are due.
Assigning Authorized User Access

Student will access their online student account through my.Widener.edu – searching for “ebill”

- Click on the Task and login in to their account.
Assigning Authorized User Access

On the right side, click on Authorized Users:

Select the “Add Authorized User” tab
Assigning Authorized User Access

Provide an email address of the intended authorized user and click yes to one or both of the questions.
Your Student’s myWidener account

Through my.Widener.edu, your student can:

- Check their Financial Aid status (by year or term)
- Check their registration and register for classes through Student Planning
- Access their ID and PIN for their Online Student Account
- View grades, class schedules, housing, account holds
- Update FERPA Information Release permissions and “Emergency Contacts”
Through my.widener.edu, you, as a parent, can access:

- Financial Aid Services Page (search Financial Aid)
- Bursar Office Page (search Bursar)
  - E-billing
  - Payment Plan Information
- Campus1Card Office Page (search Campus1 Card)
  - Commuter Meal Plans
  - Pride Bucks Deposit
- Registrar Office Page (search Registrar’s Office)
For first-time borrowers who have filed a FAFSA:

The student will need their FSA ID to complete the items below which are required in order for the university to receive federal loan(s) funds. Please have the student go to https://studentloans.gov to complete these requirements:

Be sure to click on the Undergraduate Students tab

- **Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling:** The Entrance Counseling contains a series of questions to confirm understanding of the terms of the loan(s).
- **Loan Agreement for a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN) Master Promissory Note:** The MPN is a commitment to repay the loan.
Monitor Your Student’s Progression Toward a Degree

As a parent, you should be aware of your student’s academic progress:

- Although students can enroll for a minimum of 12 credits a semester to be considered full-time for enrollment, they should be completing a minimum of 15 credits each semester (may vary by major) in order to graduate in 4 years.

- Be aware of academic progress guidelines for continued financial aid eligibility.

- Course withdrawals and failures can affect financial aid eligibility and delay graduation.

- Widener funds are only for the first 8 full-time semesters.

WIDENER UNIVERSITY Enrollment Services
The Lipka Hall One Stop Service Center helps students and their families with everything from financial aid, tuition bills, and getting a Campus1Card, to assistance with completing semester course registration. Financial Aid Counselors are available to meet with you today.
THANK YOU!
Welcome to Widener.

QUESTIONS?

Phone: 610-499-4161
Email: enrollmentservices@widener.edu
Visit: Lipka Hall
RESIDENCE LIFE
Commuter Life Session

All commuter family members are invited to attend the commuter life session in the PMC Museum.
Please exit to your left.
We strive to create a comfortable living environment and design our residence life program to provide opportunities for cultural, recreational, social and academic growth. We integrate services and programs that cultivate character development through civic engagement, leadership and an appreciation of diversity.
UNIVERSITY POLICY ON HOUSING

Freshman, sophomore, and junior full time students **must** reside on campus unless they qualify for commuter status.

- All full time undergraduate day students are **required** to live on campus until they attain senior class status (90 completed credits).
- To qualify for commuter status, a student **must** live at home with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and within 25 miles of the university.

1,2,3...LIVE WITH ME!
WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?

- Vibrant and exciting part of campus life
- Opportunities to meet students outside of the classroom
- Higher graduation rates
- Higher overall GPA
- Close proximity to campus resources such as faculty offices and student services
- Leadership opportunities that will help to shape our resident students into global citizens
- Higher rates of student satisfaction/success
STAFF SUPPORT

- The diversity of our student staff and student body provide critical opportunities for personal growth
- Various levels of staff are committed to assisting students in resolving any concerns that may arise
  - Live in & central office staff
  - Serve as a tremendous resource and are well trained to assist residents with a wide variety of situations
  - Collaborative relationships with Student Conduct & Campus Safety
THINGS TO CONSIDER

- First time away from home
  - Adjustment
  - Sharing a Room
  - Support System
- Freedom & Responsibility
  - Student Code of Conduct
  - Roommate Agreement
  - Knowing their Resident Assistant
  - Getting Involved
PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Parents
- Transition = Trust
- Self confidence
- Feels supported
- Makes good choices
- Aware of policies/procedures
- Interested but not Intrusive
- Letting go
- Allow for mistakes
- Show you believe in them

Student Advocates
- Available day & night
- Treat students as adults
- Encourage problem solving
- Intervene if necessary
- Respect privacy with limitations
- Expect accountability
- Support / challenge
OUR GOALS

We hope your students’ experience with us:

