



# Dual Enrollment: Early College



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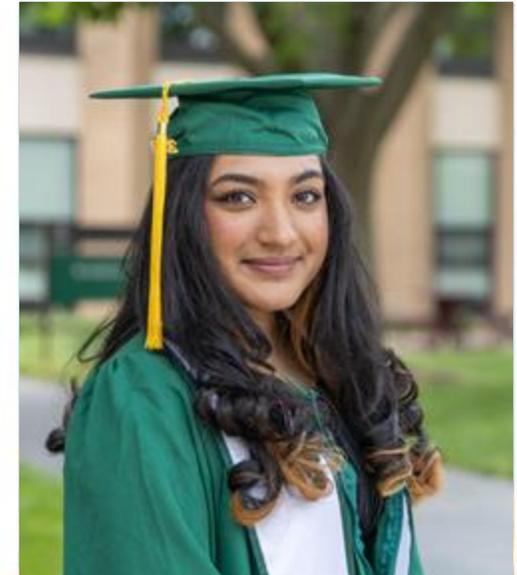
High School Based



Open Campus



Career Pathways



Early College

## What is Early College at FCCC?

- Opportunity to earn an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously
- Students will attend FCCC full-time during their junior and senior years



## What are the benefits of participating in Early College?

- **Structured guidance** to complete an associate degree with a cohort of students
- **Savings on time and money** while completing postsecondary education goals
- **Rigorous coursework** in a college campus setting for the last two years of high school
- **Ability to graduate** from both the home high school and FCC in four years
- **Flexibility** to major in most programs offered by FCC

## How do I qualify for Early College?

- Attend an Early College Information Session
- Be currently enrolled as a FCPS student
- Meet Career and College Readiness standards for FCC in both English and Math.
  - Assessment scores (SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER, MCAP, and more) and/or FCPS course grades determine college and career readiness.
- Complete State Assessment Requirements for High School Graduation (passing scores for MCAP, MISA, HSA, etc.)
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## College Readiness: English and Math

	ACCUPLACER	FCPS Course	SAT	ACT
English:	Reading: <b>253</b>  Writing: <b>263</b>	<b>English 10</b> , English 11 or English 10/11  <b>A or B</b>	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing:  <b>480</b>	Average score of Reading and Writing tests:  <b>21</b>
Math:	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics: <b>263</b>	<b>Algebra II</b> or higher within the past two years: <b>A or B</b>	Mathematics:  <b>530</b>	Mathematics:  <b>21</b>

## Accuplacer Placement Test

- Available to take in-person at FCC or virtually at home
- Two attempts at each placement test (Reading, Writing, and Math)
  - Take tests on separate days if necessary
  - Leave enough time for two attempts before application deadline
- Links to study guides and appointment scheduling on DE website under **RESOURCES**

## What is the application and admissions process?

Determine College Readiness - speak with your counselor, take Accuplacer tests if necessary

Submit the Early College Application

- Available at [www.frederick.edu/de](http://www.frederick.edu/de) on **February 1 - April 1, 2024**
- Students apply during their sophomore year

Students who apply and meet qualifications will participate in an interview with Early College staff

## Early College Coordinator

- Creates the course schedule with students each semester
  - Students are not able add or drop courses on their own
  - Dual Credit opportunities for high school graduation
- Provides support and regular check-ins with students during the semester
- Connects students with appropriate resources at FCC
- Coordinates workshops and events for Early College students
- Office is located in the Early College Suite

## Extracurricular Activities and FCPS Programs

- Students can participate in FCC & FCPS clubs and extracurricular programs
- Individual college schedules may not accommodate FCPS extracurricular events
- Students need to consider the level of involvement with any extracurricular program
- Students are not able to participate in Early College and FCPS special programs such as Career & Technology Education, Fine Arts Academy, etc.



