

Early College Access Program (ECAP) Information Session

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Overview Of Session

Part 1

- What is ECAP and what are the benefits?
- Eligibility, costs & discounts, and steps to enroll



Part 2

- Goal-setting, course selection, placement, and registration

Part 3

- Expectations, supports, and getting Riverhawk Ready!

What is the Early College Access Program (ECAP)?

A way for eligible high school students to take Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) classes and earn college credit while still enrolled in high school.



Why ECAP?

What are your interests and goals?

- Training for a job after high school?
- Progress toward an Associate's Degree?
- Credits toward a Bachelor's Degree?



Save time and money!

Where? At Broadneck

Signature Program Courses

- Introduction to Drone Technology
- Restoration Ecology
- Student Success Seminar

Early Childhood Education/Child Care Services program

- Complete program and pass a proficiency test

More info at aacc.edu/ecap



Where? At AACCC

- Arnold Campus (pictured)
- Glen Burnie Town Center
(under renovation 2025-2026)
- Arundel Mills
- Online (synchronous & asynchronous)



Am I Eligible To Take College Classes?



- Be age 16 or older (*younger if Gifted & Talented*)
- Meet course prerequisites, if any

See aacc.edu/ecap for complete eligibility details.

Am I Eligible For Free Classes?

11th or 12th grade, College & Career Ready (CCR), any GPA

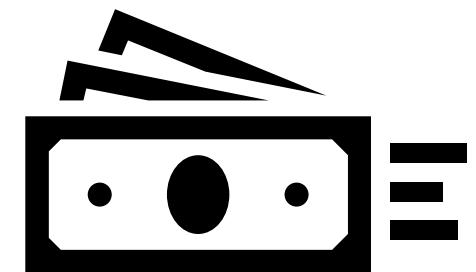
- 4 free courses per academic year*

11th or 12th grade, NOT CCR but with unweighted 3.0 GPA

- 1 free course per semester (2 per year)

11th or 12th grade with unweighted 2.0

- Take Signature Program courses for free

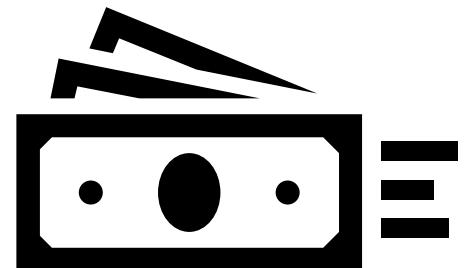


** Academic year is fall → spring → summer (but not after graduation)*

See full details at aacps.org/ecap, and talk to your school counselor to confirm your eligibility.

Am I Eligible For a Discount?

- If you are **not** eligible for free classes or you want to take additional courses, the college offers a 25% tuition discount for credit classes.
- [Maryland Public High School Tuition Discount Request Form](#)
- With the discount, a regular 3-credit class will cost approximately \$377 (still much less expensive than at 4-year colleges)
- See [aacc.edu/ecap](#) for details.



NOTE: Tuition discounts depend on timely submission and approval of the discount form.

When to Take Classes?

- 12th grade is easiest if you have a shortened schedule
 - make the most of your time!
- 11th grade if you have time to do ***more*** than your full schedule of high school classes*

*Note: AACPS will ***pay*** for classes only during

- 11th grade
- 12th grade
- Summer between 11th & 12th
- 8th/9th/10th for Gifted & Talented only



Steps to Enroll

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3. Check your [eligibility](#) – take placement tests if needed
4. Submit [ECAP form/Funding Request](#) for approval.
5. Register for classes through the [MyAACC portal](#) (credit) or at [aacc.edu/noncredit](#)



ECAP Forms: AACPS

- [Electronic ECAP Funding Request Form](#) linked on AACPS website
 - Check with your counselor to see if you are eligible for free classes
 - Written and video directions at aacps.org/ecap
 - Know the course you want before completing form.
- [Maryland Public High School Tuition Discount Request Form](#) (to request a 25% tuition discount for credit classes that are not covered by AACPS)

