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## WHERE YOUR FUTURE BEGINS

Mountain Empire COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# FACTS

**562**
graduates

**23**
average student age

**943**
high school students
in dual enrollment

**66%**
of those who choose to
attend college in our service
region, choose MECC

**64**
Active, veteran, or
reserve students

**82%**
Program-placed students
using financial aid

**$5.7 million**
Awarded in financial aid

**80+**
Degree and
certificate options

Located in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Mountain Empire Community College is centrally located to serve Wise, Lee, Scott, and Dickenson counties and the city of Norton. A top-quality education is only a short drive away, and free, public transportation is available.

Discover our state-of-the-art facilities and unrivaled high-tech training nestled in the mountains of Southwest Virginia.

## OUR MISSION

Mountain Empire Community College's mission is to provide our region with accessible, quality higher education, workforce training, and community programs to ensure an educated population and globally competitive workforce.

Virginia

**Mountain Empire**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# CHOOSE YOUR PATH

What career are you looking for? Our Career Pathway programs are designed to prepare you for full-time employment upon graduation.

## ALLIED HEALTH
Administrative Support Technology – Medical Office Specialist
Clinical Research Coordinator
Health Information Management
Medical Office Coding and Procedures
Medical Receptionist
Medical Records Technician
Pharmacy Technician
Sports Medicine Assistant

## ARTS & MUSIC
Old Time Music

## BUSINESS
Administrative Support Technology
Clerical Assistant
Help Desk Support
Legal Office Assisting
Management
Paralegal Studies
Real Estate
Small Business Management
Supervisor Training and Development

## CONSTRUCTION
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Building Construction – Electrical
Construction
Electricity
Energy Technology
   Electrical Emphasis
   Electrical Specialization
   HVAC Emphasis
Welding
Welding Certificate
Welding Operator I and II

## EDUCATION
Early Childhood Special Education
Early Child Development

## ENGINEERING
3D Design
Computer-Aided Drafting and Design Technology
Geographic Information Systems

## ENVIRONMENTAL
Environmental Science
Environmental Science – Water/Wastewater Specialization
Forest Science
Geographic Information Systems
Wastewater Plant Operator
Water Plant Operator

## HEALTH SCIENCES (Clinical)
Computed Tomography (SWCC)
Dental Assistant
Dental Assistant II (GCC)
EMS Technology
EMT Basic
EMT Basic Plus
EMT Advanced
EMT Paramedic
Health Sciences
Mammography Advanced Studies (SWCC)
Medical Laboratory Technology (WCC)
Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Nursing (RN)
   Track 1: Two-Year Plan
   Track 2: Advanced Placement Option for LPN Transition
   Track 3: Part-Time Evening/Weekend
   Track 4: Part-Time Evening/Weekend Advanced Placement Option for LPN Transition
Occupational Therapy Assistant (SWCC)
Phlebotomy
Physical Therapy Assistant (WCC)
Practical Nursing
Radiography Technology (SWCC)
Respiratory Therapy

## MANUFACTURING
3D Design
Chemical Process Operator
Computer-Aided Drafting and Design Technology
Computerized Manufacturing Technology
Electromechanical Technology Specialization
Industrial Maintenance
Machinery Maintenance
Mechatronics
Welding
Welding Certificate
Welding Operator I and II

## PUBLIC SAFETY
Correctional Services
Corrections Management and Supervision
Law Enforcement Management and Supervision
Police Science

## TECHNOLOGY
Computer Networking Technology
Computer Software Specialist
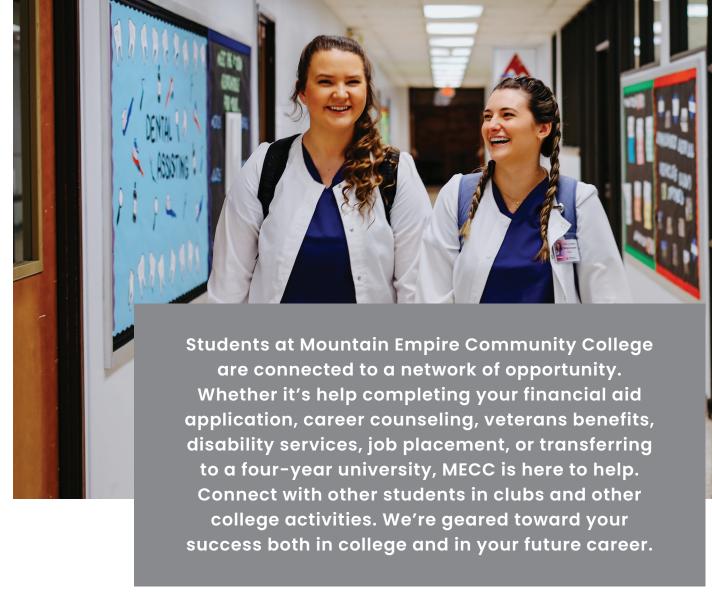Cybersecurity
Help Desk Support
Information Technology Readiness
Mobile Application Development
Smart Farming I and II
Software Development I and II
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Students at Mountain Empire Community College are connected to a network of opportunity. Whether it's help completing your financial aid application, career counseling, veterans benefits, disability services, job placement, or transferring to a four-year university, MECC is here to help. Connect with other students in clubs and other college activities. We're geared toward your success both in college and in your future career.

