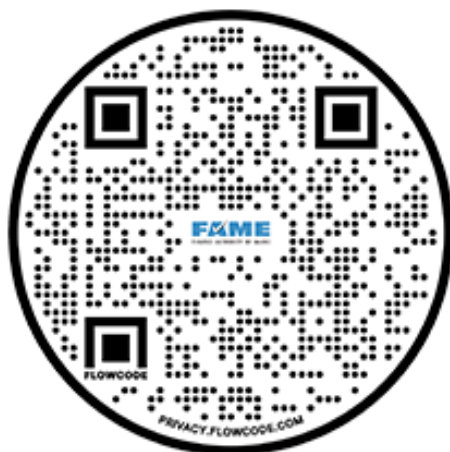







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Reworking the Plan – Alternative Pathways Available to Students

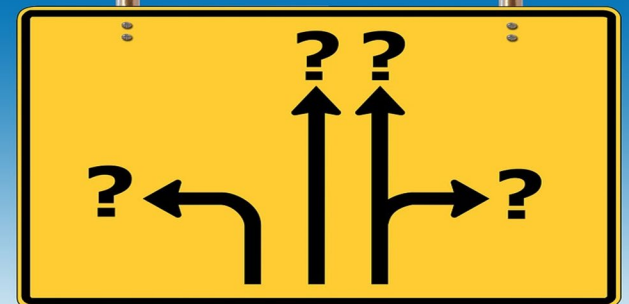
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What to do when it falls apart

- Consider a different path – start at a less expensive option and transfer later
 - How to start last minute at another school
- How to transfer to another college
 - Articulation agreements
- Getting Support Throughout the process
- Try out a job first



Eight pathways. Infinite possibilities.

	CM	EM	KV	NM	SM	WC	YC
Arts, Humanities, Digital Media, and Communication							
Communications & New Media						A	
Digital Graphic Design		A/C					
Digital Media Technology						A	
General Studies	A		A				
Graphic Communications	A						
Liberal Studies	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Liberal Studies - Art					A*		
Liberal Studies - English					A*		
Liberal Studies - Music					A*		

	CM	EM	KV	NM	SM	WC	YC
Business and Hospitality							
Accounting	A		A	A			A
Business Administration/Management	A/C	A	A/C	A	A	A	A
Career Option		A					
Entrepreneurship				C		C	
Finance						A	
Financial Planning						C	
International Commerce						A	
Small Business Development/Management		C				C	
Sports Management					A		
Business Administration Transfer	A						
Culinary Arts	A/C	A	A	A			
Cooking Skills			C				
Esports Management		A					
Food Service Specialist			C				
Hospitality/Tourism Management					A		
Office Assistant				C			
Outdoor Leadership						A/C	
Restaurant & Food Service Management		A					
Restaurant Management	A						

	CM	EM	KV	NM	SM	WC	YC
Computer Science and Information Technology							
Computer Science					A		A
Computer Systems Technology - Computer Repair Technology		C					
Computer Technology	A					A	
Coding		A/C/C+					
Networking		A					
Cyber Security					A		
Cyber Security - Digital Forensics	A						
Help Desk & User Support						C	
Information Technology				A			
Network Administration & Cybersecurity				A/C			
Network Security	C+						
Networked Systems Technology						C	
Web Development						C	

	CM	EM	KV	NM	SM	WC	YC
Education, Human Services, and Social and Behavioral Sciences							
Alcohol & Drug Counselor							A
Behavioral Health Studies							A
Community Mental Health						C	
Early Childhood Education	A	A/C	A	A/C	A/C	A/C	
Education	A				A/C+	A	A
Career and Technical Education			C				
Elementary Education - K-8		A					
Secondary Education - 7-12		A					
Forensic Social Work							A
Human Services	A/C	A/C			A/C	A	
Substance Use and Recovery						C	
Justice Studies	A						
Liberal Studies - History					A*		
Liberal Studies - Political Science					A*		
Liberal Studies - Psychology					A*		
Liberal Studies - Social Work					A*		
Mental Health					A/C		
Outdoor Leadership - Adventure Therapy						A	
Psychology	A		A				
Social Science	A/C						
Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Technician		C					

