

# Office of *Adult Services*



Frederick Community College

“As a working adult and parent, pursuing my Associate in Business Administration degree has been a challenging journey. However, OAS staff has always been available, lending a hand to support with child care, transportation, and academic advising every step of the way.”

—Liz Onobikoty  
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## Adult Services

Through a variety of programs, the Office of Adult Services smooths the transition for adults returning to school to earn a degree, acquire marketable skills, or train for a new career. The Office of Adult Services works to address individual needs specific to adults and offers solutions.



*“OAS made my college experience so very comfortable and easy to transition into a college graduate. Without the help of this remarkable office going above and beyond the call of duty for me, I don’t think my experience would have been so rewarding.”*

*—Ron Orban*



*“When I became an FCC student, I had no idea what to do or what classes I should take. With the help of OAS, I had an amazing college experience and they showed me the best way of achieving my goals and becoming a successful student.”*

*—Diana Omar*

# Project Forward Step

Project Forward Step is a counseling, information, and referral program designed to meet the needs of returning adult students, with special services for single parents (including single pregnant women) and non-traditional age adults (24 and over) who are low income, out-of-workforce, or homeless.

An out-of-workforce individual is someone who has worked primarily without remuneration to care for a home and family, and for that reason has diminished marketable skills, and is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment OR is an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and either has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, or is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty obtaining or upgrading employment.

Participants in Project Forward Step have access to:

- Intake Interview and Needs Assessment
- Career Counseling and Academic Advising
- College and Community Services Referrals
- Financial Aid Resources and Referrals\*
- Transition Support
- Workshops
- Job Placement Referrals

## Women's Center

The Women's Center was created through a partnership with the Frederick County Commission for Women. The Center provides students and community members with:

- Community Resources and Services Information and Referrals
- Networking Opportunities
- Workshops

# Adult Ed *STARS*

Adult Ed Student Transition Assistance, Resources, and Support (STARS) assists GED® exam completers who wish to transition to college or Continuing Education & Workforce Development programs at Frederick Community College. Services include:

- Academic, Career, and Personal Counseling
- Educational Case Management
- Financial Aid Resources and Referrals
- Intake Interview and Needs Assessment

## Allied Health *Academy*

The Allied Health Academy provides training, educational support, and consideration for financial assistance to eligible students who want to become certified nursing assistants (CNA), geriatric nursing assistants (GNA), or prepare for employment in other select allied health careers.

Frederick County residents who are single parents, unemployed, underemployed, or are facing other barriers may be eligible. Services available to Allied Health Academy students include:

- Academic Monitoring
- Financial Aid Resources and Referrals\*
- Goal Setting
- Tutoring

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**\*Through the FCC Foundation, Project Forward Step and Allied Health Academy program scholarship consideration is available to eligible participants. The Maryland State Department of Education also provides funding consideration for direct student aid for eligible PFS participants.**

# Anne-Lynn Gross

## Breast Cancer Resource Center

Located in the Women's Center, the Anne-Lynn Gross Breast Cancer Resource Center provides information, resources, and referrals about early detection, conventional and alternative treatment, aftercare, and nutrition. The Center also sponsors a support group for breast cancer survivors.



*Anne-Lynn Gross*

The Anne-Lynn Gross Breast Cancer Resource Center Scholarship is awarded each fall and spring to a student who has been diagnosed with and treated for cancer. Funds raised over the years through donations and fundraising efforts have been designated to support this scholarship.

Anne-Lynn Gross established the Resource Center in 2001 with the assistance of the Women's Center and the FCC Foundation, Inc. As a cancer survivor, she wanted to share what she had learned to help others in their quest for information.



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