

Welcome to Early College across Maine's Community Colleges



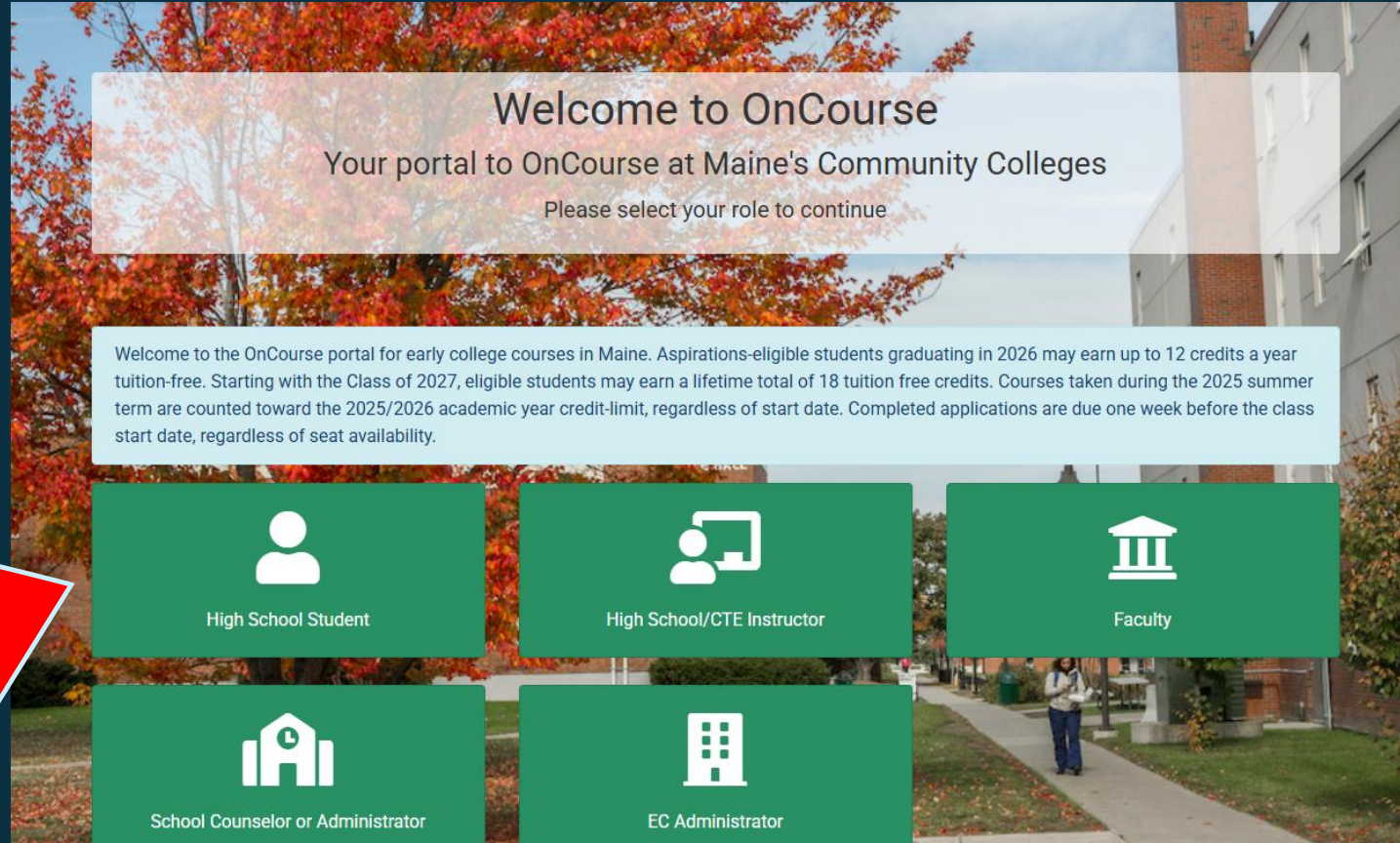
Let's get started....



Navigate to: <https://oncourse.mccs.me.edu/>

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Create a
profile



If you already have a login from ExplorEC – use that username & password. ExplorEC and OnCourse are connected platforms.

