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Spring 2025



# Online Orientation

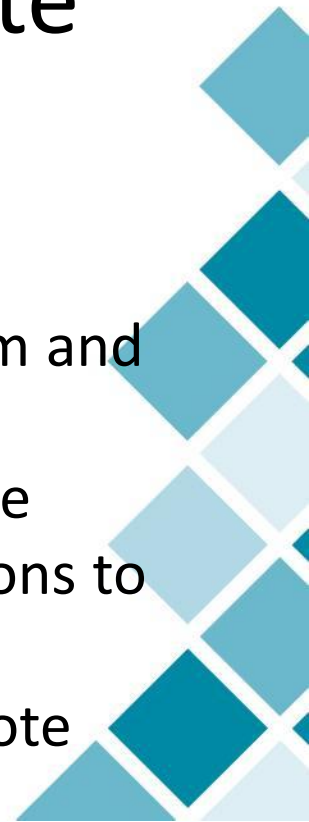
- This presentation is designed to provide general information about Gateway to College, specifically **Spring 2025** quarter.
- The **Spring 2025 priority application window is now open**
- *\*Note, space is limited and applicants are urged to apply ASAP.*
- **Spring 2025** classes will begin on Monday, March 31, 2025.  
*\*Full [PCC Academic Calendar](#)*
- We enroll new students each PCC quarter, with the exception of summer.





# Programming Update

- As we head into **Spring 2025** PCC is back to being fully operational.
- Traditionally Gateway has been a fully in-person program and returned to this fully in person approach as of Fall 2022.
- New students for **Spring 2025** will be expected to engage with an in person schedule. We do not offer online options to new students at this time.
- Gateway to College may continue to provide select remote courses and services to continuing students.



# Who is eligible for



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## Eligible applicants are:

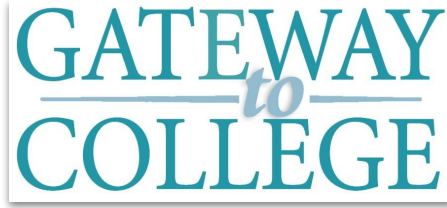
- 16-20 years old at entry (*\*we can serve students through the end of the school year in which they turn 21*)
- Live in a participating school district:
  - Portland Public Schools
  - Tigard-Tualatin School District\*
  - Lake Oswego School District\*
  - West Linn-Wilsonville School District\*
  - Sherwood School District\*

*\*requires school district approval*
- Have a need for alternative placement

**\*if you are unsure of your eligibility please contact us at [adam.clark3@pcc.edu](mailto:adam.clark3@pcc.edu)**



# What is



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- Dual-credit - earn both high school credit and college credit at the same time!
- High school diploma completion - earn your high school diploma.
- Scholarship-based - students must 1) be eligible, 2) apply to the program and 3) be accepted. Once they have been accepted they receive a scholarship which covers the FULL COST of tuition, student fees, and textbooks for the duration of the program!

# How does



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- As a Gateway student, you are a PCC student! and you take all of your courses with PCC, not at your high school.
- Term based (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer -Summer term is optional) as opposed to semester or trimester based in high school.
- Gateway scholars traditionally begin the program in a learning community (cohort) of positive, supportive, peers and instructors.
- Support and guidance from your very own College Success Coach!
- Complete the program when you complete your diploma.
  - we help with transition planning for after you complete Gateway as well!



# Learning Community

- Gateway students begin the program as part of a learning community (1 term/11-12 weeks)
- This learning community is made up of other new Gateway students, Gateway instructors, and your Coach.
- The focus is to help students build the necessary skills and habits to find greater success when they transition to comprehensive PCC courses.
- Students typically take 3 classes during this first term:
  - RD/WR - Reading or Writing
  - MTH - Mathematics
  - CG - College Guidance and Success



