

## FAQ

**Manchester Community College has established an Early College initiative that specifically allows NH high school students to take MCC credit-bearing courses. These credits may be applied toward a degree at MCC or possibly transferred to another college or university.**

**Read these *Frequently Asked Questions and Answers* or talk to your guidance counselor to learn more!**

**Q: Will Early College credits count toward my high school graduation requirements?**

**A:** That decision will be up to your high school. This is not a “dual” enrollment initiative. It is an avenue for motivated students to accelerate their timeline toward a college degree.

**Q: Is there a difference in Early College options across the NH community colleges?**

**A:** Yes, and it is important to understand what MCC offers could differ from another NH community college.

**Q: How is Early College different from Running Start?**

**A:** Both Early College and Running Start provide opportunities to earn college credits. Running Start is taught by high school instructors at high schools. Early College courses are taught by college professors on the MCC campus, providing access to MCC labs and equipment.

**Q: How do I qualify for Early College?**

**A:** To qualify for Early College, you need to be a junior or senior, at least 16 years of age. Your high school counselor will help you decide if you are ready and if the MCC Early College options are a good fit for you. The next step is to meet with an MCC representative to complete your course registration.

**Q: If I am a home-schooled student, can I participate in Early College?**

**A:** Yes. Please work with a guidance counselor from either your area high school or an advisor associated with your home-school program. Follow the same procedures as if you were enrolled in high school.

**Q: How much will it cost me?**

**A:** The cost to take a course at MCC through the Early College program is 50% of tuition for a particular course. This is a substantial discount. In addition to the tuition, you must be prepared to pay for your own books and/or materials. You are also responsible for your own transportation to and from the college.

**Q: Can I receive financial aid or have a payment plan for the cost of the course, books or materials?**

**A:** As a high school student, you are not eligible for Financial Aid. This is one reason why MCC has tried to make the tuition so affordable. Payment for the course is due at the time of registration.

**Q: How do I register for the college course(s)?**

**A:** You will set up a meeting with an MCC Early College representative who will help you complete the registration process. All Early College class registrations must go through an MCC Early College representative prior to the start of the semester.

**Q: Does this mean I am a college student? What about a transcript?**

**A:** Once you have registered for a college course, you are a college student and may enjoy the rights and privileges associated with this status. Among other things, you may get a student ID, access student support services, and utilize the library. Upon course completion, you may request an official transcript by contacting the MCC Registrar's Office.

**Q: Which courses/programs at MCC are available through Early College?**

**A:** Most courses at MCC are available to Early College students. Students must meet the prerequisite to register for classes. MCC reserves the right to approve or disapprove course registration for Early College students.

**Q: Is there a cap on the number of high school students enrolling in MCC Early College?**

**A:** Every NH high school student is eligible for MCC Early College and we are not capping participation at this time. However, Early College registration begins 4-weeks prior to the start of the semester. Early College students must register before the start of the semester.

**Q: What other details do I need to know?**

**A:** Pending enrollment, MCC cannot guarantee space in any of the listed courses and waitlists may apply. We will however, do everything we can to avoid such a scenario.

**Q: What happens to my Early College record if I decide to attend MCC after I graduate from high school?**

**A:** Your Early College record is part of your official Manchester Community College transcript. As long as you successfully complete the course, and it is required of the degree program in which you enroll, you will already have completed a course toward your degree.

**Q: What if I have any questions once I am on the college campus?**

**A:** The Learning Commons, which includes Academic Advising, Tutoring and Library Services is a good place to start.

**Q: What if I am unable to complete the class?**

**A:** For various reasons, students sometimes have to drop classes. If this happens to you, visit the Registrar and fill out an official drop form. Don't just stop attending. The consequence of disappearing from a class without doing an official drop is an "F" on your transcript. Don't let this happen to you. Be sure to review the Registration Policies and Deadlines sheet given to you at the time of registration.

**For more information on Early College, contact:**

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