ExplorEC
Early College Portal to Maine's Public Universities





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Welcome to OnCourse

Welcome to the OnCourse portal for early college courses in Maine. Aspirations-eligible students graduating in 2026 may earn up to 12 credits a year tuition-free. Starting with the Class of 2027, eligible students may earn a lifetime total of 18 tuition free credits. Courses taken during the 2025 summer term are counted toward the 2025/2026 academic year credit-limit, regardless of start date. Completed applications are due one week before the class start date, regardless of seat availability.

Home / Student

Login with your Maine's Public Universities (ExplorEC) or Maine's Community Colleges (OnCourse) Information

Email*

Password*

Login

Forgot Password

If you forgot which email you used please contact any EC Administrator.

+ Create New Account

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Create New Account



- Fill in all information carefully
- Use a personal email if you have one
- Social Security Number is optional
- If you attend a career and technical school, please list that as well
- We need an email for a parent or guardian
- CHECK ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Please complete the form to start your application

First Name*

Last Name*

Middle Name or Initial

Preferred Name

High School*

☐ I am home schooled

Homeschooled students must be registered with the Department of Education. Please contact an EC Administrator if your high school is not listed.

Do you attend a vocational program (CTE) while in high school?*

Social Security Number

Already created an account at
Maine's Public Universities or
Community Colleges?

[Please Login or reset your
password »](#)

DO NOT CREATE A
DUPLICATE ACCOUNT



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Students who are expected to

ONCOURSE DASHBOARD

This will be where you manage your profile, search for classes, apply for classes, manage registrations, sign a FERPA consent, etc.



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- Select **Apply for Classes**
- Read and Sign the waiver that appears. This is required every semester.
- A similar waiver will be sent to the parent/guardian email you gave.
- Copies of that waiver are posted at mccs.me.edu



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- From this one page you can access a general search, and search just in your school, see your active courses, or jump to ExplorEC and search university courses
- These statuses tell you where your application is in the process
- Scroll down

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Home / Classes at Maine's Community Colleges

Welcome to the early college course application at Maine's community colleges. To on the second tab you find there. If you are searching for classes either on a college etc.

Remember, while most early college courses will transfer, it is the student's responsibility. **PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications for courses on a college campus**

"Available Seats" shown below are *estimates* only. Students are not guaranteed a seat.

The class of 2026 may take 12 tuition-free credits per year. Starting with the Class of 2026 toward the 2025/2026 academic year credit-limit, regardless of start date.

Application Status Definitions:

APPLIED→ Student initiated application. School Counselor and Parent/Guardian Consent required.

APPROVED, PENDING REGISTRATION→ Application sent to college/university. Not yet registered. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

NOT APPROVED→ School Counselor has not approved this course. Application will not be processed.

WAITLIST→ EC Admin has added student to the course waitlist. Not yet registered for the course.

REGISTERED→ Successfully registered with the college/university.