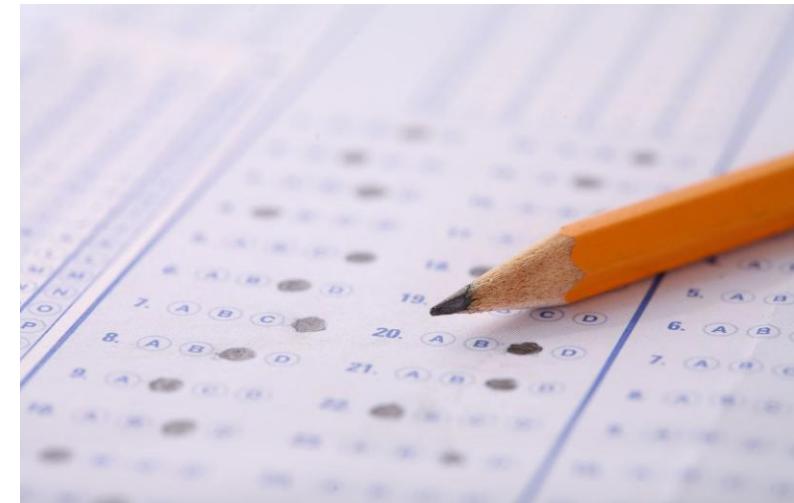


Review #1

1. Who handles eligibility for FREE college classes?
 - A. AACPS (the school system)
 - B. AACC (the college)

Answer: **A**

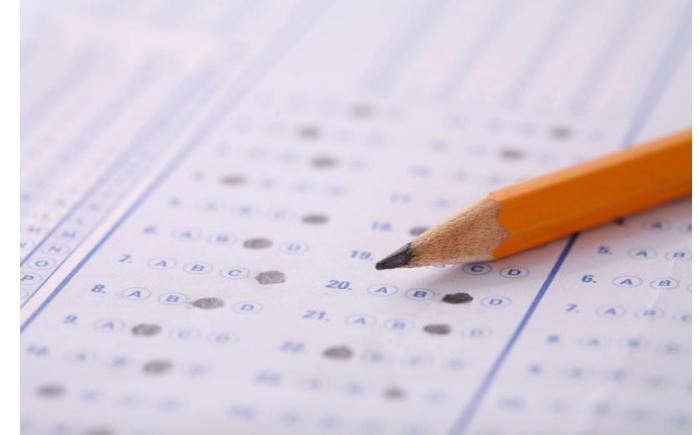
See aacps.org/ecap for details.



Review #2

TRUE or FALSE?

You will know you have successfully registered for classes when your ECAP Funding Request is approved.



Answer: FALSE

The ECAP Funding Request approves your funding, but you must register for your class through your college account, MyAACC.



Questions Before Part 2?



Up Next:

- Course Selection Factors
 - Your Goals & Interests
 - Dual Credit Option
 - Schedules and Course Formats
 - Course Eligibility
- Registration

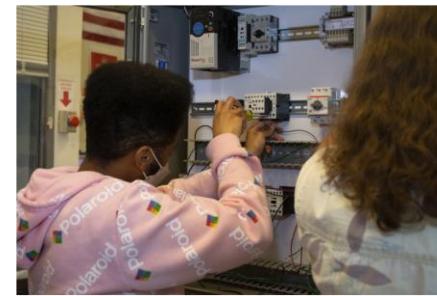
Is Job Training Your Goal?

- Noncredit/Workforce classes to prepare for a particular job.
- 60+ Options for job training, certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships
- [Programs & Courses](#) → Job Training, Professional Skills, & Certifications



Is Your Goal a College Degree?

- 2-year **Associate's Degree** that will lead straight into a career.
- 2-year **Transfer Associate's Degree** to prepare you to complete your Bachelor's Degree at a 4-year college or university
- Custom **Transfer Studies Degree**
- 160+ options for degrees and credit certificates under [**Programs & Courses**](#) → Browse Credit Fields of Interest



Will Your Classes Transfer?

- AACC classes transfer well to many public and private 4-year colleges & universities in Maryland and out of state
- If you have specific colleges in mind, check before you register to be sure that your credits will transfer
- See our Transfer Services page for more information - transfer advising is available

aacc.edu/transfer



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Uncertain About Your Goal?

