

# The College Admissions Process

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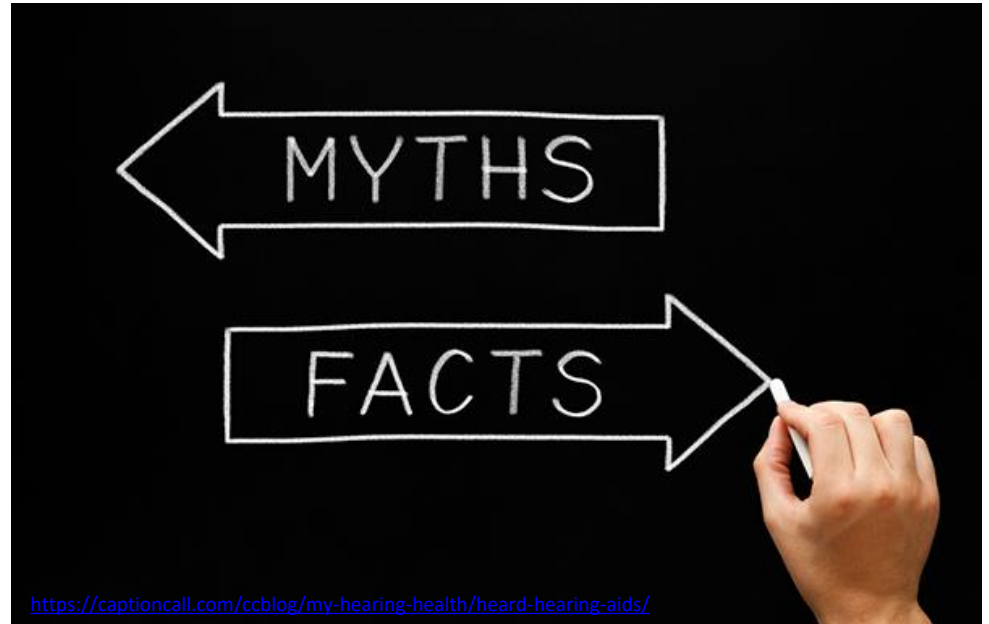


PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## What Have You Heard About Community Colleges?

- It's the 13<sup>th</sup> grade
- Lower quality education
- Easier than the 4 year schools
- It's only for immigrants and those who couldn't make it into a 4-year school
- It's only for those who can't afford a 4-year school





# What to Consider When Deciding on Colleges

- Programs Offered
  - Does the school offer your program of study or a way to your career choice?
- Size
  - Large university, Small University, Community college
- Location
  - Near home, Out of State
- Price
- Campus Life & Activities
- Diversity





- Less hurdles in the admissions process
- Smaller Class Sizes
  - PGCC 1:20 Faculty/ Student Ratio
  - Over 40,000 Students Served Annually
- Affordable
- Convenient Locations
  - Locations for Courses
    - Largo (Main Campus)
    - University Town Center (UTC)
    - Joint Base Andrews (AAFB/JBA)
    - Laurel College Center (LCC)
    - Oxon Hill High School
    - Westphalia Training Center
    - Skilled Trades Center
- Articulation Agreements
  - MTAP (Maryland Transfer Advantage Program)
  - Morgan Connect
- Free & affordable community services
- Good starting ground
- Dual & Concurrent Enrollment
- Academy of Health Sciences



Financial Empowerment Center  
at Prince George's Community College



- The Creating Opportunities for Academic Success and Transfer (COAST) Program offers strategic academic and student support services to students in 18 Prince George's County high schools. COAST Coordinators serve as the “in-house” Prince George's Community College representative and manages all pre-enrollment advising for general recruitment and [dual enrollment](#) at each of their schools.
- In a concerted effort to boost statewide college-readiness initiatives, COAST Coordinators engage students in meaningful and diverse workshops and activities such as scholarship and application drives, financial aid workshops, parent meetings, dual enrollment informational sessions, grade level discussions, collegiate testing support, relevant college preparation conversations, and summer bridge opportunities.
- The COAST Program is now active in 18 of the 21 Prince George's County traditional public (i.e. non-charter nor alternative) high schools. [pgcc.edu/coast/](http://pgcc.edu/coast/)
- The ongoing partnership between students and their COAST Coordinators is critical in achieving academic and personal success! Students benefit from the vast knowledge and guidance from the COAST Coordinators, along with the support of school-based staff, through individual and group meetings to discuss current and future academic and career goals.



## Program Objectives

### Dual Enrollment:

Coordinators will provide informational workshops, recruitment, application and registration support, check-ins to assist in boosting the county's dual enrollment program participation rate.

### Senior Recruitment:

Coordinators will conduct application drives, advising sessions, and PGCC campus tours to increase the number of students who attend Prince George's Community College following their senior year in high school.

### College and Career Readiness Support:

Coordinators will provide financial aid/scholarship workshops and College 101 sessions to increase student knowledge about topics to gear them towards their academic & personal success as they prepare for their college & career journey.