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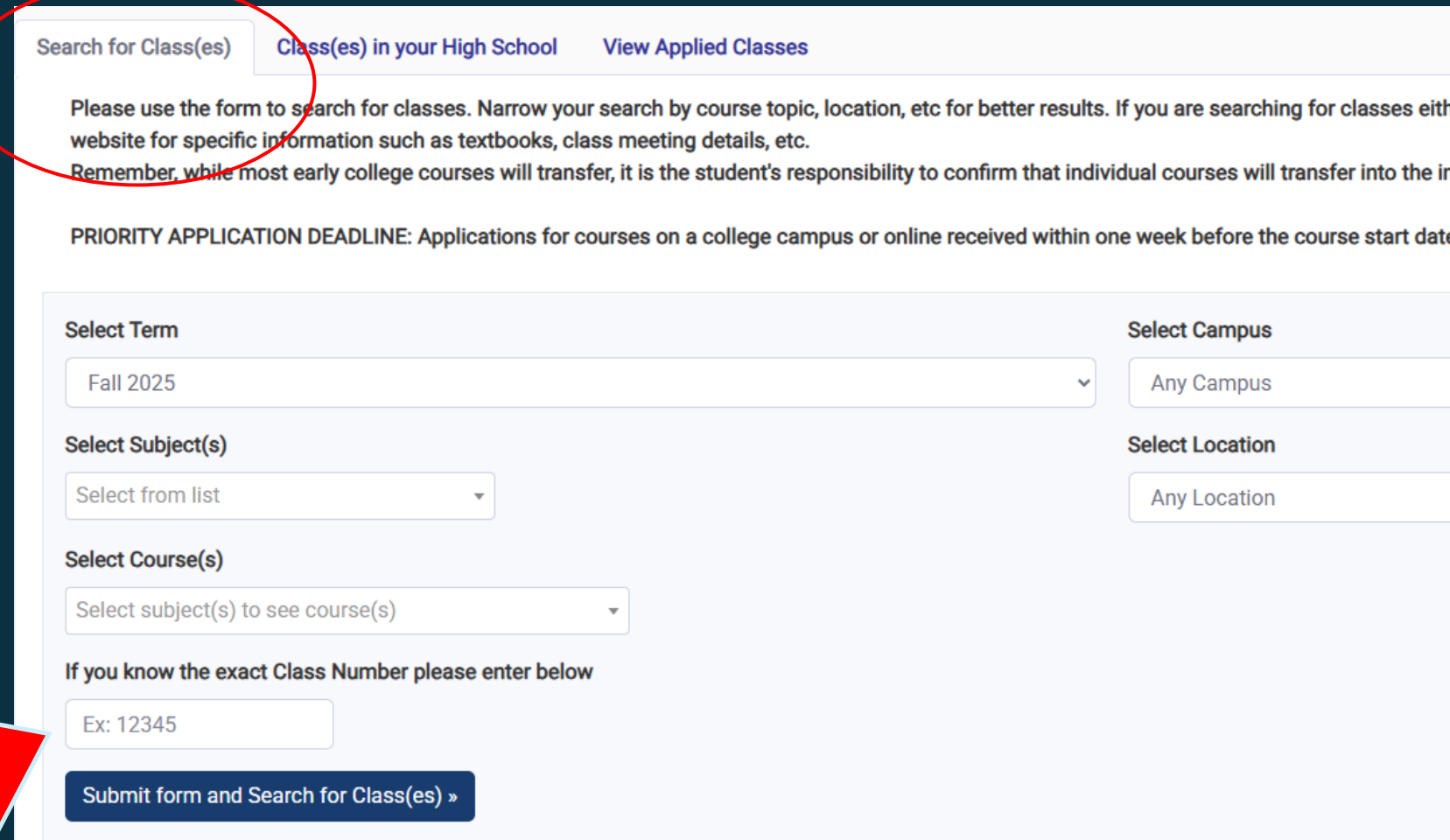
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- **Search for Classes**

Allows you to search across all of Maine's Community Colleges

Use the filters to narrow your search

If you are searching for a specific course and your teacher or advisor has given you that number, enter it here



Search for Class(es) **Class(es) in your High School** View Applied Classes

Please use the form to search for classes. Narrow your search by course topic, location, etc for better results. If you are searching for classes either visit the college website for specific information such as textbooks, class meeting details, etc.
Remember, while most early college courses will transfer, it is the student's responsibility to confirm that individual courses will transfer into the institution you are applying to.

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications for courses on a college campus or online received within one week before the course start date.

Select Term
Fall 2025

Select Subject(s)
Select from list

Select Course(s)
Select subject(s) to see course(s)

Select Campus
Any Campus

Select Location
Any Location

If you know the exact Class Number please enter below
Ex: 12345

Submit form and Search for Class(es) »



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- **Classes in your School**

Allows you to search ONLY for the courses offered inside your school. MCCS and UMS will show

Look for the right course title & your teacher's name

If you don't see your course, make sure your CTE and High School are correct in your profile

[Search for Class\(es\)](#)
[Class\(es\) in your High School](#)
[View Applied Classes](#)

Below is the list of classes running in your high school and/or CTE. Look for the correct instructor and **select ALL the classes** you wish to apply for and click 'Apply for Classes' at the bottom of the page.