	CM	EM	KV	NM	SM	WC	YC
Health Sciences							
Advanced Emergency Care				C			
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician				C			
Allied Health					C		A
Animal Care and Management							A
Cardiovascular Technology						A/C+	
Community Paramedicine						A/C/C+	
Emergency Medical Services/Paramedicine	A/C	A/C	A/C	A			
Health Information Management							
Health Occupations						C	
Health Sciences					C		A
Licensed Practical Nursing					C		A
Medical Assisting	A/C	A/C	A/C	A/C	A		
Medical Coding/Electronic Health Records	A/C	C+	C	C			
Medical Office Technology						C	
Health Care Secretary		C					
Nursing	A	A	A	A	A	A+	A
Nutrition and Dietetics Technology						A	
Occupational Therapy Assistant					A		
Phlebotomy					C		C
Physical Fitness Specialist	A						
Physical Therapist Assistant					A		
Radiologic Technology/Medical Radiography	A/C+	A			A		
Respiratory Therapy Technology					A		
Surgical Technology					A		
Veterinary Assistant							C
Veterinary Technology							A

CM Central Maine Community College
EM Eastern Maine Community College
KV Kennebec Valley Community College
NM Northern Maine Community College

SM Southern Maine Community College
WC Washington County Community College
YC York County Community College

Maine Community College System



Maine's
Community Colleges

FREE COLLEGE - HOW IT WORKS

1 Have A High School Diploma

(or equivalent) from 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.



2 Enroll

Pursue a degree or certificate program at least part time during the following time frames:

2020-21 grads: No later than Summer 2024

2022 grads: No later than Fall 2024, Spring 2025, or Summer 2025

2023 grads: No later than Fall 2025, Spring 2026, or Summer 2026

2024 grads: No later than Fall 2026, Spring 2027, or Summer 2027

2025 grads: No later than Fall 2027, Spring 2028, or Summer 2028



3 File the FAFSA

File online at studentaid.gov/FAFSA.

Please note: If you aren't eligible or can't complete the FAFSA, contact the colleges' Financial Aid Office. All federal and state aid is applied before the Free College Scholarship.



4 Live in Maine

while enrolled



5 Complete Your Certificate or Degree

You can access the scholarship for up to 200% of the program completion time. (i.e. if your program takes two years, you have up to four years to complete it.)

New this year: Part time is okay!



Please note:

- You cannot earn more than one associate degree under the Free College Scholarship.
- You can use the Free College Scholarship to get two stacked, one-year certificates or a certificate and an associate degree in the following scenarios:
 - If the two certificates are stackable. (Ex. Heating certificate, Plumbing certificate)
 - If the certificate leads to the associate degree. (Ex. Automotive Chassis certificate + Automotive Technology degree)
 - If the two certificates are directly related. (Ex. Construction Technology certificate and Electrician Technology certificate)

Learn More!



Kennebec Valley
Community College

Northern Maine
Community College

Southern Maine
Community College

Washington County
Community College

Central Maine
Community College

Eastern Maine
Community College

York County
Community College

<https://www.mccs.me.edu/free-community-college-resources/>

Maine Community College System

Articulation Agreements

There are now more than 180 formal articulation agreements that allow MCCS students to transfer into UMS and have all their Maine community college credits count.

https://mcusercontent.com/a3122987508ffaf625735810e/files/96b79f47-1631-ef39-f51f-fc0f8b9c892a/Maine_Public_Higher_Education_Systems_Coordinating_Final_2024.pdf



Examples of recent articulation agreements include:

- EMCC students who complete an AS degree in building construction can enroll in the construction engineering technology bachelor's degree program at the Univ. of Maine.
- KVCC early childhood education students can now transfer seamlessly into UMA's early childhood and early elementary programs.
- CMCC AS degree recipients in computer technology and cybersecurity can complete a bachelor's in computer sciences administration through the UMFK
- WCCC outdoor leadership students can transfer to the UM Machias to earn a bachelor's degree in recreation and tourism management.



