

New River Community College and Montgomery County

ACCE – ACCESS to COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership which makes college available debt-free to current year high school, home-schooled and private school graduates who reside in Montgomery County. ACCE will support our youth by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt. ACCE supports as many students as possible based on available funding.

Students must:

- Have at least a 2.5 GPA to qualify and must maintain a 2.5 GPA while in the program.
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and complete all FAFSA generated documents.
- Qualify for Virginia instate tuition and reside in Montgomery County at least one year prior to ACCE application date.
- Complete at least 80 hours of community service annually.
- Maintain full-time enrollment of 12 credits.
- Pay tuition and fees for credits over 15 (Funds will support up to 15 credits during fall and spring semesters).
- Purchase their own textbooks.
- Enroll in a degree or certificate program that meets federal financial aid requirements.
- Take a College Success Skills course during their first NRCC semester.
- Not take online courses during the first semester, except College Success Skills.
- Reimburse the program for any ACCE-sponsored course in which the student is unsuccessful.
- Complete both English and math placement tests (unless exempt – see Career Coach for more information).
- Meet all ACCE deadlines.

October 1, 2018	FAFSA Application Opens - fafsa.gov ACCE Application Opens - nr.edu/acce If not a Dual Enrollment Student, Complete the NRCC Application – nr.edu/admissions (the NRCC application establishes your NRCC email account – <i>check it daily</i>).
TBA – Fall	Attend, with guardian, a Financial Aid Workshop at your high school.
TBA – Fall	Attend, with guardian, ACCE informational session at your high school. Will be coordinated through Career Coach.
January 15, 2019	FAFSA Deadline for ACCE Applicants (reminder – FAFSA information is communicated to students through their NRCC Email Account – <i>please create a habit of checking NRCC email daily</i>). ACCE Application Closes.
March 15	FAFSA To-Do List Deadline for ACCE Applicants (All items must be completed and received by NRCC) Proof of Residency (coordinated by Foundation and Montgomery County Schools).
April 1	ACCE Award Notifications Sent to Student’s NRCC Email Account.
April 10	ACCE Student Acceptance Deadline - Reminder, all communication are through student’s NRCC Email.
Mid-May	Community Service Meetings at each high school - Community Service must be served at a non-profit approved location as assigned by Montgomery County’s ACCE community service coordinator.
June 15	Submit final high school transcripts to NRCC’s Financial Aid Office.
Mid-August	Deadline to complete minimum of 40 hours of community service. <i>It is HIGHLY recommended students complete 80 hours prior to mid-August; however, 40 is the minimum requirement. It will be much easier for students to complete 80 hours during the summer versus completing hours while enrolled in courses at NRCC.</i>
Mid-December	Deadline to complete second minimum of 40 hours of community service

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