

M³ College Connections



Student Handbook



General Pathway

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The M³ College Connections program is an innovative dual enrollment program among Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM) that allows eligible students to complete their high school graduation requirements while earning transferable college credits* from both MATC and UWM at no expense to the student.

Students take all their classes on the two college campuses and remain attached to their current MPS school. Students may continue to participate in school activities and sports as their schedule permits. Students who successfully complete the M³ College Connections program are guaranteed admission to UWM and/or MATC.

The M³ College Connections program currently consists of three different pathways:

- General
- Nursing
- Education

The **General Pathway** is for high school seniors. This is a full-year program with the opportunity to earn up to 21 college credits in core subject areas that meet general education requirements for most associate and bachelor's degrees.

Students must be in good standing and on track to graduate.

Program Contact Information

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This booklet provides an overview of the M³ College Connections program. Detailed descriptions of each pathway, including application requirements, course offerings, and course sequences, are included in this booklet. Specific course offerings are subject to change based on the programmatic design and needs of students.

**Students should check to see that courses transfer to the college or university they are interested in.*

General Pathway

For students who are interested in pursuing a two- or four-year degree.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible to apply, students must be on track to graduate and eligible for half-days during their senior year (*this includes students with disabilities and English language learners*). Applicants must have a recommendation from a school counselor to participate in the program.

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and Milwaukee Area Technical College have a soft recommendation of a 2.75 GPA (can be for the most recent semester/not necessarily the cumulative) and ACT scores of 17–18 in English and 20 in mathematics.

School counselors are strongly encouraged to seek student applicants with a strong interest.

Students may apply with a teacher's or school counselor's recommendation even without meeting the above GPA recommendation and ACT scores, as a holistic review is conducted for each applicant. For example, a student who may have had poor grades freshman year in high school and has done well academically their sophomore and junior years but has a lower overall GPA could potentially qualify.

The students' ACT scores may be considered for students who have grades of C or lower. Students with low grades and sufficient ACT scores could potentially qualify.

Application Deadline: March 1

General Pathway Course Sequence

Semester	Course	Course Name	Credits
Summer	ACT	ACT Test Prep	NA
Fall	MATC ENG-201	English 1	3
Fall	MATC MATH-200	Intermediate Algebra	4
Fall	UWM ETHNIC STUDIES-101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
TOTAL			10
Spring	MATC ENG-202	English 2	3
Spring	UWM EDPSYCH-104	Pathways to Success in College	3
Spring	MATC MATH-260	Basic Statistics*	3
	MATC NATSCI-236	Principles of Biology*	5
	MATC SOCSCI-221	American National Government and Politics Today*	3
Spring	MATC MATH-200	Intermediate Algebra**	4
TOTAL			9–11
PROGRAM COMPLETION TOTAL			19–21

*Students must earn at least a C or higher in Intermediate Algebra to enroll in Basic Statistics, Principles of Biology, or American National Government and Politics Today.

**Students who earn a D or U must retake Intermediate Algebra.

Nursing Pathway

For students who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or healthcare. Students must commit to completing the practical nursing license through the program.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible to apply, students must be a current sophomore and on track to graduate (*this includes students with disabilities and English language learners*). All applicants are considered through a holistic review process where grade point average, course history, attendance, recommendations, and personal statements are reviewed. Based upon the above measures, candidates who are selected to move forward must pass Milwaukee Area Technical College nursing assistant health and criminal background requirements. Students who complete this process successfully are admitted.

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and Milwaukee Area Technical College have a soft recommendation of a 2.75 GPA (can be for the most recent semester/not necessarily the cumulative). It is also recommended that students have a B or higher in biology and chemistry.

School counselors are strongly encouraged to seek student applicants with a strong interest in the nursing field. Upon completion of all coursework and passing the state exam, students will earn their state certification as a nursing assistant and license as a practical nurse.

