

You can take college classes while still in high school and earn college credit **free** of charge. How?

Through a program called **Career Advantage** at **DMACC**. You can earn credit from high school and college at the same time.

WHAT IS CAREER ADVANTAGE?

CAREER ADVANTAGE IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DMACC AND 68 CENTRAL IOWA SCHOOL DISTRICTS. IT GIVES YOU A WAY TO:

- » Explore career options.
- » Earn DMACC college credit before leaving high school.
- » Get an early start on college or your career.
- » Gain hands-on experience that can lead directly to a degree, diploma, certification, apprenticeship ... or a job.
- » Save time and money.
- » Take college-level courses: career and technical or academic.



**BEST OF ALL,
YOU PAY NOTHING
TO ENROLL!**

**FUN
FACT**

DMACC Career Advantage students save on average

\$1,800

per year in tuition.

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17,000

high school students earn college credit through DMACC Career Advantage each year.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

YOU CAN EARN DMACC CREDIT THROUGH THE CAREER ADVANTAGE PROGRAM IN 3 WAYS:

1. **AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL**—Take select courses in your high school during your regular school schedule, taught by certified high school instructors.
2. **AT DMACC**—Take an individual course or a Career Academy program onsite at one of our 12 campuses and learning centers. DMACC faculty teach these classes.
3. **ONLINE**—Through the Online Career Academy (OLCA), take college-level classes online, taught by DMACC faculty.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- » Meet proficiency requirements, shown by standardized test scores or an alternative proficiency measure approved by the Iowa Department of Education and your school district's Board of Education.
- » Meet all DMACC prerequisite requirements, including placement test scores and/or course prerequisites.
- » Be in 9th–12th grade in high school.

Check with your school counselor to confirm your eligibility!

HOW WILL DMACC HELP ME SUCCEED?

A DMACC CAREER ADVANTAGE ADVISOR ASSIGNED TO YOUR SCHOOL WILL HELP YOU:

- » Choose an education or career pathway.
- » Select and register for courses.
- » Connect to any needed resources.
- » Plan your future after high school.

YOU ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO DMACC'S:

- » Academic Achievement Centers and tutors
- » Library services
- » Honors program
- » Clubs, activities and more!

FUN FACT Last Year **106** earned a DMACC Associate's Degree while graduating from high school.
STUDENTS

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

THESE ARE OFFICIAL DMACC COURSES, TAUGHT USING HIGH-QUALITY STANDARDS AND COLLEGE-LEVEL TEXTBOOKS.

- » Academic work is at the college level. Expect rigorous standards and a greater time commitment for work outside of class.
- » These courses create an official, permanent DMACC transcript, letter grade and GPA.
- » Students must maintain a minimum GPA and course completion rate at DMACC. Failure to do so could affect your future financial aid eligibility.

FUN FACT DMACC was the **1st** community college in Iowa to become NACEP (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships) certified, ensuring both quality and excellence in this program.

HOW CAN I USE MY DMACC CREDITS?

USE YOUR DMACC CREDITS TO:

- » Complete a certificate or diploma in such programs as CNA, construction or welding.
- » Transfer individual courses to a college or university of your choice.
- » Earn a "transfer friendly" Associate of Art (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree from DMACC and continue your education at a four-year college or university.



HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Contact your school counselor for more information about eligibility and course options available at your high school. Or contact the DMACC Career Advantage Advisor assigned to your high school by visiting **CAREERADVANTAGE.DMACC.EDU** and clicking on the “Classes At Your School” button.

FUN FACT

DMACC Career Advantage has been in place for

20 YEARS

and is one of the largest such programs in the country!



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