



Frequently Asked Questions

FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS



How does City Colleges of Chicago make it easier for undocumented students to get an education?

City Colleges of Chicago prides itself on welcoming all students regardless of their immigration status. With the Chicago Star Scholarship, undocumented students can pursue an associate degree or certificate at CCC for free if they attended a CPS high school or charter school, achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher and a score of 17 on the math and English portions of the ACT. To apply, please visit:

» ccc.edu/starscholarship

CCC offers several scholarships for which undocumented students are eligible and can help reduce our already very low cost. For more information, please visit:

» ccc.edu/scholarships

My goal is to graduate from a four-year institution. How could attending City Colleges of Chicago help me work towards this goal?

Partnerships between City Colleges of Chicago and four-year institutions provide a smooth transition for CCC students into the college or university of their choice, and CCC's Transfer Resource Centers help students create a plan for a seamless transition into four-year institutions.

Students should work with their Academic Advisor to create an individualized academic plan. The plan serves as a personal road map to graduation by listing which classes a student should take each term to satisfy all completion requirements needed to earn a degree or certificate.

» ccc.edu/transfer

I am an undocumented high school student. Are there programs through City Colleges of Chicago that can help me prepare for college?

Yes, motivated juniors and seniors at Chicago high schools can get a head start by earning college credit for free through the CCC Dual Enrollment Program. The Dual Enrollment Program allows high school students to enroll in college courses through one of the seven City Colleges. Students may enroll in one (1) college course per semester, and course instruction occurs on the CCC campuses. Students may be able to earn dual credit (both college and high school credit) depending on the course, but should consult their high school counselor for more information. Students will be enrolled as college students and must meet all enrollment criteria.

» ccc.edu/programs/Pages/Dual-Enrollment.aspx



I have taken college-level courses in another country. Can I receive credit for prior classwork at City Colleges of Chicago?

Yes, you may receive credit for qualifying prior classwork. College credits and educational credentials—such as transcripts, diplomas, or certificates—earned at the secondary or post-secondary levels outside of the United States must be evaluated by our international transcript evaluation partner, Educational Perspectives. Evaluations conducted by other transcript evaluation services will not be accepted.

» ccc.edu/services/Pages/Foreign-Transcript-Evaluation.aspx

I am taking free classes (either ESL or GED) through City Colleges of Chicago Adult Education. What financial support is available to help me transition to college-level courses from Adult Education if I am undocumented?

The Gateway to the City Colleges of Chicago program provides Adult Education students a special opportunity to continue their studies at CCC by taking college credit courses at a reduced cost while receiving additional support to select an academic program of study. All students in the Adult Education classes, regardless of immigration status, are eligible to apply for the Gateway Program.

» ccc.edu/gateway

I am interested in learning more about applying to City Colleges of Chicago. Who can I talk to about applying?

City Colleges of Chicago recruiters are eager to answer your questions about the application process and the various programs CCC offers. Please fill out the form at the link below, and CCC will contact you with more information.

» ccc.edu/apply

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