

High School Partnership Program Overview for Counselors and Students

WHAT IS THE HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HSPP)?

The High School Partnership Program (HSPP) is designed to allow students to take college classes while still in high school. Students take classes to broaden their education, to earn college credits, to explore career options or to build their skills. Students' final grades will become a permanent part of their academic history at MCC. Students may take up to two classes (eight credits maximum) tuition-free, Monday-Friday, at any time outside of their high school hours. High School Partnership is only allowed during the fall and spring 15-week general fund semester for high schools who have a HSPP articulation agreement with MCC.

HOW DOES A HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVE AN HSPP ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH MCC?

An annual HSPP contract agreement, signed by the principal or superintendent of the school district and the CEO of the college, initiates an articulation agreement. Prior to each academic year, a letter from the high school principal must be on file in the Admissions Office identifying the name of the HSPP coordinator. The deadline for the 2020 -2021 school year is Friday, November 20.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS?

Students who are juniors or seniors that have a B average (3.0 GPA) or higher that attend a contracted high school are allowed to take courses through HSPP. Students must be eligible for college-level courses. To determine college-level course eligibility, students must submit a high school transcript and provide appropriate SAT/ACT scores. In the event that SAT/ACT scores are unavailable an English and Math Assessment may be required of the applicant. Below is a listing of current HSPP contracted high schools:

- Bloomfield High School
- Bolton High School
- Howell Cheney Technical High School
- Cornerstone Christian Academy
- Coventry High School
- East Catholic High School
- East Hartford High School
- East Windsor High School
- Ellington High School
- Glastonbury High School
- Great Path Academy
- Hartford Job Corps
- Manchester High School
- RHAM High School
- Rockville High School
- Rocky Hill High School
- South Windsor High School
- Synergy Alternative High School
- Tolland High School

HOW ARE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ADMITTED TO HSPP?

Students must complete an online Dual Enrollment application. The Dual Enrollment online application link will be provided by the contracted high school's guidance counselor. To complete the online application, it must be signed electronically by both student and parent. In addition to signatures, a school counselor recommendation must be submitted as well. This can be done electronically. All parts of the application must be completed before registration. Registration date for Spring 2021 is December 14 and Fall 2021 is June 14.

HOW WILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS KNOW IF THEY ARE ACCEPTED INTO HSPP?

Students will apply online. School counselors will be responsible for granting students access to the application. Students can track their application status through the application account dashboard. Students will receive an email notification of acceptance along with a Next Steps email upon acceptance.

HOW IS COURSE PLACEMENT DETERMINED?

All HSPP students must be eligible for college-level courses.

ASSESSMENT TEST EXEMPTION CRITERIA				
	GED	ACT	Transfer Credit	SAT
English	Reasoning Through Language Arts (RLA) with a score of 165-174	English score of 21 or higher, or ACT English and ACT Reading combined score of 47 or higher	College-level transfer credit approved by the Admissions office	Appropriate SAT scores (see guidelines below)
Math	Mathematical Reasoning (MR) with a score of 165-174	Math score of 18 or higher	College-level transfer credit approved by the Admissions office	Appropriate SAT scores (see guidelines below)

- Provide a high school transcript
OR
- Submit to the MCC Admissions Office unofficial SAT scores or ACT scores (new SAT reading score of 25 or higher, or writing and language score of 26 or higher and/or scores of 530 or higher in math; ACT scores of 18-21 on math and/or 21 or higher on English, or 47 or higher on ACT English and Reading portions), or a high school GPA of 2.8 or higher (must be a senior to be eligible for this exemption) with a completed HSPP Assessment Testing Exemption Request form. <https://www.manchestercc.edu/offices/academic-affairs/assessment-testing/>

WHAT DO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR CLASSES?

It is recommended that the student meet with their school counselor to review course selection and requirements prior to registering. To view and search for courses click [HERE](#) and for course descriptions please see the [Academic College Catalog](#).

- Spring 2021 classes begin on Friday, January 22
- Courses available to HSPP students are 15 -week general fund credit courses, in which seats are available, offered in fall and spring semesters and that meet either Monday-Friday (outside of their high school hours). They may be offered as on-ground, online or hybrid courses. Developmental (pre-college) courses, accelerated, summer or winter courses and credit-free courses are not covered.
- HSPP covers the cost of tuition and fees (including lab, studio, supplemental, material course fees) for two courses (maximum of eight credits) per semester. The student is responsible for purchasing class texts and supplies. Students are not eligible for financial aid.
- Accepted HSPP students must attend a virtual orientation to register for classes with the Associate Director of Admissions or designee on Thursday, January 7, 2021.
- Course grades and transcripts are available at the end of the semester by going to <http://my.comnet.edu>, the portal to online student services. If a student would like to transfer their MCC course to another college, they may request a transcript online or submit a transcript request form to the Registrar's office.

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