



Mission Statement

Middlesex Community College is a progressive and dynamic learning community, committed to providing educational programs and services that support personal growth and economic opportunity for its diverse student population. Dedicated to student success, the College provides excellence in teaching, personal attention, and extensive opportunities for exploration and growth. Closely linked to the fabric of the community, Middlesex partnerships with school, business and service organizations provide leadership in economic and community development and foster a culture of civic engagement and responsive workforce development. The College's state-of-the-art programs in the liberal arts, basic skills, and more than 50 career and technical fields respond to student and community needs, providing a strong foundation for college transfer, employment, professional development and lifelong learning.



Message from the President

The Smart Choice

Chances are if you're reading this you are already thinking about taking college courses. And, you probably already know that a college education statistically increases your chances of getting a better paying job and getting ahead. Deciding where to go to college, however, is a choice that should not be left to chance.

As the largest community college in Massachusetts, Middlesex offers a choice of 76 degree and certificate programs -- including the only Radio Frequency Identification Technology Technician Program in New England, a new Energy Utility Technology Program offered in collaboration with National Grid and a new, online Criminal Justice Program. Additionally, if you decide to come to MCC, I can promise you that you will become part of a nurturing college community totally focused on your success.

So, before you choose a college or future career path, I encourage you to visit a Middlesex campus, in Bedford or Lowell, and make an appointment with one of our highly trained academic counselors. Chances are that you'll be glad you did.

Carole A. Cowan
President



Introduction to the College



Founded in 1970, Middlesex Community College has grown to become the largest community college in Massachusetts, with two distinct campuses, one in suburban Bedford and the other in the center of the city of Lowell. MCC has a total annual enrollment of more than 11,000 credit students and 8,000 noncredit students.



The Bedford campus is situated on 200 acres located off Springs Road, close to Route 3. Set on handsomely landscaped grounds that border the town of Billerica, the campus incorporates 11 buildings that house classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Bedford Campus Library, the Medical Education Imaging Center and the MCC Concert Hall. A bookstore, cafeteria, student lounge and fitness center are located in the Bedford Campus Center.

Just off the Bedford campus on Concord Road, the Middlesex Community College Foundation funded the renovation of a historic saltbox-style farmhouse. Called The Middlesex Meetinghouse, it is used primarily for college, corporate and community gatherings.



Our Lowell campus is situated on the riverfront at Kearney Square, in the heart of the city. It includes the five-story City Building, with classrooms, offices and the cafeteria. The

recently restored Federal Building, located across Merrimack Street, houses the Lowell Campus Library, as well as additional classrooms, a vaulted and sky-lighted visual arts room, and conference areas. Across the bridge from the City Building on Merrimack Street is the MCC Theatre, a flexible, 90-seat performance space where the MCC Theatre Company stages productions.



The Lowell campus is also the home of MCC's Health, Science & Technology Center, located on nearby Middle Street. It includes the Middlesex Dental Hygiene Clinic, classrooms, laboratories and the Nursing Learning Center.



The college also maintains the historic John Nesmith House, located on Andover Street in Lowell, which is supported by the MCC Foundation. It houses the Lester J. Grant Center for Economic Development and the Elkin B. McCallum Center for International Studies.

For detailed information regarding corporate and community use of college classrooms, conference rooms and historic properties, call 781-280-3541 for the Bedford campus and 978-656-3106 for the Lowell campus.



