

Here's How It Works!

10th GRADE

- > Apply to Early College through your High School Counselor
- > If attending MCC, attend an orientation camp

11th GRADE

- > Attend half day at high school
- > Complete 13 college credit hours

12th GRADE

- > Attend 2 hours at high school
- > Complete as many as 22 college credit hours
- > Walk with your graduating class

13th YEAR

- > As a full-time MCC student, complete 27 college credit hours



Questions?

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Muskegon Community College

MAISD

Muskegon Area
Intermediate School District

**SCIENCE
& ARTS**

STEM
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math

**YOU HAVE
OPTIONS
WITH EARLY COLLEGE!**



IT PAYS TO BE IN
Early College
MUSKEGON COUNTY

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GRADUATE with a high school diploma AND a degree!

Students in Early College Muskegon County (ECMC) earn their high school diploma AND 62 college credits at the same time. Beginning in 11th grade, this three-year program adds a “13th Year” and when completed, students walk away with a **FREE** Associate of Science and Arts degree (ASA) or, if enrolled in the Accelerated Technical Institute (ATI), an engineering or technical associate degree from MCC.



Associate of Science & Arts (ASA)

The **Early College ASA degree** is for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree in one or more of the following pathways:

- Arts, Humanities and Communication:** Careers in creative and performing arts, music, philosophy, journalism, broadcasting or other related fields.
- Business and Information Technology:** Careers such as accounting, management, computer networking, software development, digital game design, and marketing.
- Health Services:** Careers include nursing, respiratory therapy, physician, physician assistant, occupational therapy, medical assistant, and physical therapy.
- Human Services:** Careers such as psychology, social work, education, pre-law, criminal justice, government, and other related occupations.
- Math and Science:** Careers in agriculture, astronomy, the biological sciences, chemistry, environmental science, geography, geology and mathematics.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)

Early College Accelerated Technical Institute (ATI) students can earn stackable credentials in STEM pathways with opportunities for industry recognized certifications, one-year certificate programs, associate degrees or transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree:



Engineering/Manufacturing and Industrial Technology: These careers include engineering, industrial engineering technicians, maintenance workers, electricity and electronic engineering technicians, millwrights, machine repair, computer-aided design, programming, CNC operator, manual machining and welding.



Questions? We have Answers!

Is Early College really free?

Students who participate in ECMC will receive free tuition and books during their 11th, 12th, and 13th years.

How do I know if I qualify?

Students need to have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and be on track to graduate high school. Students should see their high school guidance counselor for additional requirements.

When do I graduate?

Although you will be allowed to walk in your high school graduation ceremony, your high school diploma will be awarded at the same time as your associate degree (end of 13th grade year).

Will I miss out on all the fun things when I'm a junior or senior?

During 11th and 12th grade you are encouraged to participate in activities and sports at your high school. While at MCC for your 13th year, you can be involved in college clubs and activities, however, you will not be able to participate in athletics.

What kind of support is available?

The Early College staff provides personalized support and resources to guide you throughout all three years of the program including preparation for steps beyond graduation. Muskegon Community College offers additional support including an array of services to assist with academic success such as *The College Success Center*, tutoring, counseling, etc.

Alright! How do I apply?

Apply during your 10th grade year. Applications are available in your high school counselor's office and also online at: www.muskegoncc.edu/ecmc

Get your degree for FREE!

