



## A Guide to Concurrent Enrollment (CE)

### What is Concurrent Enrollment (CE)?

The CE program provides high school students (9-12) with the opportunity to enroll in college courses and earn college credit at no tuition cost to them or their families.

- While students are earning college credits, they are also receiving credits towards High School graduation.

### How much will it cost to take Concurrent Enrollment Classes?

Tuition for all concurrent enrollment classes is free for the students and their families.

- Fees for each semester will be the student's responsibility.
- Some school districts choose to pay fees for their students in the CE program. Check with your local school district for their fee policy.
- The cost for books and other materials required for the class is the student's financial responsibility.

### Can a CE student earn an associate's degree or a certificate?

- Yes! It is possible for a CE student to complete an associate's degree and/or a certificate prior to graduating from high school.
- Students that want to earn a certificate or degree must select a pathway when they begin taking classes. They will have to work closely with both their high school counselor and the Director of Concurrent Enrollment or Regional Center Director to make sure they are taking the correct classes each semester.
- Students that want to complete an associate's degree may have to take summer classes. Some school districts allow students to take CE classes in the summer. Please check with your high school counselor for more information.

### How do I know if I am ready to take college classes?

- It is recommended that all students taking CE classes take the Accuplacer Test.
- The Accuplacer Test is a placement test that lets the student know if they are reading/writing and doing math at the college level.
- See your HS counselor for a date that MCC will be giving the Accuplacer on your HS campus.
- You can also set up a time to take the Accuplacer Test at any MCC campus. To set up a time please contact the [Testing Center](https://www.morgancc.edu/getting-started/testing/) (https://www.morgancc.edu/getting-started/testing/).

## How much time should I study for each class?

- The rule of thumb is that students should spend 2-3 hours of studying for each hour they attend class. Therefore, in a class that meets 3 hours a week the student should expect to spend 6-9 hours studying on their own. This study time will include reading the assigned material, studying, and working on projects or papers.

## What other programs does MCC offer to CE students?

MCC has a robust CTE (Career and Technical Education) Program.

- These programs prepare the student in skilled trades that are in high demand in today's market.
- MCC offers a wide range of CTE Programs such as Agriculture, Nursing, Electrical Mechanical, Welding, Automotive, Computers, Multimedia and Graphic Design, and many more.
- All these programs offer certificate tracks for the CE student.
- Check out MCC's [CTE Programs](https://www.morgancc.edu/areas-of-interest/) (https://www.morgancc.edu/areas-of-interest/).

## What happens if I don't complete my degree or certificate before I graduate from high school?

MCC has an amazing program called Sophomore Scholars.

- Sophomore Scholars is an MCC program that guarantees grants or scholarships to pay sophomore year tuition and fees (up to 30 credits at the on-campus, in-state rate only). High school graduates who have successfully completed (with a "C" or better) 30 credits of MCC college courses as high school students are invited to apply. Students may enroll at any MCC location. Applications are due by March 15 for May high school graduates and November 1 for December high school graduates.
- View the [MCC Scholarship page](https://www.morgancc.edu/financial-aid/) (https://www.morgancc.edu/financial-aid/).

## While in the CE program the student is attending two schools.

- One of the challenges the CE student will face is balancing MCC's schedule with their local high school schedule. holidays, spring break, snow days, etc. may not be the same.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify their MCC instructor prior to missing their MCC class due to a commitment at their high school. This is especially important for the students involved in extra-curricular activities such as sports at their high school.
- In general, college instructors do not accept late work, therefore if a student is going to miss class, assignments must be completed and turned in early.
- College instructors will have an attendance policy that all students must follow and will manage student absences on a case-by-case basis according to their syllabus.
- The key to success for the student is clear communication with their instructor about all circumstances that would impact their class attendance prior to the absence.

## Tips to be successful in college

### READ the Syllabus

- A syllabus is a document that has all the information about the class the student is taking. The syllabus includes Instructor contact information, course description, books needed, grading and attendance policies, important dates in the class, course requirements, etc. Basically, the syllabus tells the student everything they will need to know about the operation of the class. Reading and understanding the syllabus is a major key to being successful in any college class.

### Go To Class

- Students that go to class in person get better grades. Many of our classes have online attendance options where the instructor is teaching live. These are a good alternative if a student is unable to attend in person.

### Read the Book / Assigned Reading Materials

- Successful students will read the assigned reading material prior to attending class. This gives the student the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the material the instructor will be teaching prior to the lecture.

### Class Participation

- Be an active learner. Ask questions, participate in class discussions, do all assignments. If you do not understand something, ask the instructor.

### Tutoring Center

- MCC has a fully staffed tutoring center that offers every student the opportunity to get help with any class they are taking.
- View more about the [Tutoring Center](https://www.morgancc.edu/current-students/tutoring-center/) (https://www.morgancc.edu/current-students/tutoring-center/).

### College Transcripts

- Maintaining good grades while in CE is a must. The transcript you are creating now will follow you for the rest of your educational experience.
- This same transcript will also be part of the required materials that your future employer sees.

## College vs. High School Expectations

There are numerous differences between high school and college. Here are a few to be aware of.

- In high school there tends to be many graded assignments every week with tests at the end of chapters or sections. In college there may only be 2 to 3 tests with one project such as a research paper. Students need to be aware that one “bad test” or a missing assignment in college will significantly drop their final grade.
- While high school teachers will give extra credit most college instructors do not give extra credit.
- While high school teachers tend to accept late work, college instructors give due dates for assignments at the beginning of the semester and typically will not accept late work.

- During class time in high school the teacher will give the student time to work on projects, do reading assignments or other activities. The vast majority of college class time will be lectures with some time for questions and discussions. All reading, assignments, and projects must be done outside of class time.
- The high school will schedule students in their classes for an entire year. The CE student will have to choose the classes to make up their schedule each semester. CE students must collaborate with their high school counselor each semester to get their high school and college schedules to work.
- The reading expectations are much different in college compared to high school. Most high school students can pass their classes without reading the textbook or assigned reading. While in college the expectation for the student is to glean the knowledge presented in the course through reading and lectures. Failure to read the assigned materials will result in failing the class.

### Academic Freedom

Academic freedom gives the college instructor the right to approach the subject they are teaching as they see fit. This includes determining the materials, making the assignments, creating the grading breakdown and all other aspects that they feel are important to teaching the subject matter.

- Please be advised that within this Academic Freedom an instructor may bring up topics and issues that conflict with the student's world view.
- Some material may be considered "adult" in nature. For example, in art classes there may be nudity. Other examples include literature, movie clips, quotes, etc. that contain explicit language or ideas.

### How do I get started?

1. [Apply to MCC](https://www.morgancc.edu/getting-started/apply/) (https://www.morgancc.edu/getting-started/apply/).
2. Take the Accuplacer Test at the [Testing Center](https://www.morgancc.edu/testing/) (https://www.morgancc.edu/testing).
3. Visit your High School Counselor.
  - Every school district has procedures that students must follow as they navigate the CE program. MCC works closely with the High School Counselors to ensure student success.