## Early College Costs

- Tuition, fees, and textbooks for fall & spring semesters are **FREE** for all Early College students
- Summer classes: full tuition
- Students are not eligible for PELL Grants, Maryland Promise Scholarship, or Federal Student Aid, including loans

## Transportation and Meals

- Transportation is not guaranteed
- Contact the Early College Coordinator if transportation is a significant barrier for participation in Early College
- Food is available on campus from the food pantries, Cougar Grille, and vending machines
  - Students who participate in the Free and Reduced Meals program can have food delivered to campus daily
- Students are welcome to bring their own food

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- All communication from the college will be addressed to the students
- Class progress and grade information cannot be released without written consent from the student
- Instructors are not permitted to communicate with parents/guardians without student consent

## Students Requiring Accommodations

- Students with an IEP or 504 plan seeking accommodations must request services through the FCC Disability Access Services (DAS) office
- Accommodations at FCC may not be the same as those provided by FCPS
- Students seeking accommodations are required to meet with a Disabilities Specialist for an intake appointment. Students must complete requests each semester for classes requiring accommodations.

## What are the expectations of an Early College student?

- Students will participate in a mandatory summer transition course prior to their first semester
  - 5-week summer session (hybrid)
  - July 7 - August 9
    - Tuesdays, 5:30PM - 6:45PM
    - Fridays, 9:30AM - 10:45AM
  - A, B or C final grade is required to continue
- Students are responsible for their own attendance
- Students will benefit from having a computer and having internet access at home
- Students will be held to both FCC and FCPS student conduct standards



## Things to expect as a full-time student in Early College:



- Most classes occur between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
  - Typically meet twice a week
  - Evening, online, and weekend courses are also available
- Some programs may require coursework during the summer or January session, at off-campus sites, or the Monroe Center
- Expect to spend approximately 30 additional hours completing out-of-class work per week
  - Time management & self advocacy

## Choosing a Major

- Many FCC majors are available
- Some majors require completion of specific high school courses before entry
- Some programs require clinical, internship, or coursework at the FCC Monroe Center



## Early College Majors

Accounting

Addictions Counseling

Art

**Arts & Humanities Umbrella**

**Arts & Sciences Umbrella**

Audio Production

Baking and Pastry Arts

Biology

Business Administration

Business Management

Chemistry

Computer Aided Design

Computer Science

Construction Management

Criminal Justice

Culinary Arts & Supervision

Cybersecurity

Data Science

Early Childhood Development

Education

Engineering

English

Film & Video Production

Game & Simulation Development

General Studies

Graphic Design

Health & Exercise Science

History

Hospitality Management

Human Services

Information Technology Specialist

Mass Communication

Mathematics

Medical Assistant

Music

Network Engineering

Paralegal

Pre-Health Professions

Psychology

Sign Language Interpreter

Prep

**Social Science Umbrella**

Sociology

Software Engineering

**STEM Umbrella**

**STEM Technology**

**Umbrella**

Theatre

## FCC Resources

- Career Coach: Danielle Grant
- Gladhill Learning Commons
  - Library
  - Tutoring and Writing Center
- STEM Learning Center
- Office of Student Leadership & Engagement
- Athletic Center
- Dining Services
- Counseling and Wellness Services



## What if I need/want to withdraw from the Early College program?

- High school graduation is the priority
- Students who do not make sufficient academic progress will be dismissed from the program and return to their home high school
  - These students may still participate in Open Campus and High School based courses
- Students may elect to withdraw from the program, in consultation with the Early College Coordinator

## After Early College

- Public colleges and universities in MD guaranteed to accept FCC credits
- Apply to four-year schools as first-year student
  - Advanced standing - junior-level courses
  - Access to priority housing and bigger selection of scholarships
- Out-of-state public schools are likely to accept credits
- Private and ivy league schools are not likely to be transfer-friendly





## Interested?

Please complete an  
*Early College Prospect Form*

[www.frederick.edu/ECinterest](http://www.frederick.edu/ECinterest)

## Questions?

### Early College Success Stories



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