Show 10 entries

	↑↓ Term	↑↓ Location	↑↓ Course / Section
☐	Fall 2025	Thornton Academy	HLTH 105 (3.0 credits) Medical Terminology 287672 - 00H9 Southern Maine Community College (SMCC)
☐	Fall 2025	Thornton Academy	MATH 112 (3.0 credits) Quantitative Reasoning 287689 - 00H9 Southern Maine Community College (SMCC)
☐	Fall 2025	Thornton Academy	MATH 140 (3.0 credits) College Algebra 287697 - 00H6 Southern Maine Community College (SMCC)
☐	Fall 2025	Thornton Academy	SPA 101 (4.0 credits) Beginning Spanish I 88628 - 0700 University of Southern Maine (USM)



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- **Apply for a Course**

Select the correct course section

Hit Apply for Selected

Note: Applications for multiple sections of the same course are not processed and slow down your application.

↑↓	Term	↑↓	Location	↑↓	Course / Section
☐	Fall 2025		Thornton Academy		HLTH 105 (3.0 credits) Medical Terminology 287672 - 00H9 Southern Maine Community C
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Apply for Selected

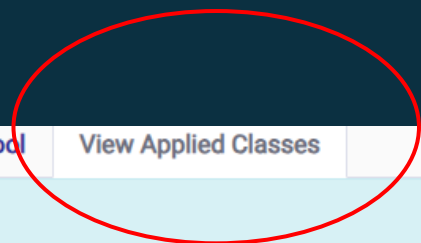


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Once you apply, you can track
your course status under
View Applied Classes

[Search for Class\(es\)](#)[Class\(es\) in your High School](#)[View Applied Classes](#)

Below are the courses you have applied for.

Show 10 entries

Search:

	Term	Campus	↑↓ Course / Section No.	↑↓ Prerequisite	↑↓ Instructor	↑↓ Schedule	↑↓ Status
☐	Fall 2025	Southern Maine Community College (SMCC)	MATH 112 (3 credits) Quantitative Reasoning 287689 - 00H9	Thornton Academy		Onsite 08/25/2025 - 06/30/2026 -	REGISTERED



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Things to pay attention to when selecting courses:

Course Prerequisites These are courses you need to have before taking this class

Seats Left in Course Always check the actual college website if close to the start of the semester – availability changes quickly

☐	Fall 2025	Daniel Moore Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) Online	BIOL 138 (4 credits) Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab 285935 - 00D1 View Course Description	BIOL 132: Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	Online 08/25/2025 - 12/13/2025	1
☐	Fall 2025	Lisa Legere Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) Online	BIOL 138 (4 credits) Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab 285936 - 00D2 View Course Description	BIOL 132: Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	Online 08/25/2025 - 12/13/2025	0

Date and Modality Make sure you can attend the course for the dates listed and the way it is taught (on campus, online, synchronously, etc)



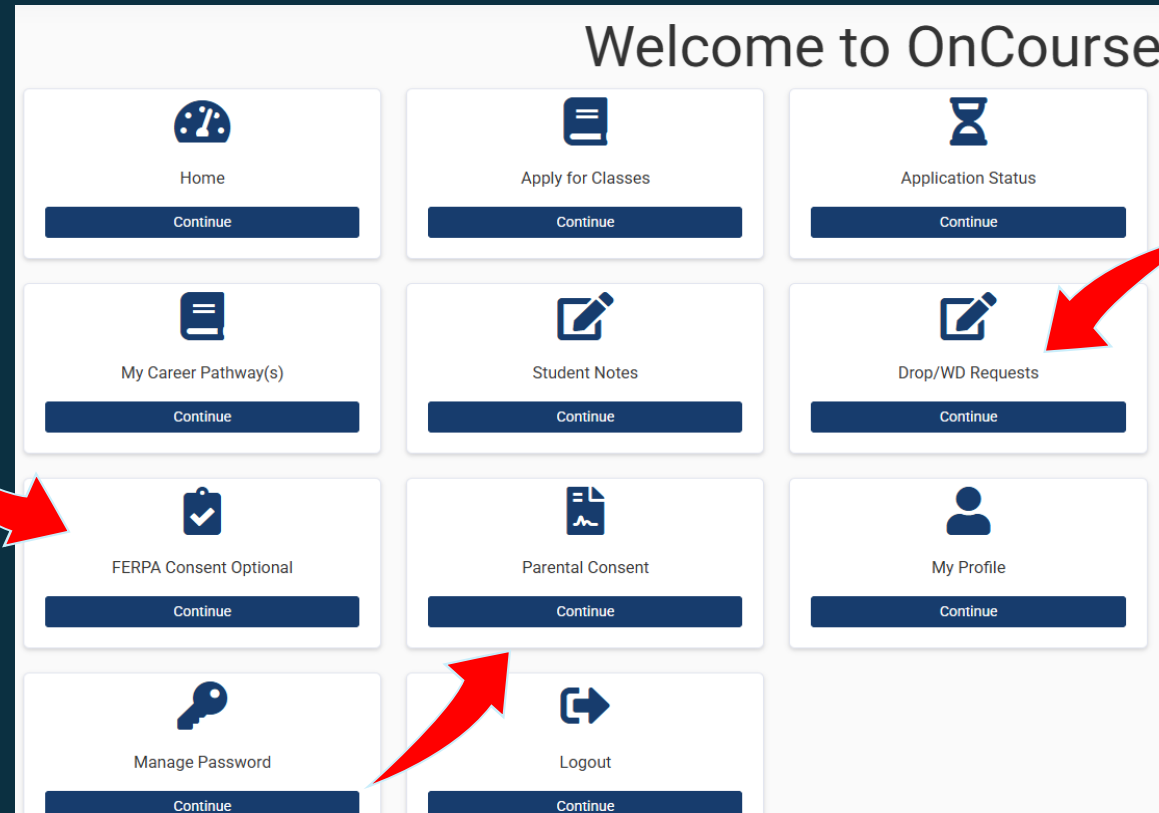
Once you apply, use your dashboard to navigate to different tasks.