# Coaching

- All Gateway students are paired with a College Success Coach & your Coach stays with you from day 1 until graduation (and beyond)!
- What does a Coach do?
  - **Advising** - Academic advising for high school, and for college/your future
    - Scheduling/class registration each term
    - High school & college/career
    - FAFSA/scholarships/transfer/etc.
  - **Connection to Resources** - Referral to resources, think 211, but personalized! Your Coach can help you access many resources that may benefit you.
    - Program Specific - tutoring, bus pass, snacks, leadership opportunities, and much more!
    - PCC - tutoring, shuttle system, panther pantry, identity based resource centers and much more!
    - District - Needs based resources to fit your situation
  - **Teaching** - Gateway Coaches are PCC instructors and teach one of your classes during your first term. In this way they get to know students in the classroom setting. This is vital to enhancing their individualized advising approach.





# Timeline to Completion?

- Gateway is an individualized program for each student. Graduation timeline is dependent upon a student's skill levels and credit standing at entry.  
**\*We do a full transcript evaluation and forecast for each eligible applicant to give you a specific answer given your situation.**
- On average Gateway students earn 9 or more high school credits per academic year (they are also earning college credit!).
- Example of how credit accumulation works: 1 term/12 weeks
  - RD/WR - Reading or Writing **\*1.0 HS credits/4.0 college credits**
  - MTH - Mathematics **\*0.5-1.0 HS credits/4.0 college credits**
  - CG - College Guidance and Success **\*1.0 HS credits/3.0 college credits**

**\*We will go over this a bit further with each applicant to explain in detail how many college credits the student is anticipated to earn based on their individual circumstances.**



# Scholarship

- Gateway to College is a scholarship based program with specific [eligibility criteria](#).
- To enroll a student must be eligible, complete the application process by the deadline, and have their application accepted.
- All applicants must meet eligibility criteria in order to apply. Unfortunately, students who are not eligible may not enroll and pay costs absent of a scholarship award.
- The Gateway scholarship covers the full cost of tuition (\$1,500+ per term) and books (\$300+ per term), and even student fees (about \$100 per term)
  - Other costs to consider: school supplies, fees if books are not returned, transportation (Trimet\*/parking). [\\*Some school districts cover Trimet cost](#)
  - Please discuss any concerns about fees/costs with the Outreach Coordinator - [adam.clark3@pcc.edu](mailto:adam.clark3@pcc.edu)



# Expectations

- Once you are accepted to Gateway, you do not need to ever reapply, so long as you continuously meet program expectations.
- The most important thing is **communication**! Above and beyond anything on the coming slides, please communicate with your Coach, instructors, program staff, etc. We cannot effectively help to support and advocate for you if we don't have open, honest, & regular communication with you.



# Expectations - Course Completion

- In order to remain enrolled with Gateway, you must be successfully making progress toward graduation. This means passing courses.
- C grades are the minimum. We have full confidence that, with your effort and our support, you can earn A's and B's! However C's are required at minimum in our program.
- In order to successfully pass your courses, you will need to:
  - Communicate with your Coach!
  - Attend your classes regularly
  - Complete your coursework & homework regularly and on time
  - Appropriately integrate into and interact within the adult learning environment of PCC.
  - Utilize necessary supports and resources as needed.



# Expectations - Attendance

- Attendance is key to your success in college, but it is also a key requirement for Gateway students.
- As a Gateway student, you will be in class less than in a traditional high school setting.
- Since you have less class time, it is that much more important that you are in class. (Studies show college students with better attendance have better grades!)
- Consequences for absences are lower or failing grades. You can also be dropped from the program and lose your scholarship if you are not meeting attendance expectations.
- Communicate with your instructors and Coach anytime that you may be absent or late.

# Expectations - Homework

- As with attendance, homework completion is key to your success in college. Success in your coursework is a requirement of continued enrollment with Gateway.
- While you are in class less than in high school, you still have coursework/homework to complete outside of class.
- Gateway/PCC students should expect about 2-3 hours of homework per day.
- We offer many resources to support student success with homework completion.



