MCCC’S
SOAR-IENTATION EXPRESS
Student Orientation, Advisement & Registration (S.O.A.R.)
Getting you on track for success at MCCC!
THE PATH TO SUCCESS @ MCCC

Application/Acceptance
- Accuplacer Test

Choose/Complete Program
- Career Coach
- Degree or Certificate
- College Catalog

Graduate!
- Transfer to 4-yr school
- Workforce
YOUR MCCC SUPPORT TEAM

- Initial contact
- Liaisons to Academic Dean
- Assigned during 1st semester
- Can assist with all questions

Intake Advisor
Faculty Advisor
Student Advocates
Success Coaches
Be sure to scroll down to see multiple pages

Can log into MyMERCER portal

Menus make finding info easy!
MCCC WEBSITE NAVIGATION OVERVIEW

"ACADEMICS" MENU

Degree & Certificate pages with required courses
MercerOnline for BlackBoard info and more!
Academic Calendar
Academic Policies
Career Coach to assist with choosing a career and a MCCC program
MCCC WEBSITE NAVIGATION OVERVIEW

“FUTURE STUDENTS” MENU

Orientation/SOAR for dates, resources
Admissions information
College Catalog
Degree & Certificate Programs
University Center @ Mercer
MCCC WEBSITE NAVIGATION OVERVIEW
“CURRENT STUDENTS” MENU

- Student Handbook/ Rights & Responsibilities
- Title IX Policy & Reporting Procedure
- Advisement
- Financial Aid
- Academic Calendar
- Student Services

CURRENT STUDENTS
make the most of your MCCC experience

- Student Handbook (pdf)
- Title IX
- Tips for Student Success (pdf)
- Student Success Coaching
- Student Services
- Academic Advisement
- Career Coach
- Academic Calendar
- Academic Policies
- College Catalog
- Tuition and Fees
- Financial Aid
- Register for Classes
- Grades, Records, Payments
- Student Life / Clubs
- MCCC Athletics
- Library
- Book Store
- Scholarships
- Transfer Services
- College Directories
- MercerOnline
- MercerMail
- M-Alert

STUDENT WELCOME

Welcome to Mercer County Community College -- your best choice. At Mercer, we invest time and energy in finding the best ways for you to have a meaningful learning experience. MCCC academic excellence, quality services, and support for student success are important to us. You can be successful if you know how and where to get the answers you need.

Here are a few tips to help you while you are a student at Mercer:
- Know your professor and communicate any issues you have as soon as you know there is a problem.

START SMART

Let us help you ensure a smooth transition into (or back into) college life with our "7 Steps for Success" student orientation guide.

ALL YOURS

Access your student account at MyMercer, Browse Courses, Register...
IMPORTANT MCCC POLICIES

- **FERPA**
  - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
  - MCCC can only discuss student info with the student

- **Refunds**
  - 14-week semester – 7 days from start of semester
  - Less than 14-weeks – 2 days from start of semester

- **Attendance**
  - Communicate absences to professor
  - Could affect financial aid and grades

- **GPA**
  - Can affect program eligibility, scholarships, transfers
  - Aim high; get help early (tutoring, etc.)

- **Academic Integrity**
  - Turn in own work! (consequences if not followed)

- **Title IX**
  - Sexual harassment, violence or discrimination **NOT** tolerated; serious consequences; on your record

- **Student Handbook**
  - Read thoroughly to know your rights and responsibilities, code of conduct, and procedures
MCCC STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling
- Free to all MCCC students
- Suicide Prevention 24/7 Hotline/Services

Tutoring
- Free to all MCCC students/Learning Center

Veterans
- Resources & accommodations

Disabilities
- Center for Inclusion & Accessibility

Shuttle/Bus
- Shuttle is free/fee for NJ Transit & Rt130

Career & Transfer
- www.collegecentral.com/mccc
- www.njtransfer.org
## FINANCIAL AID/MONEY MATTERS

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**Check MyMercer Portal for Award Letter**

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**Financial Aid Uses**

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**Other Financial Resources**

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Username = firstname.lastname

Password = birthdate (mmddyy)

1-844-505-8075 or tech-help@mccc.edu

MyMercer mobile app free download
Go to MCCC website (www.mccc.edu)

Click “MyMERCER” in upper left to get to login screen
MYMERCER PORTAL LOG-IN

Click “Sign In”

Enter user name: firstname.lastname (can be different if multiple students with same name)

Enter password: birthdate (mmddyy)

Call help desk with problems: 1-844-505-8075 or 609-570-4357

Click “Need Help? for assistance"
Icons link to services

Bb = Blackboard (links to classes also on right side of screen)

Click “Academic Profile” in WebAdvisor for schedule

Explore all icons!
## MYMERCER PORTAL

### Student Planning

- See schedule/plan classes
- Communicate with advisor
- See degree/program progress

### MercerMail

- `firstname.lastname@students.mccc.edu`
- Office 365 Account with OneDrive, Skype, Microsoft Office Apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Look for your “Student Email Blast” weekly (usually on Fridays) with upcoming events/announcements
- Can forward to another account (be sure to clean out this mailbox periodically)

### Blackboard

- Online tool used by all classes (on-campus; online; hybrid)
- Contact MercerOnline department for Blackboard information sessions
- Used for discussion boards, syllabus, assignment submission, etc.

### Financial Aid

- See award letter & required documents
- Financial Aid status/checklist
STUDENT SELF SERVICE

- **Student Finance:** Latest statement balance & pay online
- **Financial Aid:** Check status of your financial aid
- **Student Planning:** Financial Course Planning
View progress
Plan & register for classes
Communicate with advisor
MCCC CAMPUS SECURITY

- Student Photo ID
- Parking Decal
- M-Alert
- Alertus+
- Non-Smoking Campus
- Red Phones
- Campus Security

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.
STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP

Join a Club!
- L.E.A.D.
- S.G.A.

Get Involved!
- Fitness
  - Yoga & Zumba
  - Athletics
- Social Media
Take the Survey

SURVEY LINK - https://tinyurl.com/2019FMCCCSOAR