

Gateway to College Application Process

Gateway to College is a college-based dual enrollment program for students who are behind in credits for their age and grade-level and those who have left high school completely. Students earn their high school diploma while simultaneously earning college credits toward a post-secondary credential. The Gateway to College program operates at 35 community colleges across the nation.

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ATTEND AN ORIENTATION MEETING:

The high school counselor connects students to the GtC program through an in person meeting. The student will then be sent to a mandatory orientation meeting once the approval has been made.

NOTE: Approved student names will be emailed to a GtC coordinator in advance. Students who have not yet gained approval will be unable to schedule an intake appointment until they meet with their home high school counselor.

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APPLY FOR A STUDENT ID NUMBER

Students can apply for a student ID number at MHCC by visiting: my.mhcc.edu/ICS/Admissions. Students will then apply for general admissions at mhcc.edu and within 3-5 business days, an ID will be generated and sent to their email.

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TAKE A COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST

Once a student has obtained their MHCC ID number, they can take the College Placement Test (CPT). The CPT will determine which classes a student should start with at the college. Even if students have taken dual credit classes before, they will still need to take the CPT.

The CPT is a free, drop-in service at the Testing Center on our campus located in Room 2335. For the Testing Center schedule, visit mhcc.edu/CPTSchedule or call 503-491-7591.

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COMPLETE THE GtC APPLICATION

The student will complete the GtC application and obtain their official transcript from their high school. You will then turn in your applications to the GtC coordinator. This application can be obtained from a counselor or GtC staff.

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MEET WITH A GtC COORDINATOR

Students will then meet with the GtC coordinator for an intake appointment. Students must bring their completed application and official transcript from high school.

During the intake appointment, students will:

- Discuss educational/career goals and develop an education plan.
- Learn how to register for classes and discuss the various resources available.

Gateway to College FAQs

Where do students take classes?

Students take classes on the main Gresham campus (some classes may be offered online).

Who pays for tuition and fees?

Gateway to College partners with school districts to cover tuition, fees and books each fall, winter and spring term.

Personalized coaching and support:

Students are connected with a success coach and receive intensive holistic student support through personalized coaching throughout their enrollment in the program. Success coaches act as advisors, mentors, and liaisons to other services, as well as instructors for college success classes.

Available Student Services:

Advising - On-campus adviser.

Tutoring - Online and in-person.

Library Database - Open for research computer use.

Labs - Open for student use.

Career Planning and Counseling Center - On campus.

Who should apply to Gateway to College?

The Gateway to College program is designed to serve students who left high school without a diploma and students unlikely to graduate in a traditional environment.

- › Eligible students are those who:
- › Are between the ages of 16-20
- › Have left high school or are on the verge of leaving
- › Are behind in credits for age and grade

- › Have approval from one of MHCC's partnering districts: Centennial, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds

- › Have a desire to earn their high-school diploma while receiving college credits towards a post-secondary credential.

Can taking college credit in high school affect a student's financial aid award after high school?

The college credits you take in high school will affect how much financial aid and Oregon Promise funds you receive when you transfer to a community college or university. For more information, visit the Career College Collaborative website:

c3oregon.org/accelerated-learning.

Students will have an adviser to help them maximize their classes and guide them through the financial aid process.

Who awards the student's diploma?

The students will earn a diploma from their home high school and can walk in their school's graduation ceremony.

How do I apply?

Visit your high school counselor and ask for a Gateway to College application.

- › **Apply for an ID number** with Mt. Hood Community College by going to our main website and clicking "Apply Now."
- › **Take the College Placement Test (CPT)**, located in the testing center, room AC 2335.
- › **Attend an orientation meeting** for Gateway to College, call for dates at 503-491-7421.



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