

GETTING STARTED

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2020

WELCOME

Welcome to Bergen Community College. Please read this information about what you need to do to complete the enrollment process and prepare for classes at BCC.

TO DO LIST:

- File FAFSA
- Submit Immunization Records
- Submit Official Transcripts of any previous college
- Submit AP scores if you have them
- Complete Placement Test or submit waiver
- Open student portal account
- Access Self Service
- Download the Ellucian Go mobile app
- Get a Student ID
- Get a parking permit

DON'T DELAY.

A great schedule can have tremendous impact on your success. We recommend that you meet with an advisor by July 16th for Fall.

This date allows time to challenge the placement test (if suggested) submit transcripts for review, create a tuition plan, select classes to make the schedule you want.

Registration is based on a first come basis. Sections and courses close.

PLACEMENT TEST ACCUPLACER EXAM

Mathematics & Algebra English Basic Skills

BCC administers the Next Generation Accuplacer , consisting of the Arithmetic and Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics and English Basic Skills.

- The entire ACCUPLACER test is taken on a computer. Your typical paper/pencil test taking strategies may not be helpful.
- Read every problem carefully.
- You CANNOT skip questions.
- You cannot return to previous problems, so take YOUR TIME on every problem. The test is not timed.
- The test is an adaptive computer test, your questions are based on your previous answers. It adapts to your answers to give you harder or easier questions. You want HARDER because that means you are scoring into a higher class and saving time and money!
- Downloard the app accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org
- Study for the test. https://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org

WAIVING THE TEST

You may be eligible to waive the placement test in its entirety or parts of it. For more information bergen.edu/testing

- If you have taken the SAT examination since March 2016 with a score of 500 or above in math and/or 450 or above in Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (within five years).
- If you have a math ACT score since March 2016 of 22 or higher and/or an English ACT score of 19 or higher (within five years).
- If you have taken a college-level English and/or mathematics course, other than accounting in the United States.
- If you hold a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in the United States.
- If you have previously taken an Accuplacer exam at another college (within five years).

SUBMITTING TRANSCRIPTS

Submit High School Transcripts if you have taken AP courses.

Previous College Transcripts: The College will accept credits for courses taken at accredited colleges and universities provided that the course is compatible with the BCC curriculum.

Grade of C or better required. Transfer grades are not factored in GPA. Transfer credits are recorded as "TR" grades.

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To access Self Service
1. Login to: my.bergen.edu

2. Go to: Self Service Menu

Self Service Provides access to your financial and academic records. 24/7.

CONTACT INFORMATION: ADVISING4U@BERGEN.EDU ROOM A118, PITKIN BUILDING



Did you know:

BCC has locations in Paramus, Hackensack, Lyndhurst.

Classes are available at these locations & other sites in Bergen County.

Online courses are available for most subjects.

BCC has a Study Abroad Program offering our students a global experience.

BCC has Partnerships with ten 4 year colleges/universities. These schools are on campus to help students prepare to transfer.

BCC has articulation and transfer agreements with schools nationwide.

BCC has a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Official Honor Society for two-year colleges.

The Judith K. Winn School of Honors at BCC offers advanced course work to the college's highest achieving students.

The BCC Bulldogs participate in Division III intercollegiate and intramural athletics in a wide variety of sports.

Funding College

File your FAFSA application as soon as possible as the processing time varies. Speak with Financial Aid reps if you have any que Go to Self Service select Financial Aid/

Tuition payment plans are available so you can create a monthly payment plan. For more information http://mycollegepaymentplan.com/bergen/

or Go to Self Service select Student Finance.

Find out about Payment Plans, Scholarship opportunities offered by the college. Scholarship information is found at BCC Foundation. bergen.edu/community/foundation/scholarships/

Registration

Registration is ongoing through the start of the semester. However, course availability will vary.

Courses fill and close. Registration is based on a first come basis. Seats are not guaranteed.

The Office of the Registrar maintains a **Waitlist** for closed courses. If a seat becomes available the next student on the waitlist will be contacted by the Registration Office by BCC email. It is the student's responsibility to check their status on a daily basis.

Courses with low enrollment may be cancelled at the discretion of the college.

In order to have choices when registering, plan ahead and register for courses early.

Transfer Information

Many students come to BCC with the goal of graduating and transferring to a 4 year school. If that is you start planning early. Knowing what GPA or courses needed will make preparing to transfer easier. BCC has numerous opportunities to help with the transfer process.

College Fairs are held in April and October.

Information sessions are held throughout year. 4 year college partners are on site to provide assistance with course planning and transferring.

Career planning

Are you planning on graduating and entering the workforce? Or do you need to graduate and transfer for your career? Discuss your long term career goals with an advisor and find out how your BCC program will help you achieve your goals.

If you are not sure what you want to be or do, speak with a Career Counselor to begin exploring.

Important

BCC offers wonderful, varied opportunities for our students
Don't miss out. Read your email and connect with social media. If you have questions come to the Center for Student Success.