

## Virtual/Phone Appointment with your EQUITY COUNSELOR

Hello students!

As you all know, our physical Student Equity office is no longer open and, therefore, we are not seeing students in-person.

**We are, instead, assisting students virtually and conducting phone appointments.**

Please take a few minutes to read through this information so that you know how to schedule and prepare for your phone appointment and know what to expect:

1. Schedule an appointment by calling the Student Equity office at 818-240-1000 x3520. Leave a message with your name, GCC ID number and a callback number. Someone from our office will contact you to schedule your appointment and provide you details on how to contact your counselor.
2. **You (the student) are responsible for calling the counselor with whom you have the appointment at the scheduled appointment day and time;** same as you would show up and check-in to our office when it was your scheduled appointment day/time. However, instead of coming into the office and checking in, you will be calling your counselor.
2. **Before** calling your counselor, please prepare the following:
  - a. **Find a quiet, private place free of distractions and interruptions.** If you are driving or doing any other activity during the call, we will ask you to reschedule the appointment.
  - b. **Please try to have access to a computer, laptop, tablet, etc.,** during your appointment, **with internet access,** if possible.
  - c. **You must have paper and pen or another mode with which to take notes** of what you and your counselor discuss.
  - d. **If your counselor does not answer the call, please leave a voicemail with your name, ID #, and phone #.** This might be because they are finishing up their previous student appointment and they will call you back shortly.
  - e. **Update your MyGCC contact information, if needed.** You can do this by logging into MyGCC, and from your Student Center page, you will see the "Personal Information" section at the bottom of the page. Here, you can update your personal information. **It is very important that your contact phone number be updated here!**
3. **If you call more than 10 minutes after your appointment start time,** you will have to reschedule.
4. **You can always schedule a follow-up appointment.** You might not finish everything you need to discuss in your 30 minute appointment, and that is okay! You are more than welcome to schedule a follow-up appointment by calling the Student Equity office at 818-240-1000 x3520.

We are all in this together and we are here to support you all!

Make sure to check your GCC student email daily for updates from us and from the campus.

Stay safe, everyone!

-Student Equity Learning Communities