Maine Community College System

Filter by College: All Colleges		Search: <input type="text"/>		Show 10 entries
Title	College	Location	Start Date	Info
+ 3D Printing EDU	KVCC	Online	02/16/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ 3D Printing Part 2	KVCC	Online	03/22/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ BLS CPR Healthcare Provider	KVCC	Main Campus-Fairfield	04/17/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ BLS CPR Healthcare Provider	KVCC	Main Campus-Fairfield	03/15/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ CDL Class A	WCCC		03/02/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ CDLClassBSchooBusDriverAcademy	WCCC	Off Campus	02/26/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ Cultural Competency	KVCC	Online	02/26/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ Dental Assistant Training (Spring)	YCCC	YCCC Wells Campus	03/25/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ Emergency Medical Technician (Spr)	YCCC	YCCC Wells Campus	02/26/2024	Inquire about this Course
+ EPA 608 Refrigerant Certification	KVCC	Main Campus-Fairfield	03/16/2024	Inquire about this Course
Showing 1 to 10 of 13 entries				Previous 1 2 Next
Last updated: 02/14/2024				

<https://www.mccs.me.edu/workforce-training/for-trainees/non-credit-courses/>



Thomas College

- Rolling Admissions
 - August 1st Deadline
 - Financial Aid is still available
 - Housing
- Transferring
 - Transfer credit friendly
 - Financial Aid
- Scholarships
 - More opportunities
- Support on Campus
 - Help with On Boarding
 - Student Success, TRIO, JMG

Abby Dooley

Director of Admissions

Abby.dooley@thomas.edu





Supports to Help in Transition

Kate Walsh

Kevit@Maine.edu

207-949-6501 cell

Advisor, Maine Educational Opportunity Center



- MEOC Advisors coordinate efforts to provide information and assistance in completing college admission and financial aid forms.
- MEOC advisors can assess academic readiness, provide career counseling, and refer individuals to community resources.

Session Schedule

If you are interested in registering for an MEOC session, simply click on a link below and follow the instructions on the following page. If there is not a time that works for you, please contact one of our MEOC advisors directly. [Click here for advisor contact information.](#)

Session Title	Date	Time	Site	Advisor
College Financial Aid and Student Loans	05/22/2024	10:00 AM	Katahdin Region Higher Education Center	Melissa Ivey
Essentials of College Planning	05/22/2024	11:00 AM	Katahdin Region Higher Education Center	Melissa Ivey
Essentials of College Planning	05/22/2024	1:00 PM	Katahdin Region Higher Education Center	Melissa Ivey
Drop-In Hours	05/22/2024	12:00 PM	Virtual Workshop	Suzanne Graves-Hall
Essentials of College Planning	05/23/2024	12:00 PM	Penquis Higher Education Center	Kate Walsh
Drop-In Hours	05/23/2024	2:00 PM	Penquis Higher Education Center	Kate Walsh
Drop-In Hours	05/23/2024	9:00 AM	Houlton Higher	Melissa

MEOC Session Descriptions

To register for a MEOC Session, call 1-800-281-3703.

Essentials of College Planning

This session introduces people to educational opportunities in general and MEOC services in particular. This interactive meeting touches on the four steps in the college process: admissions, financial aid, career and study skills. The admission section reviews college options, the college search process and the application structure. The fundamentals of financial aid, including the filing process and the applications are covered in detail. Career options and counseling are introduced. Effective transitions into college, college readiness and study skills are discussed. The participant receives 101 The Essentials of College Planning Workbook, The Post Secondary Guide to Education in Maine, The Student Guide, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Career Exploration

Participants will learn steps to exploring careers and making decisions about new careers. Participants will have an opportunity to complete self-assessment interest inventories. Building upon the assessment results, a counselor will aid the participants in evaluating careers which best fit their interest, skills and job values. Additional topics include: attending college vs. alternative training; discussion of past employment and ideas for future career trends.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Session will provide an overview of financial basics and the completion of the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Discussion will include a review of the federal, state, school-based, and private funding sources. Upon completion of this session the student will be able to effectively access the funding they need to complete their college degree. An emphasis will be placed on student responsibility and an understanding of the full financial process and



Community Resources



WORKFORCE

As the statewide leader in workforce development, our direct services support and sustain business and workforce growth. At EMDC, our Workforce Team offers individualized services and training to people and employers, helping them identify goals and create a plan for their future. We provide support each step of the way, including in follow up. By working with employers and education partners to create training tailored to Maine's growing industries, we keep our workforce in Maine and help local businesses build a skilled workforce.