1. Explore <https://www.mynextmove.org/>
2. Choose from [General Education Requirements](#)
3. Once you are enrolled at AACC, you may make a personal appointment at the Career Counseling Office for more guidance.

Your goal may change, but start with some direction!



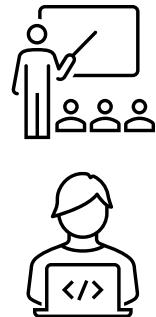
Course Eligibility and Placement

- Each course description will include its prerequisites.
- Ways to determine placement:
 - Accuplacer tests for English and/or Math
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - High School GPA ***after 11th grade*** (along with math grades, for math placement)
- Send scores and/or transcript to records@aacc.edu



Details at aacc.edu/placement

Ways to Take Courses



- In Person on Campus
- Online Synchronous (meetings by Zoom)
- Online (assignment deadlines but no class meetings)
 - Some classes are hybrid (combinations of the above modes)
 - ***Make sure the class times and locations fit with the rest of your school schedule!***



Sample Course Description in MyAACC

SOC-111 Introduction to Sociology (3 Credits)



[Add Course to Plan](#)

Learn sociological principles and perspectives as a way of understanding everyday social life. Study meanings and functions of various roles in historical and contemporary societies. Evaluate causes, consequences and comparisons of social hierarchies. Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENG 101/ENG 101A. Note: Also offered as SOC 111H; credit is not given for both SOC 111 and SOC 111H.

Requisites:

Eligibility for college level English. Email documentation (i.e., ACT, SAT, or AP scores, high school/college transcripts) or questions to records@aacc.edu. -Must be completed prior to taking this course. See Registration Permissions tab. If approved, you may ignore this warning.

Locations:

Main Campus, Glen Burnie Town Center, AACC at Arundel Mills, Online, Off Campus

Offered:

Offered in All Terms

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[View Sections Offered for SOC-111](#) 

- Includes prerequisite of Eligibility for ENG 101/101A
- “Add Course” for planning purposes
- “View Sections” to see actual times, dates, and formats of available sections.

Example: In-Person, 15 Weeks

<u>SOC-111-009</u> D Introduction to Sociology		Add Section to Registration Cart	
Seats i	Times	Locations	Instructors
30 / 0 / 30 / 0	M/W 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM <u>1/21/2026 - 5/17/2026</u>	Main Campus, Careers Center 344 Lecture	Ono, T (Lecture)

- In-person class meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays
- 15 weeks (full semester)
- Main Campus, Arnold
- Seats: **30 available/0 taken/30 capacity/0 waitlisted**

Example: Online Synchronous, 13 Weeks

[SOC-111-021](#) 

Introduction to Sociology

Runs from 2/3/2026 - 5/17/2026

[Add Section to Registration Cart](#)

Seats 	Times	Locations	Instructors
25 / 0 / 25 / 0	T/Th 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM <u>2/3/2026 - 5/17/2026</u>	Online, Online Synchronous OL Online Courses	

- Class meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 13 weeks (nearly full semester)
- Meetings on computer by Zoom
- 25 seats available

Example: Online, 8 Weeks

[**SOC-111-214**](#) 

Introduction to Sociology

Runs from 3/23/2026 - 5/17/2026

[Add Section to Registration Cart](#)

Seats 	Times	Locations	Instructors
25 / 0 / 25 / 0	3/23/2026 - 5/17/2026	Online Online Courses	Krueger, K (Online Courses)

- 8 weeks (VERY compressed)
- No class meetings – log in to Canvas and work independently
- Meet assignment deadlines
- Requires great level of motivation and time management
- 25 seats available