FERPA Consent

This is an optional way for you to give the colleges permission to speak to your parents about your courses. Otherwise, they cannot.

Parent Consent

If your parent/guardian cannot access the automated email, open this tile for them to sign here



Drop/WD Requests

If you have been registered for a course and no longer wish to take it, you must use this tile to drop the course.

If you drop the course AFTER the Drop deadline, you may earn a "Withdraw" grade on your college transcript.

If you drop the course before it starts, there will be no official record of it.



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Will this course cost me money?

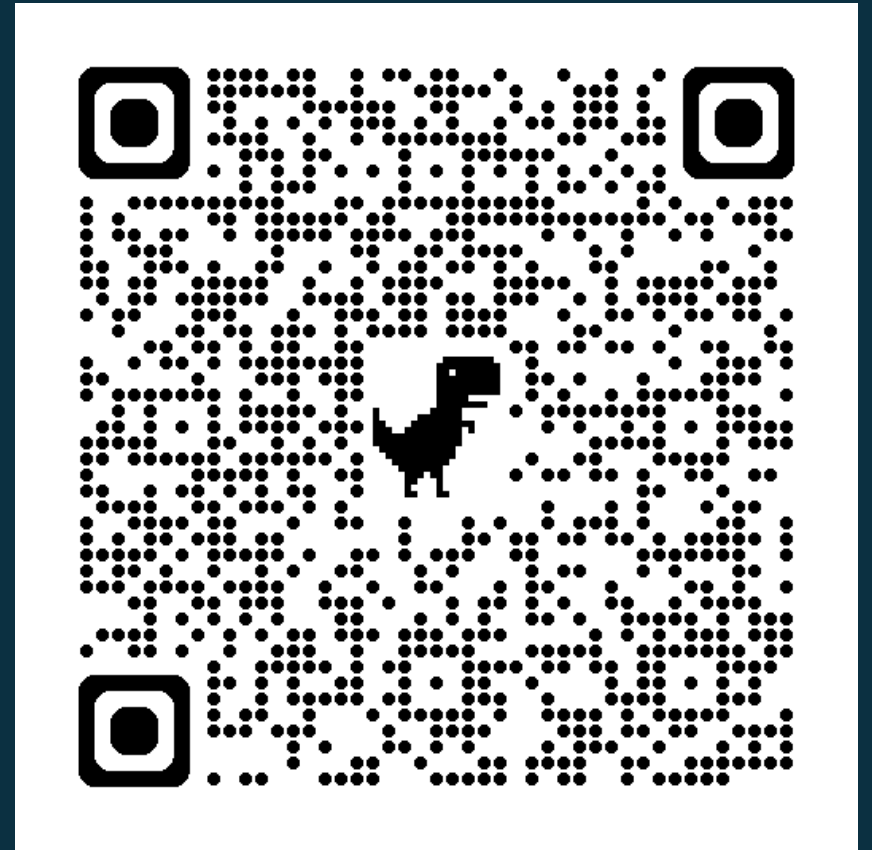
It depends...

