

HCC's Early College Degree Program

Admission Criteria

Fall 2023

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to enroll in the Fall 2023 semester at Hagerstown Community College:

You must:

- Be a rising 11th or 12th grade student during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Be 17 years of age or younger on September 1, 2023.
- Have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.
- Have an interest in and an aptitude for STEM, business, or the arts.
- Complete the entire Early College Degree Program application process.

At the time of enrollment, you must have earned high school credit as it is described below.

10 th Grade Applicants	11 th Grade Applicants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English – 1 credit ○ Math – 1 credit ○ Science – 1 credit ○ Social Studies – 1 credit ○ Foreign Language – 1 credit ○ Tech Ed – 1 credit (may also be taken in 10th grade) ○ Elective – 1 credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English – 2 credits ○ Math – 2 credits ○ Science – 2 credits ○ Social Studies – 2 credits ○ Foreign Language – 2 credits ○ Fine Arts – 1 credit (may also be taken in 9th grade) ○ Health – 1 credit ○ Electives – 3 credits
<p>** It is assumed that 11th graders coming to the Early College Degree Program have completed 14 out of 24 required high school credits.**</p>	

Follow the steps listed below in order to apply for the Early College Degree Program!

STEP 1

Attend an Early College Degree Program (ECDP) Information Session

- Details about upcoming sessions are listed on the ECDP website (<https://www.hagerstowncc.edu/earlycollegedegree>)

STEP 2

Apply to HCC using the online application

- The application can be found at www.hagerstowncc.edu/admissions
- This application generates an acceptance letter from the college and your Student ID number.

**** This letter does not mean that you have been accepted to the ECDP. The ECDP sends out separate letters if you are accepted to the program.**

STEP 3

Complete the Early College Degree Program application packet

- The application packet can be found on the ECDP website (you will need to print it out), your high school counselor's office, or the HCC Admissions Office.
- **Use the checklist on Page 2 of the packet to ensure that you complete and attach all of the required forms.**

****This includes the separate HCC Early College Form. This form must be signed by the student, parent/guardian, counselor, AND principal for the application to be considered complete.**

STEP 4

Steps 1-3 must be fully completed and submitted by the following dates:

March 1, 2023 for priority consideration

May 1, 2023 for regular decision (a limited number of applications may be considered after this date)

**** Completed applications should be mailed to the following address OR emailed to the following email address.**

Hagerstown Community College
Attn: Teresa Thorn, Early College Degree Program Coordinator
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21742

or

tthorn@hagerstowncc.edu

Additional Information: Once applications are received, they will be reviewed and scored to

determine admission into the Early College Degree Program fall cohort. Students will be notified of their application status by a letter through the mail. The letter will state that the student's application for admission to the Early College Degree Program has either been accepted or denied.

More information regarding each status can be found here:

- 1. "Accepted" – Students that have been accepted will be asked to accept their seat by a certain date, submit a \$50.00 deposit to hold their seat (If the student receives Free or Reduced Meals (FARM) at WCPS—this fee does not apply), and make an appointment to schedule their fall classes.*
- 2. "Denied"—Students may be denied based on GPA, college-readiness, or not meeting the minimal requirements for admission.*

Questions? Call 240-500-2483 or send an email to tlthorn@hagerstowncc.edu