

Washtenaw Community College

An information session for anyone interested in learning more about the Michigan Reconnect program and joining Washtenaw Community College







What we will cover:

- Who is eligible?
- What is it?
- Where can I use it?
- Why should I go to WCC?
- When can I start?
- How do I get started?





Quick Fact:

53.4% of Michiganders 25 years and older have a high school diploma or some college as their highest level of education.

Source: 2018 US Census Bureau: Michigan Statistics

College: A Worthy Investment

AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE PAYS THE BEST INTEREST.

- Benjamin Franklin







WHO

To qualify for Michigan Reconnect, you must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)







WHAT

What does Michigan Reconnect pay for?

- In-District Tuition 100% (must be a program eligible for federal aid)
- Technology Fee (fee charged to all students per semester or per hour)
- · Contact Hours (extra charges for certain courses and programs)



What do you need to be aware of?

You will need to pay for textbooks and other course materials, and fees not charged to all students *think fitness center, lab fees and course-specific fees, etc. ReConnect is also a last-dollar program.





WHERE

Where should you go to school?

You should select a community college in Michigan.

It does not need to be the community college in your district, but this scholarship will only pay for the in-district tuition amount. You will be responsible for the difference.



Delivery Mode (1 Credit)	In-District	Out-of-District (MI)
Face-to-Face	\$95	\$164
Distance Learning	\$108	\$117





WHY

Why choose Washtenaw?









Excellent Quality

From award-winning courses to national scholarship recipients, WCC and its students are proof that we provide a university-quality education at an affordable price. Washtenaw is known for its renowned student scholars and graduates, as well as its award-winning faculty.

- •Ranked #1 Community College in Michigan by Niche
- •Ranked #1 Community College in Michigan by schools.com
- •Ranked among the **Top 10 Best Online Colleges** in Michigan by Best Value Schools
- •Ranked among the 50 Best Community Colleges in the country by AC Online





A sample of **Excellence in Action** at Washtenaw Community College...

WCC students have been selected for the NASA 2020 Community College Aerospace Scholar (NCAS) Program

Designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the U.S. NSA and DHS

Designated as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing

The Washtenaw Voice won 19 individual and group awards from the Michigan Community College Press Association

WCC students have won the coveted Jack Kent Cooke
Undergraduate Transfer
Scholarship for three years running





WHY



Affordable

- WCC's tuition is among the <u>lowest tuition</u> in the U.S.
- You can get help paying for college with <u>financial aid</u> <u>options</u> such as <u>scholarships</u>, <u>grants</u>, <u>loans</u>, <u>work-study</u>, <u>military</u> <u>educational benefits</u>,
- You can even get grants for unexpected emergencies

Mission-Driven

Our college strives to make a positive difference in people's lives through accessible and excellent educational programs and services.

- We provide a caring, open-door teaching and learning environment.
- We provide excellent teaching, counseling, and support services.
- We reach out to people who have limited income or other barriers to success.
- We enable people to progress in their academic and career pursuits.
- We work in partnership with the communities we serve.





Convenience

Virtual Classroom

Online

Mixed Mode Labs

Face-to-Face



Jalen Craig, WCC Student

"WCC's online learning has allowed me to have complete flexibility in my life. I can still set up personal times to meet with my instructors based on what works best for our schedules, and I can learn on the go as need be. I chose the online learning environment to create school/life balance and taking classes at WCC has made that possible."





WHEN

When should you start?



There is no time like the present. However, there are a couple of signs to be aware of that mean it is time for you to pursue and/or finish your education.

- You know what you want.
- You know how you can pay for school.

Upcoming Washtenaw Community College Start Dates:

Summer I: May 10 Summer II: May 24

Fall I: August 30





How do you get started?

Apply to WCC

+ Apply for Federal Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid



www.fafsa.gov

WCC school code: 002328





Be sure to submit FAFSA for the correct start term!

Which FAFSA?

Taking classes	Complete FAFSA
Winter 2021 Summer 2021	2020/2021 FAFSA
Fall 2021 Winter 2022 Summer 2022	2021/2022 FAFSA



FAFSA Completion Options



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW) *Available in Spanish!



myStudentAid mobile app



Paper of PDF FAFSA *Available in Spanish!



FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP)



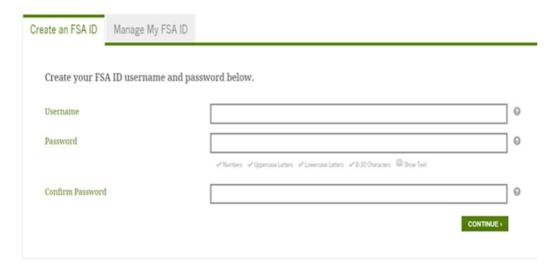
FAAAccess to CPS Online



FSA ID and Password

This information is used to:

- •Electronically sign the FAFSA®
- •Import tax information using the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)
- Make online corrections to the FAFSA®
- Complete online entrance or exit counseling
- •Electronically sign a master promissory note
- •Estimate student loan payments using the Repayment Estimator







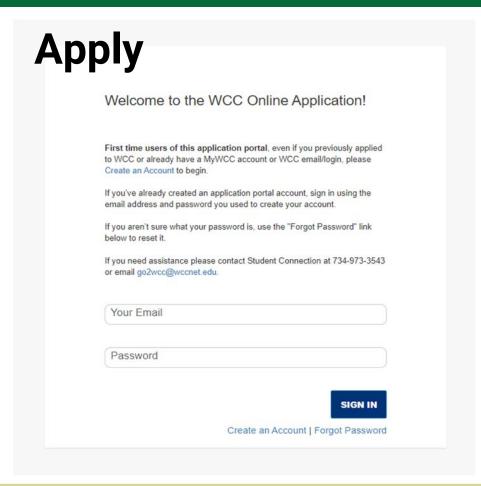
IRS Data Retrieval Tool



Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA 😯		
The tax information provided above will populate the answers to the appropriate FAFSA question	s. Transfer Now	0
After the FAFSA is populated your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA. Check this box if you are choosing to transfer your information.		,
Do Not Transfer My Tax Information and Return to the FAFSA 🕡		
By clicking the "Do Not Transfer" button, you are choosing not to transfer your tax information electronically. Your IRS session will end and you will return to your FAFSA.	Do Not Transfer	0
You may still use this tax information to input the data into your FAFSA.		



New student enrollment process at WCC



- Submit your application online anytime.
- Applying is free and only takes about ten minutes to complete.
- Use your personal email address for login to the application account.
- The application will allow you to upload your high school transcript or your unofficial college transcripts if applicable, and other application materials.
- You will receive an email with your WCC Student ID number in your 'Welcome to WCC email.'





Enrollment process at WCC

Check My Checklist – Satisfy your application checklist Items so you can be ready to register!

• <u>Academic Levels & Placement</u>: If you have a Placement/Entry Assessment checklist item, you can satisfy it in a variety of ways.

Complete Orientation and meet with an advisor, then you're ready to register for classes!





MOST IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS:

- 1. APPLY TO WCC
- 1. APPLY FOR FAFSA
- 1. APPLY FOR RECONNECT







Not sure where to go for help with your application, registration or your student account?

The **Student Welcome Center** is the information hub to answer all your questions.



Drop Into Our Virtual Lobby



Email info@wccnet.edu



Chat With Us



Call <u>734-973-3543</u>

Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.





Thanks! Any questions?

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