# Homework Resources

- Gateway has developed several resources to help our students find success with regular homework completion:
  - Class Schedule - being in class much less lends more time for other student priorities, including homework.
  - Tutoring - PCC tutoring, Gateway specific tutors, peer study groups, online tutoring, etc.
  - Academic Learning Center (ALC) - Gateway to College provides additional time and connection with your college instructors via weekly ALC sessions.
  - Develop a plan ASAP - when/where to do HW, how to stay motivated, what resources are needed and how to access them.
  - Schedule your homework - we suggest building homework time into your daily/weekly schedule. If you plan for it, you will have time for it!
  - Ask your Coach! - If you are struggling with homework completion, coursework, or anything else - PLEASE! talk to your Coach!

# Adult Learning Environment

- PCC is an Adult Learning Environment
- As a Gateway student, you are a PCC student and expected to follow the student [code of conduct](#).
- The Adult Learning Environment is very different (often in a positive way) when compared to high school:
  - Drama-free + mature students/behavior = a completely different school culture
  - Resources and high level of support + motivated and actively engaged student = powerful outcomes (HS completion/college career goals)
  - Students are treated as adults and expected to act as such.



- Consider putting your parent(s)/guardian(s) on your consent to release confidential information (completed after you've been admitted to PCC).
- [FERPA Law](#)
  - Federal law which protects information about students.
  - Student information (grades, attendance, enrollment status, fee amount, etc.) is not accessible by anyone other than the student unless the student gives written consent (via MyPCC account).
  - This applies regardless of the student's age and the student may change consent status at any time.
  - Even with consent, this is a student centered college program and our focus will be communicating with the student. There is no attendance hotline (no robocalls about attendance), no report cards in the mail (grades communicated to student via official PCC means), etc.

# Who Gets Accepted To



- Applicants must meet [eligibility criteria](#) and complete all [application steps](#) to be considered for acceptance.
- Applicants must also meet minimum skill requirements in order to be considered for acceptance.
- The Gateway to College Selection Committee is looking for students who are:
  - Mature and motivated
  - Ready for the adult learning environment of PCC - make good choices, be on time, complete coursework/homework regularly, demonstrate mature behavior, etc.
  - Willing and able to communicate with their Coach and instructors
  - Willing and able to ask for help when needed and make use of resources
  - In need of alternative placement - have experienced barriers to success and/or traditional high school is not a good option at this time.

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## Application Process

### [View the Gateway to College Application Process in an Alternate Format](#)

1. **Interest Form Submission** - if you have not done so already, please submit an interest form.
2. **Gateway to College Admissions Meeting** - if you have not already met with our admissions team, no worries! Please reach out as we would love to connect and assist as you proceed with the process.
3. **Gateway to College Online Orientation** - you are doing this right now, almost done! 😊
4. **Gateway to College Writing Assessment** - As part of your application to Gateway, we will utilize a writing assessment (essay response) to help make initial placement decisions. Please write a response to the Gateway to College [essay prompt](#).

When you're ready to submit your essay, please email it, as an attachment or Google document, directly to [adam.clark3@pcc.edu](mailto:adam.clark3@pcc.edu)

5. **Interview** - only once you have completed steps 1-4. Please contact us at [adam.clark3@pcc.edu](mailto:adam.clark3@pcc.edu) to schedule your interview.
6. **Selection Committee Review** - once you complete the application process our Selection Committee will review your application and make any acceptance decision.

If you have any questions or need assistance please don't hesitate to reach out - 971-217-7817 (call or text) or [adam.clark3@pcc.edu](mailto:adam.clark3@pcc.edu)



## Selection Committee & Notification

- Your completed application materials will be reviewed by the Gateway to College Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee consists of Gateway staff and stakeholders.
- Together they make acceptance and placement decisions.
- The committee's decision will be communicated to the applicant via official email notification sent to their MyPCC email address.
- If accepted, the student will receive a course schedule, Coach assignment, and further information about **Winter 2025** term with their acceptance notification.
- If an application is not accepted then the applicant will be given recommendations/referrals to other educational options.



# Questions/Concerns/Feedback

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**Please don't hesitate to reach out!**



Thank you!  
We look forward to working  
with you to meet your  
educational goals!