Steps to apply for the Gateway to College program

**Step 1—School District approval or address verification:** Follow the directions for your school district:

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<th>Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, Tigard-Tualatin</th>
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<td>You will need to be approved by your school district. Talk to your high school counselor about Gateway to College and request district approval. If your school district does not approve you to apply to Gateway, we cannot consider your application. If you’re new to the school district in which you live, contact us and we can give you information on your district’s approval process.</td>
<td>You will need to verify that your address is within the PPS boundaries. We’ll need two documents that verify your address, such as rental agreements; utility bills; DMV ID; or insurance, financial, or government documents. These can be in your parent or guardian’s name.</td>
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**Step 2—Gateway application:** Complete the Gateway to College application. Write your 3 application essays, and get a copy of your official high school transcripts. Please note that if you’d like to attend the Information Session to learn about the program *before* doing the application, you can turn the application in at your interview.

**Step 3—Information Session:** Attend a Gateway to College Information Session. You can find the schedule and reserve a spot here: [www.pcc.edu/links](http://www.pcc.edu/links). Please bring your completed application, including essays and transcripts, to the Information Session. At the Info Session, you’ll learn more about Gateway and get your questions answered. Your parent or guardian is invited to attend but not required to be there.

**Step 4—Evaluations:** Attend the follow-up evaluations. We’ll do some basic skill assessments in reading, grammar, writing, and math. This will take place during the same week you attend the Information Session. The evaluations will take place over 2 days and will be 2 hours each day.

**Step 5—Interview:** Participate in an individual interview. This will let us get to know you a little better. Your interview will usually be Friday of the week you attend the Info Session and the exact time will be scheduled at the Info Session. All interviews are held at the PCC Southeast Campus, regardless of where you attended your Information Session.

**Step 6—Selection committee:** The Gateway selection committee will review your application, and make acceptance decisions into Gateway. Please note that acceptance is not guaranteed and space in the program can be limited. You’ll receive written notification of the selection committee’s decision.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact Adam Clark at 971-722-6293 or adam.clark3@pcc.edu

**Thanks for your interest in Gateway—we look forward to meeting you!**