

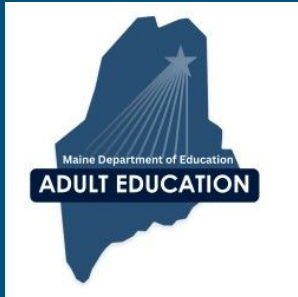


Curious About College



And The Multilingual Learner's Experience





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Learning Goals

1. Learn of a promising best practice to guide multilingual students as they are considering post secondary options through the MCCS.
2. Examine the impact of attending college too soon with an emphasis on multilingual learners (MFL, remedial classes, etc...)
3. Identify partnerships to best support community learners.

Three Things Happened At The Same Time

Maine Free College

The state of Maine created an opportunity for all high school or HiSET graduates.

High School Graduates

The State of Maine had a large number of multilingual learners graduate from Maine high schools.

Adult Learners

The State of Maine had a large number of multilingual learners enter into adult education programs to earn their American high school diploma or high school equivalency (HiSET).

Are You Student Ready?

Understanding MLL High School Graduates

- Student has earned a high school diploma.
 - Based on credits earned in the student's home country.
 - Based on credits earned in the American high school.
- GPA may be based on an inclusive classroom (ESOL).
- GPA may place student in college-level courses.
- High school has said the student is ready for college by graduating them.
- College has said the student is ready for college by accepting them.
- Tremendous amount of value is placed on education by the student's family.

Understanding Multilingual Adult Learners

- Student has earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency.
- Tremendous amount of value is placed on higher education by the learner.
- Higher education =
 - Increased professional opportunities.
 - Increased income.
 - Ability to financially support self and family.
- Learner's academic English will either be college-ready or very close to college-ready.

Empower Students To Make Informed Decisions

Why?


- American college system is different than international college systems.
- Multilingual learners deserve to have all the facts about their Maine Free College Scholarship including:
 - Costs associated if learner starts with remedial classes.
 - Implications if a learner is placed too high according to multiple measures.
 - What can happen if learner runs out of time.
 - Benefits of working with adult education program and starting later (if possible).
- Multilingual learners deserve the opportunity to complete their college degree. Just like everyone else.



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*Making explicit what is implicit in
American educational systems*





Learning Goals



- 1. Explore what it means to be college ready*
 - 2. Conclude the best timing for me to enter into the MCCS*
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Reading and Writing



Listening And Notetaking



Math, Math and More Math



Time Management



Ask An Expert



What Is Free About Free College?



Highlighting



ENROLL

in an certificate or
associate degree
program during the
following timeframes:

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

Connecting Learners To Resources

- Adult Education's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Programs
- Adult Education's Maine College and Career Access (MCCA) Programs
- New Mainers Resource Center (NMRC)
- MJRP College and Career Success Coordinators (one at each campus)
- Scholarships designed for Maine Immigrants
- Lisa Gorman Language Center

Questions

Resources

- [Curious About College Materials](#)
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