# ANNUAL TUITION COMPARISON

**$8,935**
East Tennessee State University

**$4,710**
Mountain Empire Community College

**$35,100**
Emory & Henry College

**$22,010**
Lincoln Memorial University

**$11,210**
Radford University

**$13,620**
Virginia Tech

**$17,653**
University of Virginia

**$10,119**
University of Virginia's College at Wise

*Based on full time enrollment, in-state in 2018-19. Data retrieved from National Center for Education Statistics at nces.ed.gov.

# SET YOUR OWN PACE

## A wide variety of learning options.

There are many ways to reach your academic and career goals. Step ahead with prior learning credit or dual-enrollment courses. Get job ready with 15-week certifications to 2-year degree programs. Choose one of the more than 50 2-year degree programs and concentrations. Or, go for a 4-year bachelor's degree through MECC's established transfer services—with direct access to 18 respected regional colleges. Ready for a side trip? An interesting collection of noncredit classes is ready and waiting.

### PRIOR LEARNING CREDIT

Students who are veterans or have qualifying past work experience may qualify for college credit through MECC's Prior Learning Credit option. Credit may be awarded for subject-matter competency based on previous college credit, military service, or through past work experience in a related field. Students may be required to complete an interview and test in order to receive credit. Students who believe they are eligible should contact their academic advisor before registering for classes.

### DUAL ENROLLMENT

MECC's mission is to provide our region with accessible, quality higher education, workforce training, and community programs to ensure an educated population and globally competitive workforce. Dual enrollment fits perfectly into this mission. Our courses allow high-achieving students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit. The dual-enrollment process begins at your high school. Please contact your high school guidance counselor or your high school career navigator for more information.

### JOB-READY CERTIFICATIONS

MECC offers short-term certifications that enable students to further their education while earning a national credential. These credentials are designed to increase employability, salary, and skills.

**SAMANTHA S. | PHLEBOTOMY**

*"The instructors are encouraging, helpful, and determined to help us succeed and find our way. The campus atmosphere is always great and everyone makes sure you feel welcomed. The phlebotomy program may seem scary, but it offers an experience where you meet wonderful people and learn new things daily."*

## NONCREDIT CLASSES

Noncredit courses are short-term classes offered through the workforce solutions department. They are intended for students who want to gain general knowledge, learn a new skill, upgrade existing skills, or develop personal interests.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Advanced First Aid (New)
Advanced First Aid Recertification
Advanced First Aid Reciprocity
Basic Contractor Licensing
Business and Customer Service
Carpentry Level 1
Certified Nurse Aide
Commercial Driver's License Class A
Commercial Driver's License Class B
Concealed Weapons
Diesel Retraining
Drill Press Skills 1
Electrical – Level 1
Electrical – Level 2
Emergency Medical Technician
Emergency Medical Technician – Advanced
Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic
Foreman Cont. Ed. (Surface/Underground)
Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW)
General Coal Miner (Surface/Underground)
Grinding Skills 1
HVAC – Level 1
Intermediate Work Zone Safety/Flagger
Job Planning, Benchwork, and Layout
Level 1 CNC Milling: Operations
Level 1 CNC Milling: Programming Setup
Level 1 CNC Turning: Operations
Level 1 CNC Turning: Programming Setup
Lift Truck Certification
Masonry – Level 1
Measurement, Materials, and Safety
NCCER Core
OSHA 10 General Industry or Construction
OSHA 30 General Industry or Construction
Pediatric Advanced Life Support
Pharmacy Technician
Plumbing – Level 1
Power Line Worker 1
Retraining (Electrical/Underground/Surface)
Security Officer Firearm Recertification
Security Office In-Service
Surface Coal Miner (Full 2-day course)
Tradesman Gas Fitters Recertification Online
Tradesman Recertification Online (Electrical/HVAC/Plumbing)
Underground Coal Miner (Full 4-day course)
Underground Shotfirer
Welding Fabrication
Welding – Level 1
Welding – Level 2
Work Ethic
Work Site Safety

# PROMISE PROGRAM

## Your future. Your opportunities.

The Mountain Empire Community College Foundation's Promise Program guarantees all high school graduates in our service region tuition-free community college.

The Promise Program is intended to help students who have plans to enroll in community college post high school, or those who go directly to employment.