Application Deadline: March 1

[MATC Practical Nursing Program](#)

[MATC Healthcare Pathway Student Handbook](#)

Nursing Pathway Course Sequence

Semester	Course	Course Name	Credits
Summer	MATC ENG-195	English 1	3
TOTAL			3
Fall	MATC NRNSA-300	Nursing Assistant	3
Fall	MATC SPEECH-201	Elements of Speech	3
TOTAL			6
Spring	MATC NATSCI-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
Spring	MATC PSYCH-238	Lifespan Psychology	3
TOTAL			7
Fall	MATC NRSPN-301	Nursing Fundamentals	2
Fall	MATC NRSPN-302	Nursing Skills	3
Fall	MATC NRSPN-303	Nursing: Pharmacology	2
Fall	MATC NRSPN-304	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice	2
TOTAL			9
Spring	MATC NRSPN-305	Nursing: Health Alterations	3
Spring	MATC NRSPN-306	Nursing: Health Promotion	3
Spring	MATC NRSPN-307	Nursing: Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	2
Spring	MATC NRSPN-308	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Management	2
TOTAL			10
PROGRAM COMPLETION TOTAL			35

Education Pathway

For students who are interested in pursuing a career in education.

Admission Requirements: To be eligible to apply, students must be on track to graduate and eligible for early release in the second semester of their junior year (*this includes students with disabilities and English language learners*). Applicants must have a recommendation from a school counselor to participate in the program.

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and Milwaukee Area Technical College have a soft recommendation of a 2.75 GPA (can be for the most recent semester/not necessarily the cumulative).

School counselors are strongly encouraged to seek student applicants with a strong interest in education. Students may apply with a teacher’s or school counselor’s recommendation even without meeting the GPA recommendation, as a holistic review is conducted for each applicant. For example, a student who may have had poor grades freshman year in high school and has done well academically their sophomore and junior years but has a lower overall GPA could potentially qualify.

The students’ ACT scores may be considered for students who have grades of C or lower. Students with low grades and sufficient ACT scores could potentially qualify.

Application Deadline: October 1

Education Pathway Course Sequence

Semester	Course	Course Name	Credits
Spring	UWM CURRINS-233	Introduction to Children and Young Adult Literature	3
TOTAL			3
Summer	MPS INT102	Internship	0
Summer	MATC MATH-134	Mathematical Reasoning*	3
TOTAL			3
Fall	MATC ENG-201	English 1	3
Fall	MATC MATH-275 MATC MATH-200	Math Exploration/ELEM TCHRS 1** Intermediate Algebra**	3 4
Fall	UWM CURRINS-300	Introduction to Teaching	0
TOTAL			6–7
Spring	MATC ENG-202	English 2	3
Spring	MATC MATH-276	Math Exploration/ELEM TCHERS 2***	3
	MATC MATH-260	Basic Statistics****	3
	MATC NATSCI-233	Environmental Science****	3
	MATC MATH-200	Intermediate Algebra****	4
Spring	UWM CURRINS-300	Introduction to Teaching	3
TOTAL			9–10
PROGRAM COMPLETION TOTAL			18–23

*Some students may be required to take this course based on their spring math placement exam score.

**Students interested in elementary education should take Math Exploration/ELEM TCHERS 1, and students interested in high school education should take Intermediate Algebra.

***Students interested in elementary education should take Math Exploration/ELEM TCHERS 2.

****Students must earn at least a C or higher in Intermediate Algebra to enroll in either Basic Statistics or Environmental Science. Students who earn a D or U must retake Intermediate Algebra.