- 1) Trayon Brady: Largo High School and DuVal High School
- 2) Otu Obot, II: Crossland High School and Frederick Douglass High School
- 3) Kadeem Palmer: Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School and Gwynn Park High School
- 4) Chantel Walker: Charles Herbert Flowers High School
- 5) Ira Luke, III: Suitland High School and Friendly High School
- 6) Laurel Conboy: Laurel High School and Bowie High School
- 7) Peaches Crenshaw: Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- 8) Miguel Bueso: Bladensburg High School and Northwestern High School
- 9) Raymond Harrod, Jr.: Oxon Hill High School
- 10) Nicholas Reid: Surrattsville High School and Potomac High School
- 11) Jennifer Avelar: High Point High School







1. Get Admitted [www.pgcc.edu](http://www.pgcc.edu)
2. \$25 Application Fee \*Currently being waived\* (or Fee Waiver if eligible)
3. Activate Your “Owl Link” Student Account
4. Complete New Student Orientation (NSO)
5. Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA/MSFAA, etc.) and Scholarships
6. Take The Placement Test (Reference the testing website for further details)
7. Schedule an Appointment With An Advisor
8. Register For Classes
9. Pay Tuition and Fees





## ○ Clubs and Organizations

- SGA
- CSA
- Women of Wisdom
- Diverse Male Student Initiative
- Club Creation Opportunity





- Track & Field
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Baseball



- Softball
- Cheerleading





- Be mindful of deadlines
  - Some deadlines are as early as November 1st of students' senior year
- Inquire about 'fee waivers'
  - From the Collegeboard for the SAT/ACT
  - From guidance counselors
  - Free/reduced lunch students
- Make and keep copies of everything
- <http://commonapp.org>
  - One app for multiple schools as long as they're a common app partnered school
  - Student responsible for all application fees for schools



## ○ Transcripts

- All high school grades as of the time a student applies as well as a final transcript which includes senior year grades once they are available

## ○ Recommendations

- Many schools specify how many and from whom. They can be from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, supervisor or mentor but it is specified by each school

## ○ Essay(s)

- Some schools require more than one. The focus is always conveying relevant information and providing insight into who the student is.

## ○ Test scores (SAT/ACT/TOEFL)

- TOEFL for non-native English speakers only





## Academic and Career Pathways

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Allied Health and Nursing

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Behavioral and Social Sciences

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Business, Industry, and  
Entrepreneurship

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Education

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Liberal and Creative Arts

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Professional and Personal  
Development

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Public Safety and Law

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Sciences, Engineering, and  
Mathematics

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Technology

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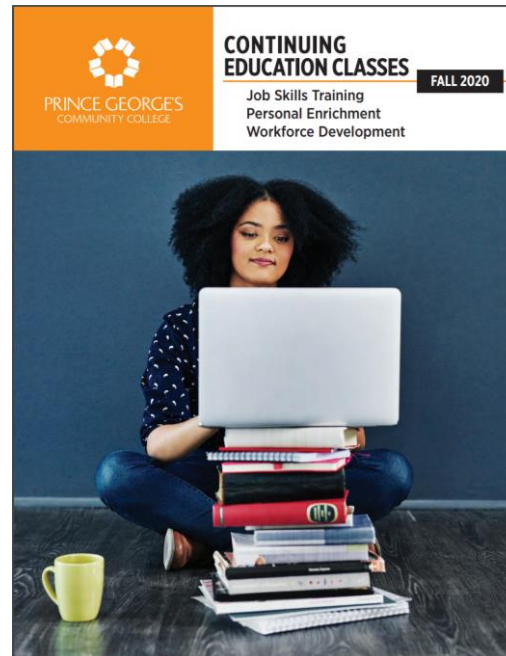


Wellness, Culinary Arts, and  
Hospitality

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- Not for college credit
- Trade programs → Certifications
  - Automotive Technology
  - HVAC/R
  - Electrical
  - Carpentry
  - Braiding & Make-up Artistry
  - CNA/GNA
  - Notary Public
  - Police Academy
  - Information Technology
- Teambuilders Academy
- Job skill enhancement
- Personal enrichment
- Courses just for fun



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TEAMBUILDERS  
ACADEMY



- Tuition
  - In-county: \$107 per credit
  - Out-of-county: \$202 per credit
  - Out-of-state: \$304 per credit
- Fees
  - Instructional Services Fee: \$47 per credit
  - Registration Fee: \$25
- [Tuition and Fees Calculator](#)







- FAFSA
  - Opens October 1
  - MD Deadline March 1
  - Grants
  - Loans
- MSFAA
  - October 1 – June 30
- MDCAPS- Maryland College Aid Processing System
- DCCAPS- District of Columbia College Access Program
- Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship
- Institutional & Foundational Scholarships
- Prince George's County Promise Scholarship



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- ★ Applies to 17 different community colleges in Maryland
- ★ \$15 million over 5 years to college applicants
- ★ \$2 million to students already in college
- ★ Minimum of 2.3 GPA
- ★ Students are eligible after all other financial aid and scholarships have been exhausted



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