- The majority of public school and homeschool students are eligible for the **Aspirations Program** – which covers the tuition of your early college classes
- Seniors graduating on the Spring of 2026 have 12 credits of eligibility in School Year 2025-26
- Class of 2027 and beyond have **18 lifetime credits**.
- CTE students in approved Pathways are eligible for an **additional 6 CTE pathway credits**.
- If you pay tuition to attend your high school, you are not eligible for Aspirations
- If you have exceeded your credits, you are no longer eligible.
- Those who are not eligible for Aspirations funding can pay the reduced Early College rates with both UMS and MCCS.

College Resources

Once you apply and are registered in OnCourse:

- Look for information from the college about your college email, ID, and other information.
- As an early college student, you have access to college resources such as the library, academic support services, and college advising.
- Please reach out the Early College office at the college offering your course whenever you need assistance.



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Early College Pathways

Not all college courses will transfer into every college degree

Early College Pathways are designed to expose students to courses that align with their career interests and possible college majors. They will help students select their courses with intention and improve the likelihood of credit transfer to meet college degree requirements (though transferability cannot be guaranteed).

You don't *have* to take courses on a pathway, but if you know what area you are interested in, pathways help you make more intentional choices.

CTE students on pathways will be eligible to earn 6 additional Aspirations tuition-free college credits. You must be enrolled in a partnering CTE program, have already started courses on your pathway, and be applying for pathway courses to be eligible for the additional credits.



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Access the Career Pathways Module

Read through the introduction text and then Select **Start New**

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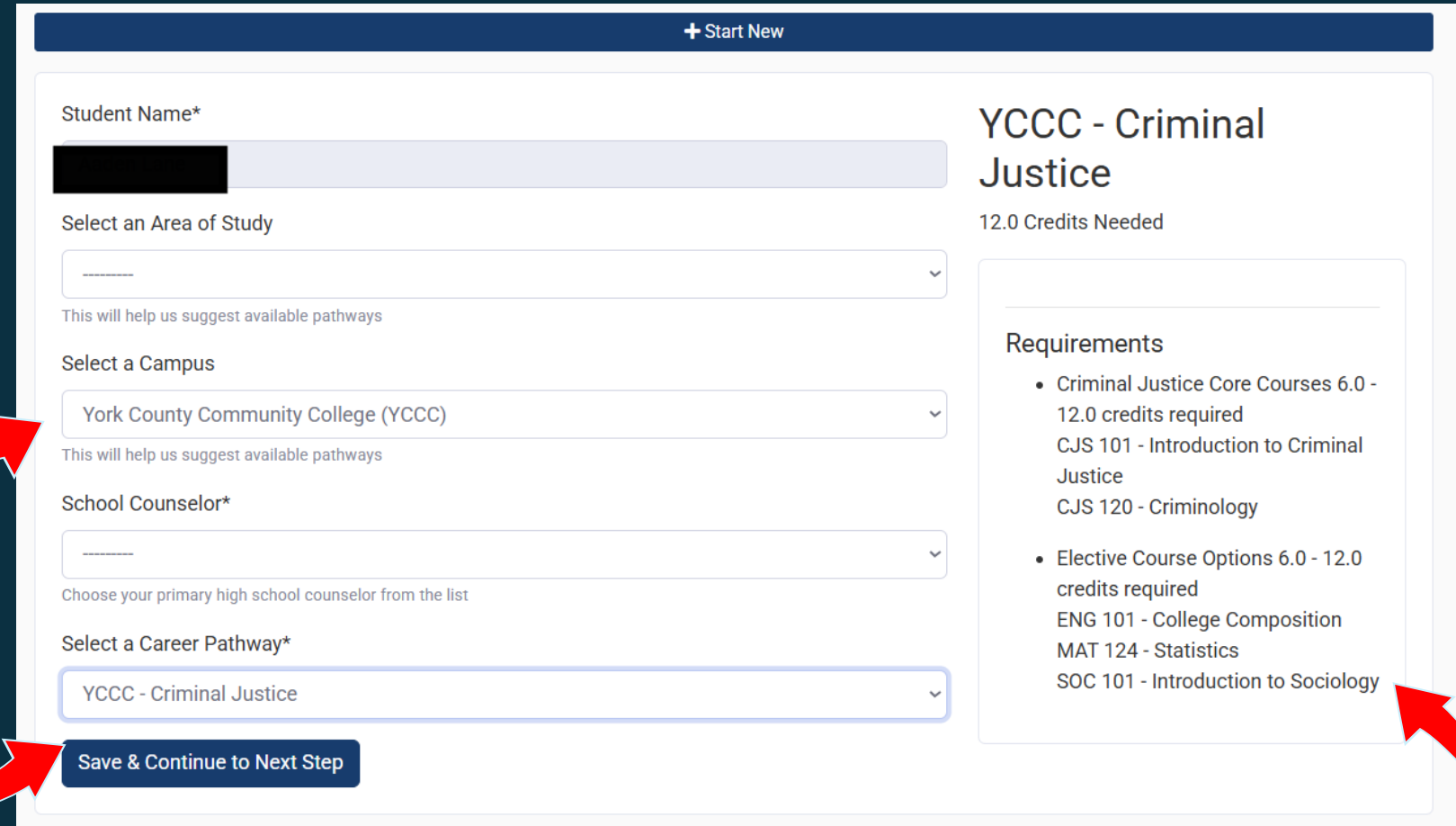
+ Start New