Expectations of Student Participants

- Students will start with a full schedule at their high school at the beginning of the academic year.
- Students will attend class every day on MATC and UWM campus with the understanding that attendance at all classes is necessary for college success.
- Students will be responsible for regularly checking email as the primary source of communication between college instructors and the program administrator.
- Students are bound by MPS, MATC, and UWM student codes of conduct.
- Students will conform to all rules and policies of the schools and understand that any infractions are still governed by the MPS Code of Conduct and subject to discipline.
- Students will follow calendars of MATC and UWM (winterim activities/courses may be required).
- Students will be approved for the program and on track for graduation (confirmed by school counselor).
- Students will register for all classes at MATC and UWM.
- Students will remain with the program until completion of all courses.
- Students will expect no special privileges from MATC or UWM regarding attendance, coursework, rules, or grades.
- Students will accept supervision, guidance, and counseling from MATC, UWM, and MPS and show progress in the classroom.
- Students will attend all classes and support sessions as necessary.
- Students will inform the MPS postsecondary coordinator immediately of any problem with their class(es) and/or any absence from any of the classes.
- Students will understand that classes in the program may not be taken as pass/fail.
- Students will understand that all grades are final and become part of their college and high school transcript and final GPA.
- Students will understand that failing English 201 may jeopardize on-time graduation from high school.
- Students will understand that they cannot drop one or two classes in the program.
- Students will understand that dropping out of the program will result in being placed back at high school in their semester 2 classes.
- Students will understand that dropping out of the program after two weeks of the start of the semester may jeopardize on-time high school graduation, negatively impact final GPA and class standing, and require summer school to successfully complete or retake courses.
- Students must complete the parent-student agreement prior to the start of classes at MATC and UWM.

Transportation

Students in the program will receive an M•Card from MATC for free transportation on Milwaukee County Transit for the year. If students choose to drive to either campus, they are responsible for paying for parking. Students will be eligible for student parking rates at MATC. Parking at UWM is meter only, or students may use the Park and Ride on Humboldt and Capitol. Students accepted into the program will receive more detailed information.

Resources for MATC High School Students

Tools for Your Enrollment in an MATC Class

Contact Megan Poytinger (poyting@matc.edu) with questions about applying, enrolling, withdrawing, etc.

[MATC Student Handbook](#)

[Students Apply Here—MATC Application](#)

[MATC PROMISE](#)

[Important Dates and Deadlines](#)

[Student Accommodation Services](#)

MATC Resources

[MATC Libraries](#)

[MATC Writing Center](#)

[Request a Transcript](#)

[Help with Campus Technology \(Email, Blackboard, etc.\)](#)

Resources and Events for UWM High School Students

Tools for Your Enrollment in a UWM Class

Contact Kathleen Breuer (kbreuer@uwm.edu) with questions about applying, enrolling, withdrawing, etc.

[Students Apply Here—UW System Application](#)

[Important Dates and Deadlines](#) (For dropping or withdrawing from the class)

[Accessibility Resource Center](#) (ARC) Students seeking accommodations must register with UWM's ARC

[Transfer Wisconsin](#) Learn more about how courses transfer in the University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College, and tribal college systems

UWM Resources

[UWM Libraries](#) Just need your ePanther ID and password to access all UWM Library resources

[UWM Writing Center](#) 30- or 60-minute one-on-one tutoring sessions for any stage in the writing process

[Help with Campus Technology \(Canvas, ePanther ID, etc.\)](#)

[Students Ordering Transcripts to Send to Other Institutions](#)

[Office of Dean of Students](#) For questions about resources on and off campus

UWM Events, Workshops, and Opportunities While You Are a UWM/High School Student

[Calendar of Campus Events](#)

[Career Planning and Resource Center](#) Apps, surveys, and workshops to help you choose a major/career, create a resume, find internships. Check out [Handshake](#) for finding on-campus jobs.

[Live UWM Virtual Campus Tours, Live and Recorded Information Sessions on All Things UWM](#)

[Office of Undergraduate Research](#) (OUR) For undergraduates seeking on-campus research opportunities and for faculty seeking enthusiastic, motivated undergraduate students with whom to collaborate. The OUR also supports these collaborations by providing student salary, travel support, and professional development opportunities.