



# GRADUATE!

With a high school diploma AND a college degree!

## Get Your Associate Degree FREE!

### How do I apply?

Students apply during their 10th grade year. Applications are available in your high school counselor's office and online at [www.muskegoncc.edu/ecmc](http://www.muskegoncc.edu/ecmc)

All students that attend a public high school within Muskegon County are eligible to apply!

- > Fruitport
- > Holton
- > Mona Shores
- > Montague
- > Muskegon
- > Muskegon Heights Academy
- > North Muskegon
- > Oakridge
- > Orchard View
- > Ravenna
- > Reeths-Puffer
- > Whitehall

...> **Talk to your high school counselor!**



### Questions?

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## What is Early College?

Early College Muskegon County (ECMC) is a program that allows students to **extend** high school by one year in order to earn both their high school **diploma** and up to **62 college credits** from MCC. This is a three-year program commitment.

## Is it free?

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

## Can I get a degree when I'm finished?

Yes. Each student will have the opportunity to earn up to an associate degree.

## What students are eligible?

ECMC is open to a broad range of students. Students will need to have at least a **2.5 cumulative GPA**, be able to reach the set scores on the MCC placement test, and be on track to graduate high school. Students should see their high school guidance counselor for additional requirements set by their home-based district.

# Early College Program Overview

## 10th Grade

Apply to Early College through your High School Counselor  
Attend one-week orientation camp at MCC

## 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

## 13th Year

As a full time MCC student, complete up to 27 college credit hours for the year

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## Can I still participate in activities at my high school during my 11th and 12th grade years?

Yes, during **11th and 12th grade** you will still be allowed to participate in activities, sports, clubs and dances at your high school. During your **13th year**, you will be ineligible to participate in school-sanctioned athletics. However, you are able to get involved in college clubs and activities on MCC's campus your 13th year, provided you maintain positive grades and school-life balance.

## From which school will 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). Your high school diploma will be awarded through your **home high school district**.

## What kind of support will be available to students?

As an ECMC student, you will receive personalized support and resources. The **Early College Dean** and **Mentor** will guide you throughout all three years of the program including preparation for your next steps beyond graduation.

Muskegon Community College offers additional support from staff, administrators, and faculty including an array of services to assist with academic success such as *The College Success Center*, tutoring, library, etc.

Be One Year Ahead of Your Peers!

