

# How This **WORKS**

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## Did you know you can earn college credit for your Center of Excellence program?

### How This Works.

There are a few ways you can earn college credit for your Center of Excellence program. There are some requirements you'll have to meet, but you'll be glad you did.

After you've decided which Center of Excellence is for you, you'll need to decide if you want to enroll for dual credit or advanced standing articulated credit. You also have the option to earn credit after you've completed a program by demonstrating your mastery of the concepts and skills through credit by examination.

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### **Dual Credit:**

A dual credit course is a college course taken to earn both high school units and college credit. It is taken on a high school or career center campus and taught by a high school instructor.

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If you take courses in a Center of Excellence, you can earn high school units AND college credit. Once you choose a program, you will need to check if there is a dual credit agreement with a college or university you plan to attend after high school.

If you choose to take advantage of the dual credit offering associated with the Center of Excellence, you will be charged a percentage of that college's tuition cost at the beginning of that course. The tuition cost is based on the institution's credit hour fee. For Metropolitan Community College, that cost would be 50% of the regular tuition rate. The credit and grades you earn through dual credit are recorded on your official college transcript immediately upon completion of the course.

**For example**, if you choose the Advertising and Display Art program at Herndon Career Center and you complete the coursework successfully, you will have earned eight hours of college credit from Metropolitan Community College (MCC) for half the normal cost. This credit will be on your MCC transcript and can be transferred to other institutions if you decide to transfer.

**To be eligible** for dual credit, you must have a minimum 3.0 GPA for academic courses. You must

GPA to get into a Center of Excellence.

Public institutions are required to accept up to five dual credit courses. How those courses transfer is dependent upon which institution you choose to attend.

### **Advanced Standing Articulated Credit:**

Advanced Standing Articulated Credit allows for a smooth transition from your high school or career center program to a college degree program.

If you take courses in a Center of Excellence, you can earn high school units AND college credit. If you enroll in an equivalent career program of study at MCC within two years following high school graduation, and complete 15 credit hours, MCC will give you the credit hours you earned at the career center during high school at *no cost* to you. BUT, at least one course has to be taken in that career program of study.

MCC holds the credits you've earned in your Center of Excellence in an escrow account until you complete 15 hours at MCC. Dual Credit is "transcripted" or added to your formal college transcript immediately upon completion of the course or program. Advanced Standing Articulated Credit is "transcripted" as Credit by Certification without a grade.

**For example**, if you choose the Automotive Technology program at Herndon Career Center and complete the coursework successfully, you will have earned up to 10 hours of college credit. If you enroll in it, complete 15 credit hours, and at least one of your courses is in the automotive program, MCC will give you the 10 credit hours you earned at Herndon at no charge to you. *There may be other requirements you have to meet to seal the deal on the credit hours; this may vary by program, so check with your counselor.*

To earn Advanced Standing Articulated Credit, you must have demonstrated an 80% mastery of the skills and concepts presented in your Center of Excellence program. Your credits may or may not transfer to a four-year institution unless they are part of a completed Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree. Transferability is dependent upon the standard agreements between institutions should you choose to go to another school to complete a bachelor's degree.

You can also earn college credit by Dual Enrollment or Credit by Examination.

### **Dual Enrollment:**

Courses taken for dual enrollment earn both high school and college credit for courses taken on the college campus and taught by a college instructor.

**For example**, you may enroll in a MCC class, pay full tuition cost and attend class on a MCC campus and receive both high school units and college credit for that class.

If you are interested in dual enrollment, you must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and take the MCC COMPASS placement test. If you've taken the COMPASS within the last two years, check with an MCC advisor. you may not have to take it again.

Your credits will transfer according to standard agreements should you choose to attend another school to complete a bachelor's degree.

### **Credit by Examination:**

Credit by Examination allows you to earn college credit for Project Lead the Way courses and some Center of Excellence programs by demonstrating your mastery of essential skills and concepts

through written assessments. The assessments for Center of Excellence programs include written and laboratory skill demonstration components.

To obtain Credit by Examination at MCC-Business & Technology (MCC-BTC), you must take the appropriate course assessment at MCC-BTC. The cost of the assessment is one-half of the course tuition. If you demonstrate a 70% mastery on both the written and skill demonstration portions of the test, your MCC transcript will reflect credit for the course.

A benefit of Credit by Examination is that you do not have to have a specified minimum GPA to earn the credit (as you do with dual credit), and you do not have to complete 15 college credits at MCC to have your high school credit recorded on your MCC transcript (as you do with Advanced Standing credit). Also, you can earn credit through this process as a high school student or at any time following high school graduation.

If you pass the MCC-BTC Credit by Examination assessment and you enroll in additional courses in the program for which you have earned credit, you are eligible for a scholarship for the cost of a three-credit hour course in that program of study. Your MCC credits will transfer according to standard agreements should you choose to transfer to complete a bachelor's degree.

**NOTE:** Beginning Fall 2011, college credit at Metropolitan Community College will only be available through Credit by Examination for the following programs:

- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- IT Essentials (known as Cisco Networking at MCC-Business & Technology)
- Welding/Metal Fabrication

Visit your school's counseling office for more information on which courses are eligible for Credit by Examination.

We hope this helps guide your decision on enrollment. We also hope we did a good job explaining all of this, but we would still like you to talk with your high school counseling office to make sure that you are eligible for your chosen program and that you understand all the terms and conditions.