



Academic Success Initiative



Academic Monitoring

The Coaching Staff will be responsible for assisting each student plan, make progress, strive to remain eligible and stay on track for graduation. Students will be required to complete progress reports and academic performance will be closely monitored to ensure a “proactive approach” is taken.

Academic Skills Development

Each student-athlete will be taught quality note-taking, proof-reading, effective study skills, and successful test-taking practices through a *Fundamentals of Student Success Seminar*.

Academic Support

Students will meet with classroom teachers and tutors when needed. Tutoring/mentoring programs will be developed and supported by the staff to help ensure individual academic success.

Study Hall

Coaches will require study hours and tutoring stations to help foster academic success for every student-athlete. The staff will proof-read and regularly assist with study skills and assignments.

Academic Assessment

Each student’s academic strengths and weaknesses will be assessed and used by instructors and coaches in an effort to tailor a Personalized Academic Program that uses the most effective teaching strategies for each individual student. We have a team effort in education at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Personal Development Plan

Life Skills Program

The Athletic Staff will attempt to teach *Real Life Lessons* on a daily basis through meetings, practices, and routine seminars. Ideals such as sportsmanship, character, teamwork, work-ethic, fair-play, integrity, overcoming adversity, goal-setting, competition, and personal responsibility will be developed.

Sportsmanship & Character

The LPA program will teach, model, and demand that participants portray a “first-class image” at all times throughout training, practice, competitions, and in the community.

Community Responsibility

Athletics are a highly visible area of the college and our staff and participants must portray a positive image at all times. We will use this as a community-based instructional opportunity to give our students a chance to build relationships with diverse community members and learn about various cultures.

Time Management

The challenges placed on student-athletes are demanding, and time management is critical to each student’s success in the classroom and social situations. Time management skills will be regularly taught.

Communication Skills

Communication is essential for success in any field, especially academics and athletics. Students will be mentored in effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills and be encouraged to self advocate.

Drug, Alcohol, and Health Education

The staff will discuss the risks and harmful effects of drug and alcohol use on a regular basis. The staff will take an approach to teach the adverse effects of risky lifestyles and promote positive health. The Athletic Department has a random drug testing policy and assistance program to help ensure success.