Dual Enrollment vs. Dual Credit

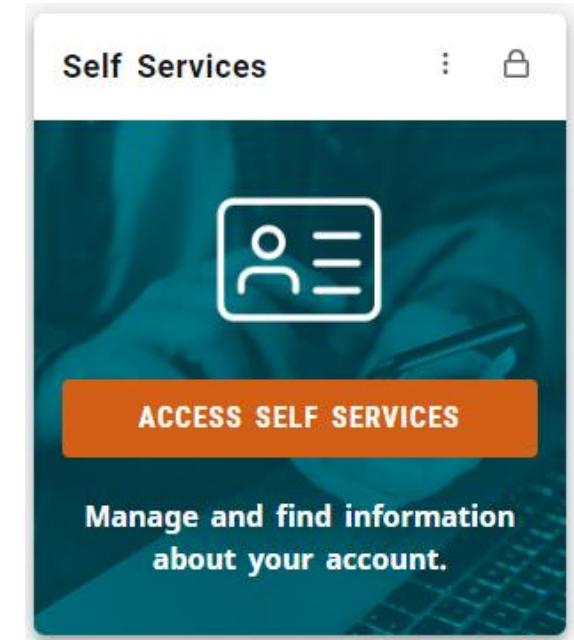
- Most AACC credit courses and many noncredit/job training courses are eligible for ECAP funding – these are all considered **“dual enrollment.”**
- Some classes have a **“dual credit”** option – approved as equivalent to specific AACPS classes (dual credit must be approved by counselor & principal).
- Classes taken for dual credit are given the same quality point in your weighted GPA as AP & IB.



See aacps.org/ecap for more information.

Registration Instructions (Credit Classes)

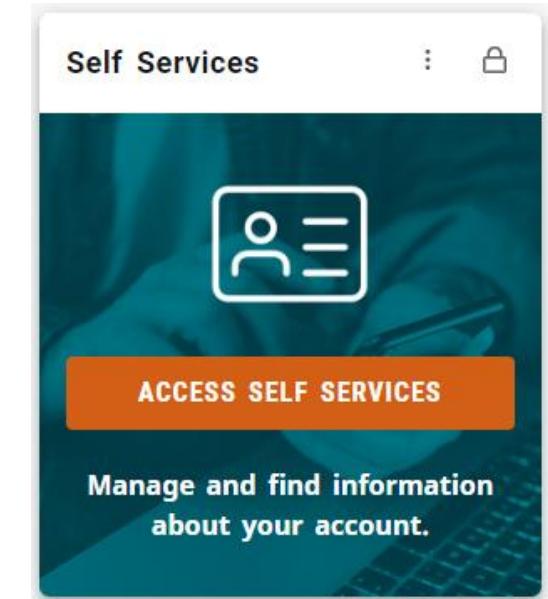
1. Activate your [MyAACC account](#)
2. Access Self Services
3. Confirm your demographics
4. Submit your location (each term)
5. Select classes and register



Details here: [Student Planning, Scheduling & Registration Guides | Rise 360](#)

Registration Reminders

- **MyAACC** account info is emailed to you after you apply – contact the Technical Service Desk at 410-777-4357 if you need help with access.
- The ECAP Application/Funding Request DOES NOT register you for classes.
- If you register for a course without an approved ECAP Funding Request, ECAP Form, or Tuition Discount Form, you will be responsible for paying your full tuition and fees bill.
- Check your Outlook Email ***regularly*** through MyAACC or the Outlook app.



Registering for Noncredit/Job Training Classes

- Register for a [Job Training Info Session](#)
- Contact a [Success Coach](#)
- If eligible for ECAP, submit ECAP form to the cashier first.

