

How it works

Students can earn the credits that will allow them to graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree through a number of options:

CCBC coursework - earn college credits by taking a college course.

Credit by exam - earn college credits by achieving a certain score on an exam such as the AP Test.

Articulation - receive college credit for approved courses taken in high school.

Dual credit - take a college course that awards credit toward both the diploma and the degree.



BCPS-CCBC Diploma to Degree Program



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The Community College
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The Diploma to Degree program is designed for students who want to graduate from Baltimore County public schools (BCPS) having simultaneously earned an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) and a high school diploma from BCPS. Focused on academic rigor and preparation for the twenty-first century work force, this program allows students to earn college credit, that they can easily transfer to Maryland colleges and universities in pursuit of advanced degrees. .

Standards for Eligibility and Participation

Students who demonstrate college readiness, defined as the intellectual and emotional ability to successfully perform college work at the introductory credit level, will be considered for this program. Recommendations and demonstration of readiness will be determined through teacher, counselor, parent, and student feedback. Additional qualifications include:

- A strong academic grade point average (2.5-3.0 preferred).
- Previous courses completed for credit.
- Student determination to complete this demanding program.
- PSAT subscores of 50 or above.

General Criteria

- The student should have sophomore status and currently be enrolled in a Baltimore County public school.
- The student must be in good standing as defined by the high school and positioned to earn all graduation requirements with his or her entering class.
 - Previous courses completed for credit prior to sophomore year should include at least one credit of a foreign language and at least Algebra I with completion of Algebra II or Geometry recommended. Honors, GT/IB/AP courses recommended.
 - 2.5 to 3.0+ GPA preferred.
- The student must have permission from the high school and his or her parent/ guardian to participate.
- The student must have recommendations from at least two teachers and his or her school counselor.

- The student must be eligible to enroll at CCBC.
- The student agrees to participate in the program and understands the requirements for successful completion of the program.
- To continue enrollment in subsequent semesters/terms through this program the student must have successfully completed the courses identified in this program with a grade of C or better.
- If the student withdraws/drops from a course in the program, he or she must receive permission from both the high school and college to continue enrollment in the program.
- The student must comply with all requirements of the program.
- The student must maintain good standing at the college as defined by CCBC.
- The student must work with the CCBC college advisors to determine if the credits earned through this program are transferrable to the college of his/her choice.

College Course Expectations

Students and parents/guardians of students enrolled in the Diploma to Degree program will be advised of college course-level expectations, including, but not limited to the following:

- Expectation of 2 hours study time per 1 hour class time.
- Class attendance is required at all classes and laboratories.
- Students are responsible for any make-up work that may be necessary as a result of absence from class.
- Students must adhere to class assignment deadlines.
- All grades are calculated in a student's GPA and will appear on their college and high school transcript, whenever applicable.
- All grades earned, including "W" for withdrawal, are a permanent part of the student academic record and may impact subsequent college admission.
- Course materials and class discussions may reflect topics not typically included in high school level coursework.
- While appropriate for college level study, courses and/or topics are not modified to accommodate variations in student age and maturity.
- A grade less than "C" will result in a review of the student's eligibility to continue participating in the Diploma to Degree program.
- An overall minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in order to earn an associate degree.
- Grades of "C" or better are expected in all Diploma to Degree coursework.

