

- Current WCCUSD students;
- Referred by a counselor, or otherwise able to demonstrate programmatic need;
- Students between 16 and 20 years old (students must graduate by their 21st birthday);
- Students who complete the Gateway program and college application processes;
- Students that are determined to succeed and open-minded to creating successful habits;
- Students ready for a new and challenging academic journey!

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Gateway to College program is a partnership between Contra Costa College (CCC) and the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD). Gateway students receive a scholarship to take all of their classes on the CCC campus and graduate with both a high school diploma and college credits!

Who does Gateway serve?

Gateway students largely represent our communities' most vulnerable populations. Students are identified by their school of record as being significantly behind in high school credits, at risk of not graduating, dropping out, or other individual challenges.

The demographics of Gateway students are as rich and diverse as the communities in which our students and families live and work. Gateway students come from all walks of life and bring valuable life experiences, skills, and abilities. Our students are the heart of our program!

What is Gateway to College?

GATEWAY AT A GLANCE

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE (GTC)



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www.contracosta.edu/gateway

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GATEWAY TO COLLEGE AT CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

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Gateway to College is a Scholarship Program

Gateway students receive:

- Free college tuition and fees
- Free college textbooks
- High school credits earned for college courses
- A high school diploma with college credits at completion



Gateway Services

Gateway student supports:

- **Resource Specialist:** The Resource Specialist (RS) provides individualized case management and academic guidance to students. The RS also serves as mentor, counselors and role models from time of entry into the program until the day of graduation.
- **Wright Institute:** The Wright Institute (WI) provides clinical counseling services in individual and group settings. WI graduate students work with our students under the supervision of a licensed clinician to support the varied socio-emotional needs of our student population.
- **Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID):** New students participate in AVID coursework with an emphasis on developing critical thinking, literacy, and math skills.
- **Tutoring Services:** Gateway to College provides students with in-class tutoring in AVID, individual, and group tutoring sessions. These services are available to students at no cost and are tailored to fit their schedule(s) and needs.

Expectations for Success:

- 100% class attendance
- Arrive on time to all classes/appointments
- Completion of assigned class/homework
- Communicate daily with Resource Specialists/ Staff
- Abide by the Contra Costa College Student Code of Conduct
- Be open to the College experience!

Steps to Apply

1 Attend an Information Session

The information session is the first step in deciding whether Gateway is right for you. During these sessions, applicants learn more about the program, how it works, who qualifies, what can be expected, and what Gateway expects of its students.

2 Complete Gateway to College and Contra Costa College Online Applications

All applicants must complete both the Gateway to College and Contra Costa College applications. If you have questions about either application, please contact Gateway program staff at 510.215.3835.

3 Participate in an Interview Session

Once the first two steps are completed, applicants must attend an interview session.

Interviews will take place at the Contra Costa College campus. Applicants must bring the completed Gateway to College and Contra Costa College applications to the interview.

Applicants are encouraged to arrive early, dress appropriately, and be prepared to discuss why Gateway to College is the best fit for your educational goals.

All applicants are welcome to bring a family member, friend, or another support person to their interview.

For questions about information sessions and/or interview schedules, please call 510.215.3835.