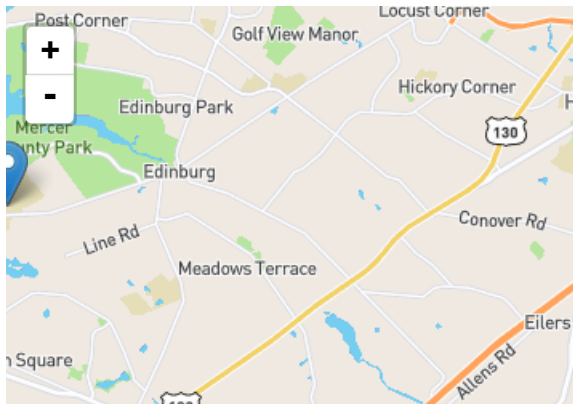


## DREAM Program <sup>[1]</sup>

### Mercer County Community College

Mercer County Community College's DREAM Program provides transition and postsecondary program opportunities for students whose limitations in both intellectual and adaptive behavior require significant additional supports to navigate the postsecondary environment. Upon successful application and acceptance to the program, identified students, ages 17-25, have the opportunity to reach individual goals in an inclusive and supportive college setting. All students are required to participate in courses that are uniquely designed for students in the DREAM Program, as well as Mercer County Community College (MCCC) general course offerings. Students register for college courses based on placement and may be permitted to audit classes in areas of interest. All students develop a MCCC transcript and have the opportunity to earn credits towards a MCCC certificate or degree. Students work closely with program staff each semester to identify and evaluate goals, build schedules, arrange for mandatory job shadowing experiences, and identify existing community supports. Participation in the DREAM program is generally limited to four semesters. Students who have achieved satisfactory academic progress throughout the four semesters and continue to have an identified goal may apply to continue with the DREAM Program for an additional fee. Other students may continue to pursue academic or vocational goals by taking credit or non-credit classes at MCCC but will no longer be eligible to receive the significant additional supports offered through the DREAM Program.

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**This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:**

No

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[http://www.mccc.edu/student\\_services\\_needs\\_dream.shtml](http://www.mccc.edu/student_services_needs_dream.shtml) <sup>[3]</sup>

**General****Public or private::**

Public

**Type of school::**

2-year community college or junior college

**Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:**

No

**Students in this program::**

Have graduated or exited from high school

Are still enrolled in high school

**Number of students::**

50

**Requirements****Accepts out-of-state students?:**

Yes

**Deadline to apply to this program::**

May 30

**Link to admissions process::**

[https://www.mccc.edu/pdf/cita/dream\\_application.pdf](https://www.mccc.edu/pdf/cita/dream_application.pdf) <sup>[4]</sup>

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::**

- Intellectual disability
- Autism

**Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates****Program length::**

Varies from student to student

**Cost****Is this program able to provide federal financial aid as a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP)?:**

We are not a CTP, and have no plans to become one.

**Students pay for the program in the following ways::**

- Private pay (student and family)
- Scholarships
- Adult intellectual/developmental disability state agency funds
- Local School District funds
- Federal Financial Aid

**Scholarships available::**

DREAM Program scholarship of \$1011, divided across fall and spring semesters for eligible students ( must have completed one year of program with Satisfactory Academic Progress) and have a completed FAFSA application indicating unmet need)

**Academic****Students enrolled in this program take the following types of inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::**

Typical college courses for credit

Typical college courses for audit

**More about course access::**

Students register for college courses based on placement and may be permitted to audit classes in areas of interest. All students develop a MCCC transcript and have the opportunity to earn credits towards a MCCC certificate or degree. In-class and homework support is provided by trained, paid mentors.

**Students take courses that are only for students in this program::**

Yes

**Do students earn a credential of any kind when they complete this program?:**

No

Employment

**Percent of students in this program have paid work while attending the program::**

60%

**Other career development activities are::**

- Volunteer work
- Community Service

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

No

Extracurricular

**Students participate in student organizations on campus::**

Yes

**Students have participated in these social/extracurricular activities and organizations::**

Students participate in the full range of activities conducted at the college- clubs, dances, lectures, special events, trips.

**Program serves students who have left high school?:**

Some of our students have left high school

**Admission criteria (select all that apply):**

Age 18 or older

Specific age range (enter ages below)

**Acceptance rate for the most recent fall term::**

90.00%

**Retention rate for first year students from the previous academic year to the current one::**

93.00%

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first"> Student must be 18 or older</li> <li class="last">Age range: 18-24 at admission</li> </ul></div>

**Average out-of-state tuition, current year::**

\$3000.00

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have:**

Intellectual disability

Autism

**Other than the credential listed above, can students earn any other credentials that are available to all students?:**

MCCC certificate or Associate's degree awarded for students who complete all required courses for that certificate or degree.

**Does this program have a working partnership with VR to provide funding, supports and/or services to students in the program?:**

No

**Are students in this program able to access support services through your IHE disability services office?:**

Yes

**Instructions:**

In the form below is the information that is currently listed on our website for your program. Please click on each green tab, look over all fields and change any information that needs to be updated. There is no need to save after completing each tab, but you MUST click Save at either the top or bottom of this form after going through and making any necessary changes. You can save at any time and you may save and leave and return later to make additional changes or add new information. Green check marks will appear in the tabs on the left when you have filled out all questions in a section. Please make every attempt to answer all questions--but if you can't, the form will still save and we will use the information you can provide to create your updated record.

**Date program information submitted:**

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**Do all students in this program enroll in at least one inclusive college/university course for credit or audit each semester?:**

Yes

**Remote learning at your program:**

We allow remote learning if students request it, but we really don't encourage it

**Percentage of academic time spent in inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::**

75-99%

**Students in the program have access to the following campus-wide services::**

Career services

Disability/accessibility services

Academic tutoring services

Access to a transcript via the registrar

Academic advising services (not program staff)

**Students participate in these campus-wide events::**

College/University's Student orientation

College/University's Graduation

**Students may participate in the following extra-curricular activities:**

Registered student organizations

Student government

Club sports

Campus events

**Program length::**

Varies from student to student

**Describe remote learning at your program:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last">Students can enroll in select courses via remote learning if they choose</li> </ul></div>

**Percentage of social time spent in inclusive activities (open to all students on campus)::**

100%

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## About

Think College is a national initiative dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving research and practice in inclusive higher education for students with intellectual disability. It is based at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston.

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