BE MORE AT MCC.

At MCC-Blue River, we are committed to your achievement in the classroom, on campus and in the community. To that end, utilize this map to support your academic success, engage in a community network, prepare for career readiness and make the best financial decisions regarding your education.

Financial Literacy
Understanding how to finance your college education and seek, obtain, and make the best use of all funding options such as scholarships, grants and loans.

Academic Success
Developing strong academic skills and fostering a lifetime of learning with the ultimate goal of completion and graduation.

Community Network
Building relationships through meaningful participation in your campus and surrounding community to benefit personal growth and development.

Career Readiness
Demonstrating critical thinking and professionalism skills that prepare you for a successful transition into the workplace.

Also available online at mcckc.edu/blueriver
Review Financial Aid and Apply for Scholarships
Complete your annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online in October of each year. Apply for scholarships when the application becomes available each January. Third Party authorization forms from employers or other organizations should be sent to the Enrollment Center prior to the start of each term. Be sure to check your emails and respond if any additional documents are required. Monitor your student account for financial updates. Make timely payments.

Attend New Student Orientation
Attend New Student Orientation (NSO) to ensure your success at MCC as a new student! Learn how to navigate your first semester on campus and build a connection with faculty, staff, administrators, and other students.

Attend Campus and Community Resource Fairs
Meet with staff from various departments to broaden your network and connect to resources intended to support your personal and academic success.

Meet with an Academic Advisor
Develop a success plan with your academic advisor to ensure you are taking the correct courses required for your degree plan. Through intentional interactions, advisors will empower you to reach your goals and help you identify and use campus resources.

Join Student Organizations
Join or start a registered student organization to make new friends, learn about your interests, build valuable skills such as communication and team work, and contribute to campus life.

Initiate Career Exploration
Meet with a counselor to explore your interests, skills, values and personality as they relate to your career and life planning goals or enroll in guidance (GUID) courses. Create an account on Career Central, careercentral.mcckc.edu.

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Build Relationships with Your Faculty
Connect with your professors by visiting during office hours, asking questions and engaging in classroom discussions. Faculty members who get to know you can help refer you to academic support resources, connect you with internship opportunities and provide you with letters of recommendation.

Review Academic Progress
Evaluate your academic record. Identify challenges and successes, assess your time management and study skills, and set short-term and long-term goals. Review and update your success and educational plans with an academic advisor as needed.

Seek Leadership Opportunities
Pursue personal interests and seek leadership positions which allow for the development of valuable skills. This can be accomplished through joining student organizations, gaining on-campus employment, and engagement in service learning opportunities.

Evaluate Career and Personal Goals
Attend career readiness workshops and utilize self-assessment information obtained from appointments with counselors/GUID classes to identify or develop future career and personal goals and a plan for achieving them.

RECURRING TASKS FOR MCC-BLUE RIVER RIVER STUDENTS
- Enroll in classes
- Monitor your grades
- Review academic calendar
- Review plans with academic advisors
- Complete Disability Support Services paperwork (if applicable)
- Complete Title IX online training
- Attend academic and student success events
- Pay tuition and fees
- Check your student center account found on myMCCKC.edu
**SEMESTER THREE**

**Finalize Transfer Plan**
Select and visit potential institutions and meet with their transfer advisors. Utilize the transfer checklist available online as a guide for the transfer process. Complete your FAFSA in October listing your transfer school code and contact your transfer school concerning scholarships. Many universities have November scholarship deadlines. Notify private scholarships of your intent to transfer. Keep your employer and other organizations up-to-date if they provide funds for your education.

**Hold a Leadership Position and Engage in Community Activities**
Obtain a student leadership position to acquire transferable skills, stand out, and make an impact on the campus and in the community. Become a Trailblazer!

**Participate in internships and job shadowing**
Refine personal and career goals with counselors and visit the Career Services office to get information on internship opportunities to help you gain hands-on experience in a particular field/organization. Check with your academic advisor to see if you can get academic credit for your internship experience.

**Apply for Graduation**
Log into your myMCCKC account to confirm account accurately lists the degree you are pursuing and select “Apply for Graduation” from the drop down box labeled “Other Academics”. Meet with an advisor if you need help or have any questions.

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**SEMESTER FOUR**

**Finalize Career Readiness**
Solidify personal and career goals with counselors and set up a meeting with the Career Services office to develop a customized job search strategy, create tailored resumes and cover letters and conduct mock interviews. Attend the job fairs to meet potential employers in person.

**Review Graduation Plan and Attend Graduation Fair**
Review your degree plan and meet with an advisor if needed. Attend the graduation fair to receive commencement information and materials.

**Graduate**
Celebrate your academic success and accomplishments by attending the MCC Commencement. Invite your support community to attend and celebrate with you!

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