Will be enriching and enjoyable and that we can support them in achieving their goals, academic and personal

Will assist them in embracing, appreciating and understanding the experience of a diverse society

Will result in their ability to be successful, contributing members of their communities
FAQ’S

- Special Housing Accommodations
- Roommate Preferences
- Housing Assignment Date
- Measurements & Room Specifications
- Packing Lists
- Prohibited Items
- Roommate Changes before Opening
- Early Check-In
- Move-In Day!
  - What to expect on this day?
QUESTIONS / ANSWERS

WE'RE ALL WU

IT'S OUR DIFFERENCES MAKE THAT WIDENER PLACE A GREAT PLACE TO BE!
THE WU PRIDE EXPERIENCE

Includes:

- A commitment to civic and global engagement
- A campus climate that embraces diversity and inclusion. Students are encouraged to become culturally competent.
Diversity & Inclusion Campaign

“We’re All Widener”

WU: An Inclusive Community
The 1821 Experience
Pre-Orientation Program
and the
The PRIDE Mentoring Program
The 1821 Experience
Pre-Orientation Program
The 1821 Experience
Pre-Orientation Program

- Specifically designed to assist new and transfer students transition to college life at Widener University.
- Begins Thursday, August 15, 2019
- Ends Monday, August 19, 2019
- Registration Fee: $150.00
- Capacity: 25 students
The PRIDE Mentoring Program
The PRIDE Mentoring Program
The MSA Office

- Diversity Related Workshops and Programming
- “Common Ground” Dialogues
- Advising of Multicultural and Interfaith student organizations
The MSA Office

- Bias Protocol Policy
- Safe Space Ally Training Workshops
Multicultural Student Organizations

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA)
- Black Men United (BMU)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST)
- International Club
Multicultural Student Organizations

- National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)
- Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
- Spanish Club
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Interfaith/Religious & Spiritual Life

- Hillel
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- Widener Newman Catholic Student Club
Interfaith Sacred Space

Located on the lower level of the University Center
CONTACT US!

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SESSION BREAK

Light refreshments and beverages are available in the lobby area.
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
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Telephone Number  610-499-1183
Fax Number  610-499-1181
(Located adjacent to Metropolitan Hall)
OUR PROVIDERS
HEALTH SERVICES STAFF

David Webner, MD
Medical Consultant and Team Physician

Ellen DeLuca CRNP, FNP, N-BC
Director
Nurse Practitioner

Marybeth Kushnir CRNP, FNP, N-BC
Nurse Practitioner

Hanna Mabry MSN, APRN, CNM, FNP-C
Nurse Practitioner

Lauren Thomas, RN
Registered Nurse

Loretta Marmer, BA – Administrative Secretary
Teresa Kelly - Administrative Secretary
CENTER HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

First Appointment: 9:15 a.m. | Last appointment: 4:30 p.m.
Hours will vary during academic year breaks
Limited hours during summer break
SERVICES PROVIDED AT SHS

• Treatment of acute/chronic illnesses and injuries
  URI; UTI; GI complaints; ear, skin, eye infections
• Referrals to specialty care
• Athletic screenings yearly for NCAA athletes
• Immunizations, tuberculosis screening, flu shots*
• Laboratory testing*
• STI testing and treatment*
• Birth control pills, emergency contraceptive pill*
• Wound care, staple/suture removal*
• Prescriptions and over-the-counter products*
• Medical supplies*
• Procedures such as suture/staple removal, corneal abrasion exam*
• Well woman exams*

*Fees apply
STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Health History Form
- Pre-matriculation Immunization Record
- Athletic Physical Form (NCAA athletes & Club Sports)
- Insurance – Online hard waiver program
  - All must enroll or waive (an annual requirement)
HEALTH HISTORY & IMMUNIZATION

- Health history – completed, signed by student or parent
  - Past medical history; family medical history
  - Allergies
  - Current medications
  - Hospitalizations/surgeries

- Immunizations (attach signed physician record)
  - Tetanus/diphtheria
  - Meningitis ACWY
  - MMR
  - Hepatitis B
  - Varicella
  - Tuberculosis screen (PPD)

Turn in completed forms to SHS desk in University Center; blank forms are available at SHS desk as well
All students must enroll in or waive Widener’s student health insurance annually. Failing to act by deadlines results in automatic enrollment and assumption of cost.

