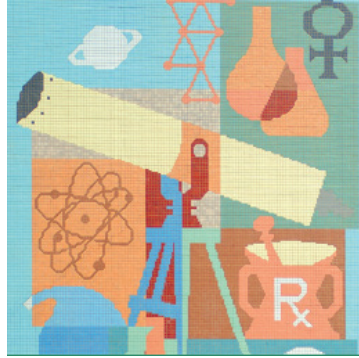


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Orientation Checklist


Familiarize yourself with the degree plan for your major. Each academic major has a degree plan that outlines the courses you'll need to take in order to earn that degree. You will create your class schedule each semester around this required coursework. Take some time to view your degree plan and to think about the courses you would like to take during your first semester. There's a lot to take care of before you start your first semester at Meridian Community College, we are providing you with a checklist of items to do before, during and after orientation.

Before you come to orientation, you can:

- Contact Admissions if you want to change your major. If you have changed your mind about what you want to major in since you applied for admission, contact Admissions to communicate your new major.
- Complete your campus housing application. Campus housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and MCC will not assign housing to students until an application is filed and the processing fee is paid. We are usually full during the fall term, so it is advised that you have your deposit and application in before June.
- Submit any AP, IB, CLEP or college credit to Admissions. If you have earned college credit from a source outside of Meridian Community College, you must submit proof of that credit to Admissions so that it can be applied toward your degree. If you have earned college credit through dual enrollment at another college or university, you must request official transcripts be sent to Admissions.

Complete your application for Admissions.

Submit all official transcripts from high school/GED.



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General Admissions

- ✓ Complete an MCC admissions application
- ✓ Submit official high school or GED transcript
- ✓ Submit ACT scores or Accuplacer scores
- ✓ Submit a housing application with \$100 deposit (if applicable)
- ✓ Submit a completed Tuition Guarantee contract (for Lauderdale County seniors only)

Transfer Admissions

- ✓ Complete an MCC admissions application
- ✓ Submit official high school or GED transcript
- ✓ Submit official transcripts from prior colleges
- ✓ Submit ACT scores or Accuplacer scores
- ✓ Submit a housing application with \$100 deposit (if applicable)

Dual Credit/Enrollment and Early Admit Program Admissions

- ✓ Complete an MCC admissions application
- ✓ Complete a Dual Credit/Enrollment recommendation form*
- ✓ Submit an official partial high school transcript
- ✓ Submit ACT scores or Accuplacer scores
- ✓ Received an unconditional written recommendation from a principal or counselor as part of the completion of the Dual Credit/Enrollment form

*Academic Dual-credit students must have completed 14 core high school units and have a 3.0 GPA. Career and Technical Dual-credit students must have completed 14 units and also must complete a successful interview with the CTE program instructor.

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While you're at orientation, you can:

- Commuter students: get your student ID made. Having that ID made makes it official: you're a member of Eagle Nation! And don't lose it - you'll need it literally every day.
- Talk with staff in the Office of Financial Aid. Financial Aid counselors will be available during orientation activities to speak with you individually about your financial aid. (A veterans benefits coordinator will also be on site.)
- Create your class schedule. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the degree plan for your major before you come to orientation so that you have a clearer idea of what you'll need to take during your first semester at MCC. Your academic adviser will help you finalize a class schedule during orientation.
- Pick up #MCCeagleNation gear in the Eagle's Nest Bookstore, which carries everything from MCC shirt and athletic gear to electronic accessories and school supplies!
- Get lots of other questions answered. There will be a variety of sessions during orientation that cover many topics first-time students and parents have about MCC. Student orientation leaders, staff members, and faculty will gladly answer any questions you have and address your concerns. We understand that there is a lot of information to process, and we want to help you in any way that we can!

After orientation, you can:

Send final transcripts to Admissions. Recently graduated high school seniors should send a final official transcript that reflects all grades earned during senior year and date of graduation. New transfer students should send a final official transcript (with no work in progress) from the last community/junior college or university attended.

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What is Eagle Nation Registration?

Eagle Nation registration is for all new degree-seeking students at MCC. You'll meet with an academic adviser to create your class schedule, in addition to learning other essential information about becoming a student at MCC.

Is registration mandatory?

Yes. Registration is mandatory for all new degree-seeking students at MCC. You must attend an registration session in order to register for classes. If you cannot attend registration due to an extenuating circumstance, please contact the Office of Recruiting (recruiting@meridiancc.edu) as soon as possible.

