

GETTING STARTED

For high school students, please contact your guidance counselor. For home school students, please make an appointment by calling 240-500-2238.

To register for classes at HCC under the ESSENCE Program, you'll need to:

1. Be able to document your readiness for college level courses (2.5 GPA or better).
2. Be 16 or older.
3. Have the support of your parent or guardian.
4. Fill out an application for admission at www.hagerstowncc.edu/admissions
5. Forward high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores (if taken) to the Office of Admissions.
6. Fill out an HCC ESSENCE Program (Early Entry) Application Form. This form can be found online, in your high school counseling center or the Office of Admissions at HCC.
7. Take Placement Tests. Visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/testing for more information.
8. Register early. Some classes fill quickly. Registration begins in March for the fall semester and in October for the spring semester.

**For more information, contact
the Office of Admissions
240-500-2238
or email
admissions@hagerstowncc.edu**

Find out everything you need at
www.hagerstowncc.edu/future-students

Information on admissions, financial
aid, class schedules, campus events
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Hagerstown Community College

Early Support for Students ENtering College Education

Through the ESSENCE program, Washington County Public School students receive 25% tuition reduction from HCC and a 10% tuition reduction from Washington County Public Schools on their first four courses. All other students receive 25% tuition reduction on tuition rates for their first 12 credits they would be charged based on residency.



A SMART CHOICE

Earning college credits at a discounted rate while in high school is an excellent way to help defray the escalating cost of a college education. It also gives students the opportunity to adjust to the format and rigor of a typical college class. Because HCC is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, students in the program benefit by earning college credits that will transfer to most regional and national colleges and universities.



CONVENIENT OPTIONS

As an ESSENCE student, you may take classes at the HCC campus, online, and/or in a dual-credit class at your high school. The dual-credit classes are those that award both high school credit and college credit. If you would like to earn both high school and college credits, you should contact your high school counselor to find out which dual-enrollment classes are available at your school. The ESSENCE Program tuition discount applies to all eligible high school students, whether or not they are dual-enrolled.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Washington County Public School (WCPS) students who receive free and reduced meals, do not pay tuition for ESSENCE classes as stated in Maryland Senate Bill 740. Free and reduced meal students do pay registration fees and textbook costs. For more information regarding financial support, including applying for a Pell Grant or the ESSENCE Supplemental Scholarship, visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/essence.

STEMM TECHNICAL MIDDLE COLLEGE

HCC and Washington County Public Schools have established a new STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medical) Technical Middle College (STMC) to bring high school students more opportunities to earn postsecondary credits and credentials.

This new program allows Washington County high school students to finish their last two years of high school on the HCC campus. Through STMC, each student will be given the opportunity to earn at least 30 college credits and many will be able to complete requirements for certificates and associate degrees by the time they graduate from high school. For more information about STMC, go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/middlecollege.