To qualify, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA, be continuously enrolled up to two years or 72 credit hours up to completion of their first associate degree; provide proof of residency in Lee, Dickenson, Scott, or Wise county or the city of Norton; complete a FAFSA and submit required documentation annually; and complete the MECC Scholarship Application annually.

# GREAT EXPECTATIONS

## Fostering powerful change.

Great Expectations is part of a statewide initiative that serves current and former foster care youth. We provide resources, tools, information, and guidance to support our participants in reaching their educational and career goals. We also help them overcome day-to-day life stressors so they are able to transition into a healthy and successful adulthood.

Great Expectations is designed to help guide former foster youth through college. Some students need help with job applications or career choices. Others need more immediate support like housing and food. The GE Coordinator works with each student to identify their needs and to come up with a plan to meet those needs.

*To learn more, contact Christina Fraley at 276-523-9030 or cfraley@mecc.edu.*

# G3: GET A SKILL, GET A JOB, GET AHEAD

## What is the G3 program?

The G3 Program is a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. Eligible students may enroll in designated programs leading to jobs in high-demand fields.

For a list of G3 eligible programs visit: *www.mecc.edu/paying-for-college.*

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE G3 PROGRAM?

Any Virginia resident who:

- Qualifies for in-state tuition

- Has a total household income of less than or equal to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level

- Is enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours in a Virginia community college

- Has applied for federal and/or state financial aid programs

### HOW DOES G3 TUITION ASSISTANCE WORK?

G3 assistance makes up the difference between what federal or state financial aid pays for and the cost of tuition, fees, and books. This means if you enroll in a G3-eligible certificate or degree program, you must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

You may also be required to provide documentation of household income or eligibility for federal assistance. If you want to come to school and get certifications or a degree that leads to a career, we can find money to make it happen—through G3 or other funding.

## APPLY FOR THE G3 PROGRAM

1. Select your career path.

2. Apply to MECC.

3. Fill out the FAFSA or FANTIC application.

4. Contact an advisor to plan classes and confirm financial aid.

5. Enroll in your first classes.

You do not have to apply for these funds separately. You will be identified based on the eligibility criteria and program of study and awarded funding automatically.

# START YOUR FOUR-YEAR DEGREE HERE

**Interested in a four-year degree? Start at MECC.**

When you start studying for your degree at a community college, you'll pay less for the same core courses. We offer services like one-on-one advising sessions, transfer fairs, course-equivalency planning, campus visits, and assistance with college applications.



MECC offers the following two-year degree programs designed to allow students to transfer to a four-year university or find immediate employment following graduation:

- Business Administration
- Education
- Engineering
- General Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Science
- Software Engineering

For more information on transfer programs at MECC, visit *www.mecc.edu/directory/arts-and-sciences.*

## TRANSFER VIRGINIA

Students who graduate from MECC with an associate's degree and a minimum grade point average may obtain GUARANTEED admission to more than 30 of the Commonwealth's colleges and universities, including:

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| Appalachian College of Pharmacy | Norfolk State University | UVA-Wise |
| Averett University | Old Dominion University | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Bridgewater College | Radford University | Virginia Military Institute |
| Christopher Newport University | Randolph College | Virginia State University |
| Eastern Mennonite University | Roanoke College | Virginia Tech |
| Emory & Henry College | Shenandoah University | Virginia Wesleyan University |
| George Mason University | Sweet Briar College | Washington and Lee University |
| Hollins University | University of Lynchburg | William & Mary |
| James Madison University | University of Mary Washington | |
| Longwood University | University of Richmond, School of Professional and Continuing Studies | |
| Mary Baldwin University | University of Virginia | |
| Marymount University | | |

## STEPS TO ENROLLMENT

- Apply for admission at *www.mecc.edu/apply.*

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at *www.studentaid.gov.* MECC's school code to include on the form is 009629. Apply for MECC Foundation Scholarships at *www.mecc.edu/paying-for-college.*

- Register for an advising session by visiting *www.mecc.edu/advising.*



## FINANCIAL AID

Full- and part-time students who are enrolled in a program of study at MECC may apply for financial aid to take credit classes. Audited classes are not eligible for financial aid.

### DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID (FAFSA)

Although you can file the online FAFSA anytime, it is best to complete the FAFSA by the priority deadline of May 1st of the year that you plan to attend MECC. This ensures that you will receive consideration for all available aid that you might qualify for. You must complete the FAFSA at least two weeks prior to the first day of class of the first semester you attend. Financial aid may come in the form of grants, scholarships, or a work-study position (part-time job).



### HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Visit *www.mecc.edu/paying-for-college.*

- For more information on creating your FSA ID, please visit the "Create an Account (FSA ID)" website at *www.studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch.*

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at *www.studentaid.gov* and use the MECC school code 009629 on the application.

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