How long will registration last?

Registration is a one-day event, and families should plan to be on campus through the morning. Students should plan to be on campus for approximately three hours after their check-in time.

Will I meet with an academic adviser during orientation?

Due to the large group of students participating in each registration event, the primary focus during registration is to create your class schedule for the upcoming semester. You may be advised as a part of a group or one-on-one; experiences vary by division and major. However, please be reassured that as you continue here at MCC, you will have many opportunities to receive individual attention from faculty in your academic department and obtain advice and guidance on your academics and career plans.

What if I haven't been admitted yet to MCC? Can I still attend registration?

While you can certainly register to attend registration and reserve your spot, you need to be admitted to MCC prior to attending registration. The Office of Admissions can assist you with getting admitted to MCC prior to your registration session. Students who are not admitted on the day of their scheduled registration will not be allowed to fully participate or register for classes.

What if I can't attend any of the scheduled registration sessions?

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled orientation sessions, please contact the Office of Recruiting (recruiting@meridiancc.edu) as soon as possible for guidance and instructions. Please note that students can only be excused from registration due to an extenuating circumstance.

I have been readmitted to MCC or am seeking my second degree. Do I have to attend registration?

No. The Office of Admissions and Office of Advising will instruct you on advisement and registration and you can register for courses once you are admitted to MCC.

I will be an online student. Do I have to attend orientation?

If you plan to be a fully online student, you do not have to attend in-person registration. However, you should plan to participate in online orientation and contact the Office of Admissions at 601-483-8241 for guidance on advisement and registration for classes.

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Is it possible to change my registration date?

You may change your registration date provided that another session is still available. Contact the Office of Student Recruiting and Campus Life at recruiting@meridiancc.edu or 601-553-3440 for assistance in changing your registration date, as you are not able to change your registration date online.

I have a disability. What accommodations can be made for me at registration?

If special assistance or auxiliary aids are needed to accommodate a disability, please contact Office of Student Recruiting and Campus Life at 601-553-3440 or recruiting@meridiancc.edu to discuss accommodations at least one week prior to your session.

I have difficulty walking long distances. Will I be able to fully participate in registration?

Yes. Please contact the Office of Student Recruiting and Campus Life at 601-553-3440 or recruiting@meridiancc.edu to discuss accommodations at least one week prior to orientation in order to ensure full participation with no inconvenience.

My parents can't come with me to registration. Can I bring a friend?

You should only bring a friend or other family member in place of your parents so long as they plan on participating in parent activities during orientation (while you are engaged in student activities). If a friend attends with you, s/he would be expected to attend parent/family activities during orientation. Please also note any parents, family members and friends accompanying you will not be allowed to participate in student activities

during orientation. NOTE: We cannot allow children to attend registration sessions. Please make accommodations and plan accordingly.

My friend and I are signed up for the same registration session. Can we be in the same group?

Each student is assigned to a small group so that you will meet new faces and make new friends. It's in your best interest to stay with the small group that you are placed in at check-in to be sure you end up in the correct advisement group. Don't worry – you'll have plenty of opportunities to see your friend again throughout the event.

I want to change my major. Can I do that at registration?

You are strongly encouraged to notify us that you want to change your major before registration. You can change your major by contacting the Office of Admissions at 601-483-8241.

What can I expect during my academic advisement session?

You will receive individual attention from a faculty or staff member in your major area of study. Academic advisement will prepare you to choose courses and to create a class schedule that fits into your academic plan at MCC.

Can my parents go with me to academic advisement?

Registration is meant to be an independent experience for students. It's important that you understand the requirements of your academic major since your success is ultimately up to you. For that reason, you'll go to your

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academic advisement session on your own. Your parents will have opportunities to have any questions about your academics answered during other activities.

Will I be able to meet with Financial Aid during registration?

Yes. Representatives from Financial Aid will be available to answer individual questions at each session.

When will I be notified of my housing assignment?

Students generally receive their housing assignments in July prior to the start of the fall semester. You should not assume that you will find out your housing assignment at registration. If you have any questions or concerns about your housing assignment, you will have an opportunity to speak with representatives from Residence Life during your orientation session. For further information and details about your housing assignment, please contact Residence Life coordinator Calvin Bennett at cbennett@meridiancc.edu