

Who pays for the Middle College?

Much of the funding for the Middle College students is provided through a combination of HCC and WCPS payments and discounts mandated by Maryland's College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013.

Through a combination of discounts and scholarships, students and their families will pay considerably less for Middle College enrollment than they would for college enrollment after high school graduation.



MIDDLE COLLEGE

at Hagerstown Community College

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What is the Middle College?

Hagerstown Community College (HCC) and Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) have established a Middle College which allows college-ready high school students the opportunity to earn college degrees or certificates while completing their high school diplomas.

Through the Middle College, each student has 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. Students in ninth and tenth grade take coursework in their “home” high schools to prepare them for their junior and senior years as students in the Middle College on the HCC campus.

Who should apply to the Middle College?

During the middle school years, student should begin to think about whether the Middle College is a good fit for them. It is designed for students who are high-academic achievers and capable of rigorous coursework. For these students, the benefits include:

- Enhanced learning
- Starting and finishing college early
- Building a college transcript in high school
- Saving money on a college degree
- Participating in WCPS and HCC extracurricular activities



What programs of study are offered?

Middle College students will select an educational pathway that will put them on the right course for a career, and further high education if desired, in one of the following areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing Systems
- Alternative Energy Technology
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Dance
- Digital Instrumentation and Process Control
- Electronic Health Records
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Health Information Management
- Interactive Design and Game Development
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Music
- Physics
- Pre-Dental Hygiene*
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Nursing*
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Radiography*
- Theater
- Visual Arts

*Special Note: Admission to the Middle College does not guarantee admission to the dental hygiene, nursing, or radiography programs.

What's the process to become a Middle College student?

During middle school, interested students should contact their school counselor to review their educational goals and plan appropriate coursework to prepare for the Middle College.

Each year, a summer orientation is offered to Middle College students. It includes transitioning from high school to college, expectations of being a full-time college student, and study skills necessary for college.

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What are the steps in the Middle College?

Potential Middle College students are typically identified in eighth or ninth grade. They prepare for the Middle College during their freshman and sophomore years at their home high schools and attend the Middle College at HCC during their junior and senior years.

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p>Introduction to MC during high school scheduling meetings.</p> <p>Tentative identification for purposes of scheduling.</p>	<p>Students work with school counselor to develop academic plan to complete high school academics in preparation for the MC.</p>	<p>Students continue to complete high school academics to prepare for MC admission.</p> <p>Apply for admission to the MC by March 1 – Spring notification and scheduling.</p>	<p>Admitted students attend classes on HCC campus working toward high school diploma and college credits or degree.</p>	<p>Admitted students attend classes on HCC campus working toward high school diploma and college credits or degree.</p> <p>Students meeting diploma requirements may graduate with home school and/or participate in HCC Commencement if qualified.</p>