

North Central *Now!* Early College

North Central *Now!* Early College is a program for high school students in the northern Michigan region which allows students to receive both their high school diploma and associate degree after their fifth year of high school. Students will complete their course work at their home high school and at North Central Michigan College campuses-Petoskey, Gaylord or Cheboygan.

The goal of the early college is to provide students and parents in the region an exceptional academic experience that promotes student success through achieving a college credential while reducing the time and expense of college education beyond high school. Increasing the number of area residents with college degrees is an important regional and national goal.

North Central *Now!* Early College allows you to:

- *Jump start your college experience*
- *Earn an accelerated associate degree*
- *Enjoy tuition cost savings*
- *Receive personalized support services*

Who can participate?

Currently, North Central *Now!* Early College is a partnership available to all area high schools. Currently, Petoskey, Boyne City, and Gaylord are in partnership with North Central. The Early College begins in a student's sophomore year.

How does it work?

Students should obtain an admission packet from their high school counselor.

Students will be selected for admission into the early college in accordance with North Central and the High School admission requirements. Early College students who are accepted into the early college program will work with advisors and counselors from the high school and North Central to develop their educational plan leading to the completion of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements, as well as an associate degree from North Central upon successful completion of the early college.

Why Early College?

A study sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation showed that Early College students are more likely to graduate from high school than students in comparison groups. They are also more likely to earn a college degree. Participating students will realize significant college tuition cost savings and be on an accelerated path to a college degree and career. In addition, students will have the opportunity for personalized support services to gain greater success while in college.

Which degrees are available with North Central *Now!* Early College?

- *Associate of Arts*
- *Associate of Science*
- *Associate of General Studies*

For further details

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Sample Schedule of College Courses *

(Associate of Arts - AA)

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester

COMPASS/Application/Orientation

Winter Semester

**NCMC First Year Experience(3 credits)
(concurrent-at high school)

Total Credits 3

Junior Year

Fall Semester

***NCMC Eng 111 (3 credits)
NCMC Social Science (3 Credits)
(offered as concurrent and/or dual enrollment)

Total Credits 6

Winter Semester

***NCMC Eng 112 (3 credits)
NCMC Humanities (3 credits)
(offered as concurrent and/or dual enrollment)

Total Credits 6

Senior Year

Fall Semester

***NCMC Com 111 (3 credits)
NCMC Social Science (3 credits)
NCMC Natural Science (4 credits)

Total Credits 10

Winter Semester

***NCMC Humanities (3 credits)
NCMC Math (4 credits)
NCMC Natural Science (4 credits)

Total Credits 11

5th Year

Fall Semester

NCMC Humanities (3 credits)
NCMC Electives (3 credits)
NCMC Elective (3 credits)
NCMC Elective (3 credits)

Total Credits 12

Winter Semester

NCMC Social Science (3 credits)
NCMC Elective (3 credits)
NCMC Elective (3 credits)
NCMC Elective (3 credits)

Total Credits 12

* in addition, Michigan Merit courses will be taken

** Must pass with a 2.0 or higher

*** Cohort Class

Sample Schedule of College Courses *

STEM (Associate of Science - AS)

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester

COMPASS/Application/Orientation

Winter Semester

**NCMC First Year Experience (3 credits)
(concurrent-at high school)

Total Credits 3

Junior Year

Fall Semester

***NCMC Eng 111 (3 credits)
NCMC Natural Science (4 Credits)
(offered as concurrent and/or dual enrollment)

Total Credits 7

Winter Semester

***NCMC Eng 112 (3 credits)
NCMC Natural Sciences (4 credits)
(offered as concurrent and/or dual enrollment)

Total Credits 7

Senior Year

Fall Semester

***NCMC Com111 (3 credits)
NCMC Humanities (3 credits)
NCMC Natural Science (4 credits)

Total Credits 10

Winter Semester

***NCMC Humanities (3 credits)
NCMC Math (4 credits)
NCMC Natural Science (4)

Total Credits 11

5th Year

Fall Semester

NCMC Humanities (3 credits)
NCMC Social Science (3 credits)
NCMC Math or Natural Science (4-5 credits)

Total Credits 11

Winter Semester

NCMC Social Science (3 credits)
NCMC Social Science (3 credits)
NCMC Math or Natural Science (4-5 credits)

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