



## Early College Opportunities

**Gateway to College Program:** Gateway to College is a comprehensive early college high school program that provides qualified, motivated students the opportunity to simultaneously earn significant college credit toward high school completion as well as their future college degrees. Although most activities take place on the college campus, students are dually enrolled in both the school district and the college, receiving a high school diploma from the district in which they live.

**To be eligible to participate,** students must be able to obtain a referral from Abington, Braintree, Carver, Easton, Hanover, Holbrook, Middleborough, Milton, Norton, Norwood, or Whitman-Hanson. Please note, depending on the district, other eligibility requirements may apply. Most importantly, students must be **READY** and **WILLING** to work hard!

**Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP):** CDEP is a state funded grant which enables high school students who are **READY** and **WILLING** to work hard to take college level courses free of charge. CDEP allows students the opportunity to enter their college careers already having earned college credit. This helps with the transition to college, allows student to get a head start on their college degrees, saving them time and money, and provides meaningful and challenging academic experiences.

**To be eligible to participate,** students must be enrolled in a Massachusetts public high school or nonpublic high school including homeschool. While students are selected on a first-come, first-served basis, priority is given to first-generation college students, minority students, students who receive free or reduced lunch, and students interested in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Because students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 high school GPA to earn both college and high school credit, authorization from high school guidance counselor is required. Please note, students must meet all course prerequisites.

**Massasoit Dual Enrollment Program (MDEP):** At the cost of \$50 per credit, Massasoit offers a reduced tuition rate for high school students **READY** and **WILLING** to work hard. This program enables students to earn college credits, saving time and money toward a college degree. In addition to tuition, students must pay any laboratory or special course fees. Students may earn both college and high school credit. Students will be limited to two reduced tuition rate courses per semester and must be approved by the Office of Early College Access.

### **Youth Learner (students under the age of 16 years old):**

Massasoit's Youth Learner Policy applies to students who:

- At the time of application have not reached the age of 16
- Are not part of an early college cohort program (Gateway, partnership with high schools, etc.). The student has come forward as an individual to take a course(s) as opposed to being part of a program from her/his high school.
- Are interested in taking a credit or non-credit course(s) that is not specifically designed for youth learners (such as Sports Camps, Summer Youth Programming, MCAS Tutoring).

Individuals under the age of 16 will be considered on a case-by-case basis in the spirit of ensuring success. The college reserves the right to limit or deny enrollment (credit or non-credit) of a student under the age of sixteen based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to: the student's maturity level, life experience, prior education, legal obstacles, and the risks/requirements associated with particular courses. If an individual is accepted as a Youth Learner s/he will be subject to all policies and procedures of Massasoit Community College including, but not limited to: course pre-requisites, placement policies, and Student Rights and Responsibilities. **A parent/guardian must accompany the prospective student during the registration process.**

**To request an appointment to meet with the Dean of Students, contact their office at 508-588-9100 x1402. Be sure to bring the Application for Early College with you to your appointment.**

### **What's Next?**

1. Complete the Early College Application and return to the Office of Early College Access. Please note that Youth Learners must meet with the Dean of Students or their designee **PRIOR** to determine if the prospective student is prepared for an independent adult learning environment, and to gain approval signature.
2. Schedule a testing appointment through the Office of Early College Access, 508-588-9100 x1691.
3. Schedule an advising session with a member of the Early College Access team to determine next steps for your respective program, 508-588-9100 x1688.

# College Policies

## **Accommodating Documented Disabilities:**

The District retains all obligations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), including but not limited to, Child Find and developing an Individual Education Program for students with documented disabilities who are participating in early college programming located at a high school. The College agrees that it will cooperate with the District regarding the District's IDEA obligations to the extent legally required. The College shall provide services and accommodations to students with disabilities participating in early college programming at the College consistent with the College's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"). A high school shall inform all participating students and their parents that disability accommodations and services may vary depending on the location of the course due to the differences between the legal obligations and mandates imposed in secondary education and in higher education.

## **Tuition refund policy:**

For Fall/Spring credit courses: Withdrawal before classes begin: 100% of tuition and fees. Withdrawal after classes begin: refund based on the meeting time and length of class. For full-semester courses, students have a period of one week from the first scheduled class meeting to add or drop a course with a 100% refund. During the second week of the scheduled class meeting, students will receive a 50% refund. From the point of the first scheduled class meeting in the third week of classes, there is no refund. Please note: the College has no obligation to return funds after the first week of classes.

For Summer Session credit courses: Withdrawal before classes begin: 100% of tuition and fees. Withdrawal during the first two calendar days of summer session: 100% of tuition and fees. Withdrawals during the third and fourth day of each session: 50% of tuition and fees. No refund after the fourth calendar day of each session.

For Winter Session credit courses: Withdrawal before classes begin: 100% of tuition and fees. Withdrawal during the first day of Winter Session: 100% of tuition and fees. Withdrawal during the second day: 50% of tuition and fees. No refund after the second calendar day of Winter Session.

For non-credit courses: Withdrawals before the start of the first class are granted a full 100% refund. Withdrawals after the first class are refunded 0-50% depending on the length of the course.

**Please be advised that ceasing to attend a class DOES NOT constitute a withdrawal. If the proper withdrawal form is not completed, a grade of F (failure) will be recorded.**

## **Certification of Information:**

By completing the registration form, I understand that the information will be held in confidence and Massasoit Community College will only disclose information to authorized school officials who act in the student's educational interest within the limitations of their "need to know" and to authorized government entities. Massasoit Community College strictly adheres to FERPA (Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) [www.massasoit.edu/ferpa](http://www.massasoit.edu/ferpa) which sets forth requirements regarding the privacy of student records. Any inquiries or concerns regarding the methods of holding data and types of data to be held may be addressed to the Vice President of Enrollment Management.

## **Notice of non-discrimination:**

Massasoit Community College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, genetic information, gender identity or sexual orientation in its programs and activities as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other applicable statutes and college policies. The College prohibits sexual harassment, including sexual violence. Inquiries or complaints concerning discrimination, harassment, retaliation or sexual violence shall be referred to the Chief Diversity Officer & Title IX Coordinator, Yolanda Dennis, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, 508-588-9100, x1309, Brockton Campus, Administration Building, Room 219, [ydennis@massasoit.mass.edu](mailto:ydennis@massasoit.mass.edu), or the Associate Dean of Students & Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Joseph DiMaria, 508-588-9100, x1417, Brockton Campus, Student Center, Room 208A, [jdimaria@massasoit.mass.edu](mailto:jdimaria@massasoit.mass.edu), the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission or the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

## **CORI/SORI:**

Students interested in participating in an academic or non-credit program that involves working with children, the disabled, or vulnerable populations including a clinical affiliation with a private and/or public health care provider, may be required to undergo Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and/or Sex Offender Record Information (SORI) checks. Unsatisfactory CORI status will prohibit participation in Clinical/Internship experiences. CORI checks may be performed pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 6, Sections 167-178B, and consistent with guidelines promulgated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health. SORI checks may be performed pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 6, Sections 178C.

## **Clery Act:**

Massasoit Community College complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), which is a federal law requiring most colleges and universities nationwide to publish statistics in order to inform the campus community about certain criminal offenses committed on or near campus. Clery statistics involving Massasoit Community College can be requested by contacting the College Police Department or visiting the College's website at [www.massasoit.edu/massasoit-police](http://www.massasoit.edu/massasoit-police).