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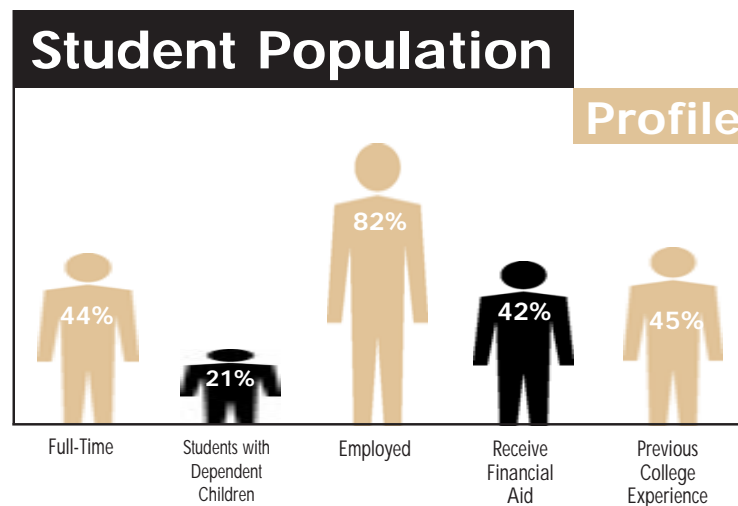
Middlesex Community College is committed to providing many options to higher education. With 50 associate degree programs and 26 certificate programs, as well as many short-term, highly focused programs in selected career fields, our students can take classes during the day, evening, on weekends, and online. MCC students can now complete selected bachelor's degree programs at the college offered in conjunction with Massachusetts state colleges.

More than 2,000 Middlesex students take courses online. Through *Middlesex Interactive*, the college's comprehensive online learning network, a rapidly expanding roster of online and distance education courses are offered throughout the year.

The student population at Middlesex ranges from recent high school graduates to adults returning to school. Whether attending full time or part time, our students can enroll in academic degree or certificate programs, prepare to transfer for a bachelor's degree, enter the job market, or take courses for credit toward professional certification and career advancement. MCC also has an extensive array of noncredit courses offering personal and professional-development opportunities. Middlesex is strongly committed to promoting student involvement in learning and to providing the academic support that gives our students the ability to succeed.

Recent demographic studies show that 44 percent of MCC students attend full time, 21 percent have dependent children, 82 percent are employed, 42 percent receive financial aid, and 45 percent have had prior college experience. Survey data and follow-up studies of MCC graduates within one year of graduation indicate that 97 percent were either pursuing further higher education or were employed in a field related to their training at MCC.

Beyond its academic functions, Middlesex stays attuned and responsive to all its varied constituencies through outreach programs and partnerships with schools, businesses, and professional and cultural organizations.





Getting Started at Middlesex Community College

1. Apply for Admission to the College – (see page 147 for complete Admission information).

- Select the Prospective Student link on our website at www.middlesex.mass.edu or call 1-800-818-3434 to request an application.
- Make an appointment to see an academic counselor in the Academic Planning Center to talk about your goals and possible major program of study – (see page 150 for academic planning information).
- Once we receive your application, we will send you an admission letter and some forms that you will need to return to us.
- Apply for Financial Aid – (see page 155 for Financial Aid information).

2. Schedule your College Placement Test Appointment

- Log on to www.middlesex.mass.edu or call 1-800-818-3434 (see page 149 for testing information).
- You may not have to take the test if you have previously completed college-level coursework in English and mathematics.

3. Register for Classes

• Admitted Students Enrolling in Day Classes:

Make an appointment to attend a Getting Started Academic Advising and Registration session at www.middlesex.mass.edu or by calling 1-800-818-3434.

• Five Easy Ways to Register for Evening and Weekend Classes:

Web log on to www.middlesex.mass.edu and click on MiddleNet, our online enrollment link

Phone call 1-800-818-3434 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday (out of state call 978-656-3370)

Fax a completed registration form to 978-656-3443

Mail your completed registration form to MCC Enrollment Communications & Support, 33 Kearney Square, Lowell, MA 01852-1987

Walk-in Bedford campus: Student Information Center in the Enrollment Center, Room 118
Lowell campus: Student Information Center in the City Building, 33 Kearney Square, Ground Floor

4. Take Care of Business

- Make arrangements to pay your tuition and fees – (see page 153 for Cost of Attendance information).
- Ways to pay your bill include: the MCC payment plan, check, credit card or financial aid.