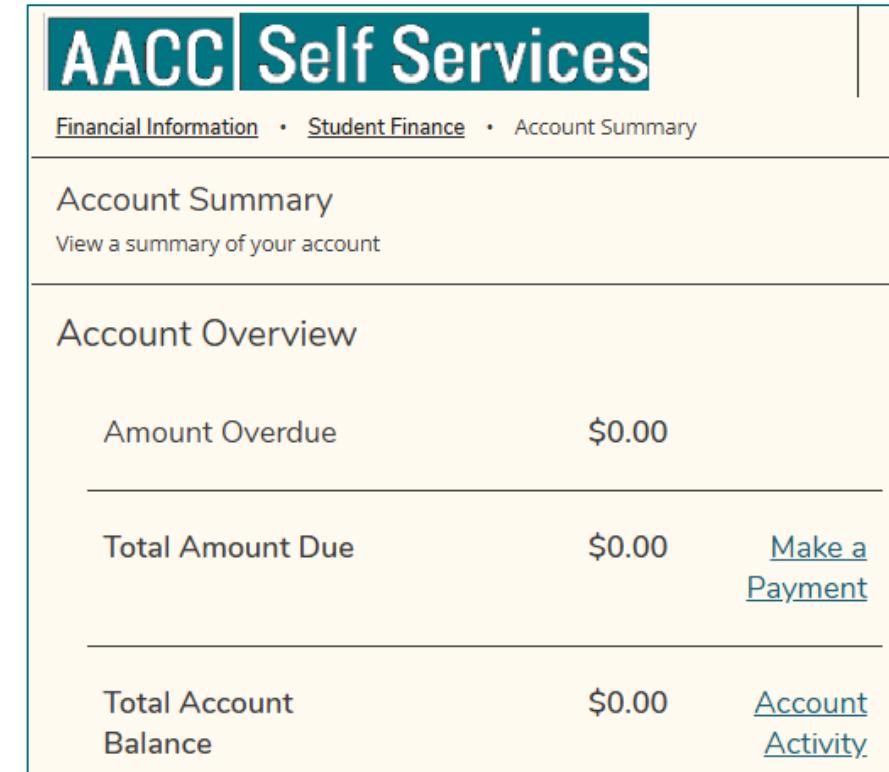
OR



See full registration instructions at www.aacc.edu/noncredit

Your Bill

- As soon as you register, you will be billed, unless your [AACPS ECAP Funding Request](#) has already been approved and received by the college.
- If payment arrangements have not been made, **you will be dropped** from your classes the following Monday after you register.
- View your bill in your [MyAACC account](#) → Self Services → Student Finance



The screenshot shows the AACC Self Services interface for Student Finance. The top navigation bar includes links for Financial Information, Student Finance, and Account Summary. The main section is titled 'Account Summary' with the sub-instruction 'View a summary of your account'. Below this, the 'Account Overview' section displays three rows of information: 'Amount Overdue' with a value of '\$0.00', 'Total Amount Due' with a value of '\$0.00' and a 'Make a Payment' link, and 'Total Account Balance' with a value of '\$0.00' and an 'Account Activity' link.

Account Summary		
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Support for Registration

Need individual help with registration?

Spring 2026:

- Attend a [Personal Enrollment Session](#)
 - 30-minute appointments on selected Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. (starting again in January)
- [Make an appointment](#) with Jen Sheppard
- Come into the [Admissions Office](#) to meet with another available Admissions Officer

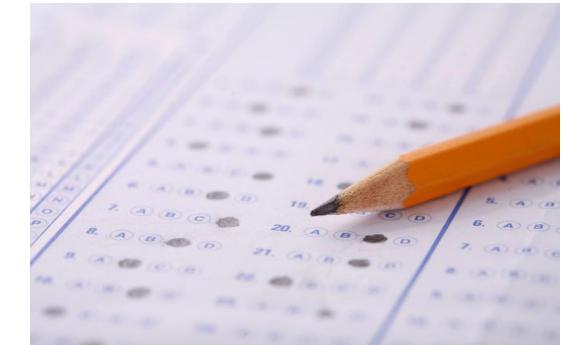


Fall 2026:

- Watch for information about Broadneck's Personal Registration Day (PRD)!

Review #3

When choosing a section of the course that you want to take, which would be more difficult – an 8-week section or a 15-week section?



Answer: **8-week**

*All the same material compressed into a shorter time period.
MANY assignments can be due each week.*

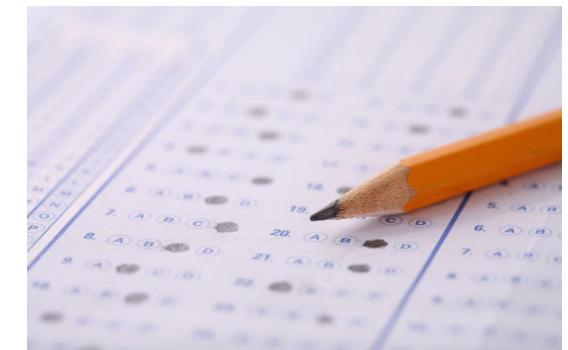
Review #4

How can you decide what course to take?