Our workforce services are provided to people and businesses in Androscoggin, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington Counties through partnerships with the **Central Western Maine Workforce Development Board** and **Northeastern Workforce Development Board**.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

People Pursuing Education/Careers

If you're looking to get back into the workplace, further your education, or change career paths, we can help you find meaningful employment at no cost to you. Contact us: Workforce@emdc.org.

Businesses Investing In Workforce

Invest in your business and employees by working with EMDC to hire, train, and retain a skilled workforce. We help you find the right fit through On-the-Job Training and Work Experience programs. Contact us: Workforce@emdc.org.

<https://www.emdc.org/connect/contact-us/>

Maine Apprenticeship Program

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What is Registered Apprenticeship?



- Industry/ Business Led
- Paid Job
- Structured On-the-Job Learning and Mentorship
- Supplemental Education
- Diversity
- Quality and Safety
- Credentials



Why Registered Apprenticeship?

Benefits for Employers

- Improved recruiting
- More diverse workforce
- High productivity and few accidents
- Connection to training funds
- Customized to meet employer needs
- Formalized approach that enhances existing business practices

90% of apprentices who complete their program are still working with their employer after one year.

Registered Apprenticeships in...



Healthcare



Cybersecurity



Biotechnology



Transportation



Construction



Energy



Hospitality



Financial
Services



Information
Technology



Advanced
Manufacturing



Critical
Supply Chain



Infrastructure



Engineering



Telecomm-
unications



Schedule of Work Example

OCCUPATION: Personal Banker II

APPRENTICE TO JOURNEY WORKER RATIO: 1:1

(A numeric ratio of Apprentices to Journey workers will be consistent with proper supervision, training, safety, and continuity of employment throughout the apprenticeship, with the ratio of Apprentices to Journey workers being one (1) Apprentice to one (1) Journey worker whenever possible).

SOC: 43-3071.00

TERM: 2,000 hours

TYPE OF APPRENTICESHIP: Competency-based

RTI Hours: 144 hours

SKILLS TO BE LEARNED ON THE JOB		Method of Evaluation: Observation Demonstration Verbalization	Proficient As of Date	Supervisor Signature
A	DEPOSITS			
	Verify and certify customer deposits			
	Place holds on checks, if necessary, under regulations			
	Learn check and endorsement standards (front/back of check)			
	Perform night deposit/OTC merchant or business deposit			
	Process foreign items (Canadian checks)			
	Make cash deposits			
B	CASH TRANSACTIONS			
	Process cash withdrawals from savings – verify proper identification and verify funds are available			
	Process change orders – prepare money			
	Perform cash advances – acquire proper identification from customer and acquire authorization from credit card company			

Who can be an Apprentice?



- Anyone **16* years or older**
 - *Employers may have different requirements (i.e. 18 or 21)
- Must have **work authorization**
- Other requirements **vary by employer** and may include:
 - Physical requirements
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Driver's license
 - Drug testing

What is Certified Pre-Apprenticeship?

- **Hands-on training** to prepare individuals to successfully enter a Registered Apprenticeship Program
- **Up to 6 months in length** (unless in high school or correctional facility)
- **Includes safety training**
- May be **paid or unpaid**



Is there funding available to employers?



- Employers are responsible for paying wages of their apprentices
- The Maine Apprenticeship Program offers:
 - **\$1,500** – New sponsors
 - **\$1,000** – Existing sponsors that register a new occupation
 - **\$500 - \$2,500** – Per apprentice to off-set classroom training costs



**MAP can connect you to
other resources!**

- WIOA Service Providers – [ACAP](#), [EMDC](#), [Workforce Solutions](#)
- [Maine Workforce Development Compact](#)
- [Maine Quality Centers](#)
- [Military Veteran GI Bill Benefits](#)
- [Competitive Skills Scholarship Program](#)
- [HOPE Program](#)
- [GO Maine](#)

Thinking about apprenticeship?

