

North Central MISSOURI COLLEGE



A+ and NCMC SAVING YOU MONEY



North Central Missouri College welcomes students who would like to use A+ funding for college classes or career training. Students who attend high schools that participate in the A+ Program should take advantage of the program's unique opportunity of providing higher education costs to students that have met the requirements. By utilizing Missouri's A+ Program, students and their parents can save thousands of dollars in higher education costs.

A+ Can Save You Thousands!

Institution type	Average tuition*
4-year Missouri public	\$6,867.00
4-year US public	\$7,605.00
4-year US private	\$27,293.00
2-year Missouri public	FREE with A+

*2011-12 figures

As an A+ student, we want North Central Missouri College to be your **FIRST CHOICE** for a college education. NCMC is a great place to take advantage of your Missouri A+ benefits.

NCMC has one of the highest graduation rates of any community college in Missouri. We are proud of our low student-to-faculty ratio, which means you won't get lost in the crowd. NCMC also offers academic assistance through the Academic Resource Center and Student Support Services. Our faculty are highly qualified teaching professionals who care about student success.

Save thousands of dollars and use your Missouri A+ benefits at NCMC!

A Great Place to Start

North Central Missouri College is a great place to start a college career. In order to start down the road to success with a college degree, NCMC offers the following financial assistance:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Direct Loan Program
- NCMC College Scholarships
- Foundation Scholarships
- And many more!

For more information, please call (660) 359-3948 ext. 1405 or visit our website at www.ncmissouri.edu.

What can A+ do for you?

- Pay for all of your school tuition costs and general fees
- Allow your other college scholarships and/or loans to be used for books, fees, housing, meals, transportation, or other expenses
- Allow you to complete a college degree, tuition-free, at an institution ranked 23rd in the nation (Washington Monthly), in the top 120 Community Colleges (Aspen Institute), in the top 20% of military friendly schools (GI Jobs) and has the highest CC graduation rate in the state!

What do you need to do to use your A+ at NCMC?

- Apply for admission at NCMC
- Have your A+ stamped high school transcript sent. Don't forget any dual credit transcripts and test scores!
- Fill out the FAFSA application starting as soon as January with the NCMC school code (002514), even if you aren't sure you will attend NCMC. The FAFSA must be completed each year, at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Be degree seeking
- Enroll in at least 12 credit hours (6 for summer)

MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT THE FAFSA EACH YEAR! NCMC SCHOOL CODE — 002514

What does A+ cover?

A+ currently pays for completed, grade-assigned coursework and general fees.

What does A+ not cover?

- Repeated coursework
- Coursework that is part of a higher level certification or degree that is not part of the original certificate
- Withdrawn coursework, which will be re-applied to the student's account
- Course fees, housing and books

When is A+ applied?

After federal money has been applied, including the Pell grant.



How long does a student have to use their A+ funding?

48 months after transcript-ed high school graduation or completion of 105% of the hours required for the enrolled program. High school students who graduate in December may use their A+ in the spring if they have met all other A+ eligibility requirements.

What is included in the calculation of the 105% completion percentage?

- All hours completed at participating A+ institutions (including remedial classes)
- All hours accepted in transfer from an institution that is ineligible for A+ participation (4-year, private or out-of-state colleges/universities)

What is not included in the calculation of the 105% completion percentage?

- Hours earned before high school graduation, ex. dual credit, dual enrollment
- Hours earned from an ineligible A+ institution that do not transfer to NCMC

Can I use my A+ funds at a four-year university?

No. A+ can only be used at two-year public community colleges or career technical schools. Some four-year universities offer what may be called A+ scholarships. They are not part of the statewide A+ program and requirements/awards are different.

Can I use A+ for summer classes?

Yes. You must enroll in at least 6 credit hours and indicate you are degree-seeking at NCMC. If you are attending a 4-year institution, you can participate in our reverse transfer program. When you have achieved at least 15 NCMC credit hours (dual credit counts!), send us your 4-year transcript and we can determine what courses might transfer back to us in order to possibly award you a degree.

How does NCMC know if a student is eligible for A+ funds?

A+ participants must provide an A+ high school transcript with the A+ stamp to the NCMC Admissions Department prior to registration.

Will A+ pay for my RN nursing program if I graduate with my one-year LPN degree?

Yes, unless you reach 105% of funding or 48 months expiration.

May a student receive scholarships without jeopardizing his/her A+?

Yes. However, if the local scholarship has restrictions, those must be honored. If there are no restrictions on the scholarships, those funds may be used for non-A+ eligible expenses such as books, housing, and other fees.

How do I remain A+ eligible at NCMC?

It's easy! Maintain at 2.5 GPA, be degree-seeking, stay enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (6 hours for summer), complete a FAFSA application every year, and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

Is there an extension of the benefit period for students in the military?

If a returning student or incoming student ceases attendance for the purpose of providing service in any branch of the U.S. armed forces, the eligibility of the student will be extended for the period of the service as documented on the student's DD214 form. Remaining eligibility will be retained if the student returns to full-time status, or qualify for an exception to the full-time status requirement, within twelve months of the end of military service and provides verification to the department that the military service was satisfactorily completed.

Please see the NCMC website for additional details and/or refer to the Missouri Department of Higher Education's website for the most recent changes to A+.
In accordance with federal regulations set forth by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, NCMC's Student Consumer Information is available at the following site:
<http://www.ncmissouri.edu/hea>

A+ Coordinator
Phone: 660-359-3948 ext. 1405

Financial Aid Office
Phone: 660-359-3948 ext. 1513
Email:
financialaid@mail.ncmissouri.edu

Office of Admissions
Phone: 660-359-3948 ext. 1410
Email:
admissions@mail.ncmissouri.edu

SAP for A+

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) must be maintained by all students. However, SAP for A+ students differs in order to remain A+ eligible. They include:

- Maintain at least a 67% completion rate (A+ will not pay for repeated or withdrawn classes)
- Obtain a 2.5 GPA
- Complete degree within 105% of what is needed for degree

*SAP requirements for non-A+ students receiving financial aid differ. Please see NCMC website for additional details.

2015 High School Seniors

Beginning with the 2015 senior class, a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I EOC exam, or higher level DESE-approved math EOC, must be achieved. If a qualifying score is not obtained but the student meets all other requirements, he/she can achieve the CBHE identified minimum score on the COMPASS test or ACT math subtest to meet alternative eligibility.

Reverse Transfer (RT)

For those A+ students attending a 4-year school, if you participate in our RT program you may be able to utilize A+ benefits for NCMC classes! Students must enroll in at least 6 credit hours in the summer or 12 in fall/spring and indicate that they are degree-seeking and want to pursue a degree through reverse transfer. To determine degree eligibility, students should send us their 4-year transcript and have at least 15 NCMC credit hours. Contact NCMC's A+ Coordinator for more information!