- A. Choose from General Education Requirements
- B. Look at requirements for your major/program
- C. Attend a Personal Enrollment Session or a Personal Registration Day
- D. Contact Dual Enrollment Admissions Officer Jen Sheppard

Answer:

Any/All of the above!





Questions Before Part 3?



Up Next:

- Expectations
- Support
- Campus Opportunities
- Getting Ready

HOW ARE COLLEGE CLASSES DIFFERENT?

- More study time! Plan for 6-9 hours per week ***outside of class time*** for a full-semester class (way more for 13- or 8-week classes)
- Deadlines are firm
- Grading: no “re-do’s” – understand the work and do your best
- Syllabus is your guide



[High School vs. College - Anne Arundel Community College \(aacc.edu\)](http://High%20School%20vs.%20College%20-%20Anne%20Arundel%20Community%20College%20(aacc.edu))

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- College calendar
- Attendance is required
- Communication with your professor
- Drop/withdrawal deadlines
- IEPs/504 plans do not extend to AACC, but you may request accommodations



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ECAP Success Guide

Differences between high school and college courses
Short YouTube videos with practical tips for success



- Course selection
- MyAACC vs Canvas
- Tips for Time Management
- Success in Online Courses
- Tutoring
- Withdrawing
- Tips from Faculty
- Disability Support Services

Student Support Services & Facilities

See [Student Resources](#) & [Campus Life](#) for Details



- Advising
- Tutoring
- Virtual Writing Center
- Health & Wellness Center
- Career Services
- Disability Support Services
- Library
- Dining Hall

Get Involved as an AACC Student!

- Join clubs and organizations, even Student Government!
- Attend performances, sports, etc.!
- Research opportunities



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➤ **Note: Steps 2-5 must be completed each semester/term.**

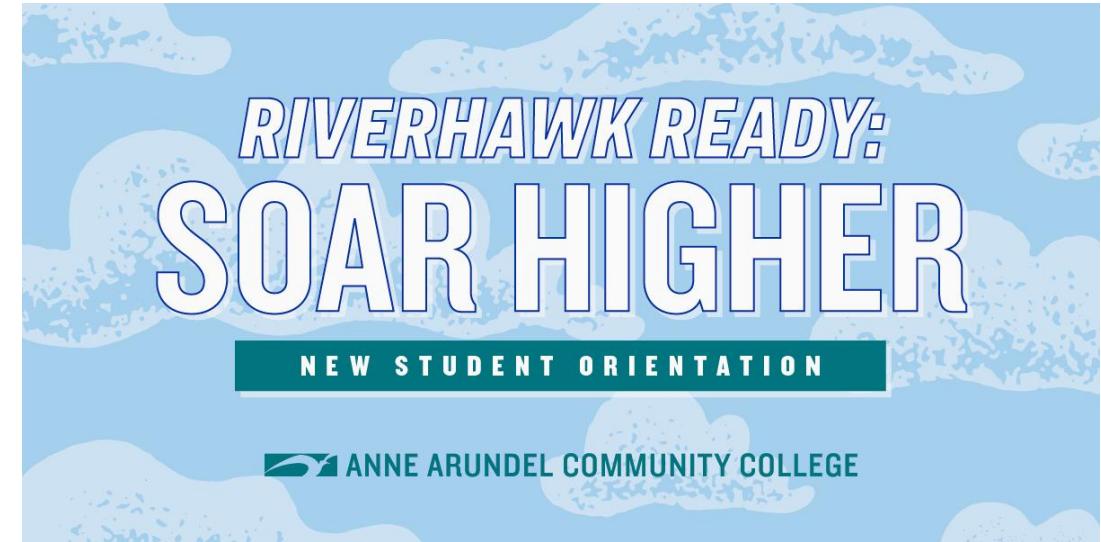
➤ **See detailed instructions here: [www.aacc.edu/ecap](#)**



Ways to Get Ready



Take a
Campus Tour!



Online or In Person
Attend Orientation!

Upcoming Dates

- January 21: Spring classes start
- March 11: Registration for Summer begins
- April 8: Registration for Fall begins
- Spring 2026: Counselors will advertise Accuplacer testing and Personal Registration Days (PRD's) to get ready for summer and fall registration



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THANK YOU!