- Things that are helpful to know:
 - Occupation(s) you are interested in
 - Hiring new employees or upskilling existing employees
 - Number of positions you are looking to fill

“It’s exciting to see all of the ventures popping up within my home state, which makes me feel like I don’t have to travel far in order to find a career...”

Michael, Aquaculture Pre-Apprentice



How to begin steps to registration

Email the Maine Apprenticeship Program at
MaineApprenticeship@maine.gov

Visit us on our website at www.maine.gov/apprenticeship



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FAME FAFSA Completion Push

Summer FAFSA Completion

- ECMC is administering \$50 million in grants from DOE to get help with Maine FAFSA completion
- FAME has applied for funding for:
 - Digital Advertising
 - Postcard mailings to households that have a high school senior





FAME Resources

Financial Aid Coaching

Are you a Mainer looking for help with the FAFSA, general financial aid or loan questions, or help preparing for college? If so, schedule a one-on-one appointment for virtual assistance.

Select the appointment that best fits your needs.

✉ education@famemaine.com

🌐 www.famemaine.com

Pick a date and time

Duration: 45 minutes

Your time zone: United States; Eastern time (GMT-4:00) [DST] [\(Change\)](#)

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Available starting times for Mon, May 20, 2024

AM	PM
9:00 AM	12:00 PM
9:30 AM	12:30 PM
10:00 AM	1:00 PM
10:30 AM	1:30 PM
11:00 AM	2:00 PM
11:30 AM	2:30 PM
	3:00 PM
	3:15 PM
	3:30 PM
	4:00 PM
	6:00 PM
	6:30 PM
	7:00 PM



TRANSITION TO COLLEGE CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to help students be ready to go on the first day of school. Each school is different, but the tasks below are common at most schools. Not every item is required of every student (and some schools may have additional items). Contact the school with student-specific questions.

Review the following items carefully:

- ☐ Activate and check your school email account regularly. Most schools use that email address as the primary means of communication once you are accepted.
- ☐ Log in to your school's student portal and become familiar with the information provided there. Write down all usernames and passwords.
- ☐ Check "to-do lists" in the student portal. Do this regularly.
- ☐ Complete any remaining financial aid or verification paperwork.
- ☐ If borrowing a Federal Direct Student Loan, complete Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling at StudentAid.gov. You will need your FSA ID — the user name and password used to access all Federal Student Aid websites.
- ☐ Review the paper bill and/or view bill on the student portal.
- ☐ When is the first bill due? _____
- ☐ What is the plan to pay the bill balance [gap]? _____
- ☐ Report outside scholarships to the financial aid office — discuss impact on financial aid, if any.
- ☐ Understand the school's FERPA policy, which protects student privacy and restricts the sharing of information (including with parents in most cases). Complete a FERPA release, if appropriate.
- ☐ Attend orientation. (Check with your school to see if it is being offered virtually, in-person, or both.) Check your email daily for important information leading up to orientation.
- ☐ Complete placement testing, if required.
- ☐ Submit room and board-related form and deposit.
- ☐ Submit final high school transcript to school.
- ☐ Submit any early college transcripts from the colleges you attended, if applicable.
- ☐ Submit AP (Advanced Placement) scores, if applicable.
- ☐ Register for classes and/or connect with academic advisor.
- ☐ Plan to purchase books (allot at least \$500 per semester).
- ☐ Get any needed immunizations and submit documentation.
- ☐ If health insurance is listed on your bill, follow up to waive the insurance if you have your own insurance.
- ☐ Connect with roommate(s) and coordinate living space needs.
- ☐ Obtain parking permit, if applicable.
- ☐ Plan for additional expenses — incidentals, travel, etc.
- ☐ Make a transportation plan to get to college. First day: _____

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE

Get help from FAME: FAMEmaine.com, Education@FAMEmaine.com or 800-228-3734

PO Box 949, 5 Commonwealth Drive, Augusta, ME 04332-0949 ■ 207-623-0949 or 1-800-228-3734 ■ Fax: 207-623-0075 ■ TTY: 207-626-2717

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<https://go.oncehub.com/FinancialAidCoaching>

<https://www.famemaine.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Transition-to-College-Checklist.pdf>



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