

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Education & Literacy (AEL)

Adult Education and Literacy is a local, state and national program designed to provide basic education skills at no cost to any student 16 years of age or older who is not presently enrolled in high school.

The program prepares participants for the General Educational Development (GED) test. Based on a satisfactory score on this examination, the State Department of Education will award the individual a Certificate of High School Equivalency. This certificate is recognized by employers and institutions as being equivalent to a high school diploma.

This program also offers classes for those who need or desire to improve their basic skills in reading, writing and math in order to receive a job or promotion, return to school or for personal betterment.

Students interested in this program may contact either the Green Hills Community Action Agency, 660-359-3907, or the high school in their community.

Articulated Technical Education (formerly Tech Prep)

Articulated credit offers students a way to save money and time completing an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree or a career Certificate. Students can earn the equivalent of college credit by participating in articulated courses while in high school or at an area technical school/career center.

Articulated credit is not intended to be used as transfer credit. However, it may be used to fulfill requirements of many AAS programs at NCMC. Please visit with an advisor to see how you might be able to utilize this credit.

Beginning in August, 2011, requirements and agreements for articulated credit were updated. Students earning articulated credit in high school or at a technical school/career center prior to this date are eligible to receive articulated college credit under the terms of that previous agreement.

For articulated credit earned after August, 2011, students must follow the following guidelines in order for that credit to apply toward a degree or certificate at NCMC:

1. Enroll at NCMC within 15 months of high school graduation.
2. Present an official articulated credit certificate and your high school or technical school/career center transcript during enrollment and to an advisor.
3. Complete 12 credit hours at NCMC with at least a 2.0 GPA.
4. Apply with the Registrar's office to have the articulated credit put on the student transcript and pay the transcription fee for each articulated course.

The high school/technical school/career center must complete and submit a certificate of articulated credit to NCMC upon completion of the course by the student.

Articulation credit hours vary by program. If you intend to transfer with articulated credit, please check with the transfer institution to determine if articulated credit will be accepted.

Business/Industry Training & Certification

In addition to traditional college credit courses, North Central Missouri College offers specialized training programs for employees of area businesses, industries and agencies. Such programs can be designed to meet the specific training needs of organizations in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Depending upon the arrangement, employees in such courses may earn college credit, continuing education units (CEUs) or no credit at all. Classes may be taught on site or on campus.

NCMC instructors and consultants who provide the specialized training are professionals actively working in their fields and skilled at sharing their knowledge with adult students of all ranges of ability. Instructors may provide a single course, a short seminar or an organized program of classes. The subject matter can be condensed or expanded to fit the time allowed by the participating organization. Courses may be offered during working hours, at lunch breaks or after work. They can be prepared promptly and offered when needed without regard to the academic calendar of the College.

Community Education

NCMC offers cultural and general information courses to area adults through community education classes. These non-credit courses can help you upgrade occupational skills or learn a new hobby. A variety of community education classes are available including computer classes, arts and crafts, personal improvement and more.

High School Dual Credit

NCMC offers students at participating schools an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. High school seniors and juniors, and under certain circumstances sophomores and freshmen, may take college credit classes in the high school and receive both college and high school credit. Students must meet the requirements set forth by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and meet NCMC's requirements for entry into specific courses.

Students who enroll in dual credit classes must complete the dual credit admissions process. A copy of the student's high school transcript is required for enrollment. Contact the Dual Credit office at ext. 1318 for more information.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves a total of 50 high school students each year who are either low-income or potential first-generation college students from the communities of Chillicothe, Gallatin, Galt, Hamilton, Jamesport and Trenton in Missouri. The goal of Upward Bound is to assist students to achieve at a proficient level during high school assessments; increase enrollment in post-secondary education by the fall term immediately following the student's expected graduation date from high school; and increase the enrollment of post-secondary education for the fall term of the second academic year.

The project provides instruction in math, laboratory science, composition, literature and foreign language. Other services include: academic advising, career exploration, college selection, financial aid and scholarship application assistance, mentoring, personal advising, services and activities for parents, winter open house, summer orientation, target school advocacy and the PEA (Parents/Educators/Alumni) Board.

Upward Bound has three components that make up its services. During the academic component, students attend weekly after school tutoring sessions and Xtreme Saturdays once a month, where students from all six schools come together to take part in workshops focused on academics and life skills. Students also take campus visits to area colleges and universities as well as two cultural excursions.

During the summer, students participate in a six-week residential program on the NCMC campus. The summer program is designed to give students an extra jump on their academic year while experiencing life on a college campus. Enrichment classes, weekly cultural trips, campus visits and community service projects give the students a well-rounded experience. The bridge program during the summer component provides seniors who have graduated high school with Upward Bound the opportunity to take free college classes and earn college credit at NCMC.

The Upward Bound Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the category of Federal TRIO Programs. For more information on the program, contact the UB Office located in Barnes Hall, ext. 1348.