- Look at student’s current health insurance policy:
  - Determine that student is covered in Pennsylvania
  - Ask if your student must identify a primary care provider
  - Compare copays, deductibles, and pharmacy costs
  - Find out about ER and urgent care visits and referrals
STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION

Widener University
Student Health Insurance:

UnitedHealthCare (a PPO plan)
Widely accepted

$1,937.00 for the year

Coverage is from August 25, 2019 through August 24, 2020
HOW TO WAIVE OR ENROLL

GO TO
1. my.Widener.edu
2. Search Health Insurance
3. Click Waive/Enroll

Student Health Services Staff available today to help you waive/enroll. If waiving you will need your insurance information.
IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

Health history and immunization forms
Due: June 24, 2019

Insurance Requirement Waive/Enroll
Due: September 9, 2019

Automatic enrollment in health insurance plan and obligation of $1,937.00
ONCE MORE FOR...

emphasis
HEALTH HISTORY / IMMUNIZATIONS

JUNE 24, 2019

Mail to
- Student Health Services
  Widener University
  One University Place, Chester, PA 19013

Deliver to SHS
- Metropolitan Hall

Send as attachment to email (not an encrypted email)
- studenthealth@widener.edu

Fax to
- 610-499-1181
FINAL INSURANCE WAIVER OR
ENROLLMENT DATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

If the deadline is not met, then the student is automatically enrolled

$1,937.00 remains on student account
Student/family are obligated to pay

SHS staff are available today
to help with waiving or enrolling
A MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS

Dream Big,
work hard,
Stay Focused,
and surround
yourself with
Good people.
CAMPUS SAFETY
CAMPUS SAFETY DEPARTMENT
CAMPUS SAFETY DEPARTMENT

- 24/7 Campus Coverage
- Authority to Arrest / Detain
- Chester Police Department has Jurisdiction
- Patrol
  - Vehicle
  - Bicycle
  - Foot
  - Surveillance Cameras
CAMPUS SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Services We Offer …

□ Shuttle Bus
  ▪ Off Campus~5pm-2am
  ▪ On Campus~5pm-1am

□ Security Escort Service

□ Emergency Phones

□ Surveillance System

□ ID Card Access Control
Widener University vs. Local Universities
Clery Crime Statistics

Local Universities:
- Drexel
- La Salle
- Temple
- Villanova
- West Chester

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Campus Safety and Security Awareness

Crisis Management Plan
Tested annually

Emergency Notification System
e2Campus sign-up thru Campus Cruiser

Emergency Preparedness Web Site
Local Law Enforcement
Delaware County, State and Federal

TRANSLOC System
Smart Phone App
GPS System
Real Time Tracking for the Pride Ride
- Report any suspicious people or activities to Campus Safety immediately

- Notify Campus Safety of any criminal activity

- Reduce Risky Behavior
  - Propping doors
  - Parking
  - Mindful of personal belongings
  - Tobacco free campus
  - Alcohol Abuse

- “Campus Safety is a Shared Responsibility!”
CAMPUS SAFETY DEPARTMENT

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Chief, Delaware School of Law – Kevin Raport
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Questions / Answers
STUDENT CONDUCT
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- What is the Student Code of Conduct?
- What is the purpose of the Student Code of Conduct?

AVAILABLE ONLINE
http://catalog.widener.edu/
STUDENT CONDUCT PHILOSOPHY

- Educational/Punitive
- Fair and Just
- Maintain order and civility
- Protect individual and community rights
- Promote responsible student behavior
- What are student conduct sanctions?
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act—affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records.

Parent Notification—sole discretion of the university when the health, safety or welfare of a student is jeopardized in any circumstance.

Alcohol / illegal drugs or controlled substance offenses

Arrest or hospitalization

For more information, please visit: www.ed.gov/FERPA
1. Alcohol and other Drugs Awareness
2. Weapons
3. Failing to comply with university officials or employees (showing your ID upon request)
4. Host Responsibility
5. Violence / Fighting or the Threat of Violence
EOHN POLICY
(Equal Opportunity, Harassment, And Nondiscrimination Policy)

- Prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct committed against Widener University community members
- Prohibits gender based harassment that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature and/or any other acts of discrimination
ONLINE EDUCATION

- Mandatory online education for all incoming students (freshman and transfers)
- Alcohol and Drugs awareness
- Sexual Violence Prevention
- Timeline: late summer and fall 2019
- Sanction resource (Best Practice)
SESSION RESOURCES ONLINE

ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE UPLOADED ONLINE
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AT WWW.WIDENER.EDU/PARENTS
Please help us continually improve our Orientation Programs!
Please complete an evaluation card and hand it to a CREW Leader before you leave.