CSV Print

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Move through the drop downs to view pathways.

If you are in a CTE program, choose the Career Pathway that aligns with your program and the college that offers the majority of your courses.



The screenshot shows a web form titled '+ Start New' at the top. The form is divided into two main sections. The left section contains four dropdown menus: 'Student Name*' (with a blacked-out field), 'Select an Area of Study' (with a blank field), 'Select a Campus' (with 'York County Community College (YCCC)' selected), and 'School Counselor*' (with a blank field). Below these is a 'Select a Career Pathway*' dropdown with 'YCCC - Criminal Justice' selected. A blue button labeled 'Save & Continue to Next Step' is at the bottom of this section. The right section is titled 'YCCC - Criminal Justice' and '12.0 Credits Needed'. It contains a 'Requirements' box with two bullet points: 'Criminal Justice Core Courses 6.0 - 12.0 credits required' (listing CJS 101 and CJS 120) and 'Elective Course Options 6.0 - 12.0 credits required' (listing ENG 101, MAT 124, and SOC 101). Red arrows point from the instructional text on the left to the 'Select a Campus' and 'Select a Career Pathway' dropdowns, and from the 'Requirements' box to the text on the right.

Student Name*

Select an Area of Study

This will help us suggest available pathways

Select a Campus

York County Community College (YCCC)

This will help us suggest available pathways

School Counselor*

Choose your primary high school counselor from the list

Select a Career Pathway*

YCCC - Criminal Justice

Save & Continue to Next Step

YCCC - Criminal Justice

12.0 Credits Needed

Requirements

- Criminal Justice Core Courses 6.0 - 12.0 credits required
CJS 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJS 120 - Criminology
- Elective Course Options 6.0 - 12.0 credits required
ENG 101 - College Composition
MAT 124 - Statistics
SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology

A quick list of the courses will appear



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MY CAREER PATHWAY - STEP 2

✓ STEP 1: My Career Pathways

STEP 2: Choose Courses

STEP 3: Review and Submit

FINISH

Step 2: Add/Edit Courses:

Make sure to add the required number of credits to each section.

* Class has prerequisites

! Urgent Message (Click to Open)

i Open Class Details

👤 Advisor Comment (Click to Open)

SMCC - Construction Technology

Required Classes

☐ CONSTRUCTION CORE COURSES 6.0 CREDITS REQUIRED

SELECT

i	AEDD 100 - Print Reading	3.0
i	CONS 135 - Roof Framing & Interior Cover	3.0
i	CONS 150 - Ext Finishes & Sustainable Cons	3.0

☐ ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS 6.0 CREDITS REQUIRED

These courses will meet the general education requirement of this degree and many other similar degrees.

