

# LTC Stephanie Fye, M.Ed. | Director of Advising

## *About*

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With a global educational background and a deep commitment to student success, Stephanie Fye brings over a decade of experience in higher education to her role as Director of Advising at The Citadel.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Stephanie earned a BA in Business Studies and Economics from the University of Sheffield. She later pursued a Graduate Diploma in Teaching from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand and completed an MEd in Higher Education Leadership at The Citadel.

Since joining The Citadel in 2018, Stephanie has held multiple student-centered roles across the School of Engineering, the Career Center, and now leads the Advising team. Known for a collaborative approach and passion for empowering students, Stephanie is dedicated to helping cadets and students navigate their academic and career journeys with confidence and clarity. Outside of work, Stephanie enjoys spending quality time at the beach with her two children, Izzy and Ollie, as well as reading and watching movies.

## *Advising Philosophy*

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"My advising philosophy centers on empathy, holistic support, and proactive engagement, fostering a sense of belonging, empowerment, and self-advocacy. At The Citadel, advising is a partnership focused on developing principled leaders.

Fostering a sense of belonging is key to effective advising. Students thrive when they feel connected to their community and supported by mentors. I strive to create a welcoming space where students can freely express themselves and engage in the advising process. This connection is crucial for their personal and academic growth.

My approach is grounded in the core values of NACADA—respect, care, and inclusion—as well as The Citadel's values of honor, duty, and respect. These values guide my advising by treating each student with dignity, upholding the integrity of the process, and encouraging responsibility while maintaining high standards of honor.

I believe in authentic and transparent advising, providing both guidance and empowerment. My role is not just to give answers but to help students build confidence in navigating challenges and advocating for themselves. I focus on developing their ability to make informed decisions, pursue opportunities, and take ownership of their academic, career, and life goals.

A central element of my approach is supporting students in becoming their own advocates. By equipping them with the tools and confidence to advocate for their needs, I prepare them to be leaders who create positive change in their communities.

Aligned with The Citadel's mission, my advising focuses on students' academic, career, and personal growth. Through personalized advising, I help students engage in their education and ensure they are prepared for leadership roles after graduation.

Ultimately, I aim to provide students with the support, confidence, and tools they need to succeed, not just at The Citadel but as principled leaders in the future. Through empathy, proactive engagement, and empowerment, I serve as both a resource and an advocate, guiding students toward realizing their full potential."