SELECT

My Career Pathway

Delete Plan

Summer 2026

	COURSE	CREDIT HOURS	COMPLETED
Edit i	CONS 135 - Roof Framing & Interior Cover Requirement: Construction Core Courses	0.0	☐

Total Credits: 0.0

Spring 2026

	COURSE	CREDIT HOURS	COMPLETED
Edit i	CONS 150 - Ext Finishes & Sustainable Cons Requirement: Construction Core Courses	0.0	☐

Use the pathway map to see the pathway courses and plan your course activity.
Use SELECT to choose a course and add it to a semester. You can EDIT the plan.

When planning your pathway courses:

- Your instructor or College advisor/coach may be able to know when courses are offered at your CTE
- Don't worry about scheduling perfectly – there is lots of time to shift.
- Hit “**Next Step**” when you are done
- Then “**SUBMIT**” when you feel it is accurate

Once done, your pathway will help you see how courses fit into a college degree. Then you can choose courses with intention and knowledge.

Fall 2025

	COURSE	CREDIT HOURS	COMPLETED
<i>i</i>	AEDD 100 - Print Reading Requirement: Construction Core Courses	3.0	☐
<i>i</i>	CONS 135 - Roof Framing & Interior Cover Requirement: Construction Core Courses	3.0	☐

Total Credits: **6.0**

Spring 2025

	COURSE	CREDIT HOURS	COMPLETED
<i>i</i>	ENGL 100 - English Composition Requirement: Elective Course Options	3.0	☐
<i>i</i>	MATH 130 - Technical Mathematics Requirement: Elective Course Options	3.0	☐

Total Credits: **6.0**

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Fall 2025

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Total Credits: **6.0**

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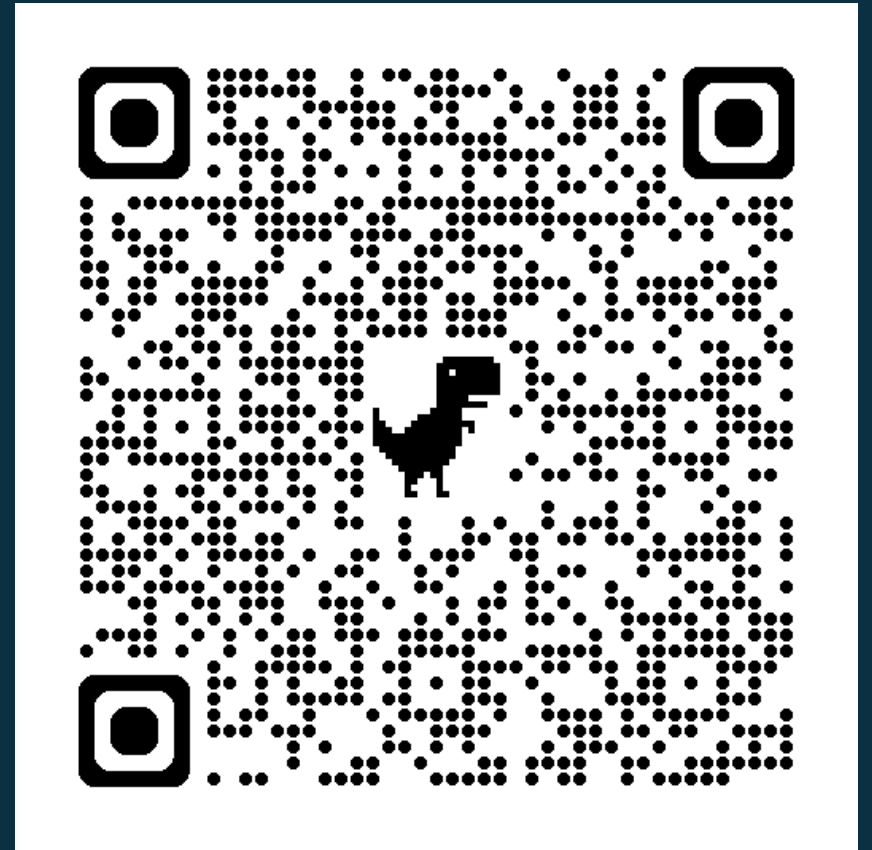
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