

Your Life. Their Future.



**Mountain Empire
Community College**



Work. Family. School? How will I find time for college?

Balancing life commitments can seem overwhelming. The average age of an MECC student is 25, meaning a large number of our students return to college while also juggling work and family obligations. MECC's programs meet the unique needs of adult learners by providing a flexible, supportive college experience. Options include face-to-face classes, online learning, and evening and weekend classes.

- ▶ **Work full-time** while completing your degree, certificate, or credential
- ▶ **Spend less time in class**
 - Classes meet only one or two times a week
 - Select classes can be completed in only eight weeks or less
 - In-person classes can be combined with online courses
- ▶ **Focus on just one or two classes at a time** — you decide!
- ▶ Complete a **two-year career technical degree** or work toward your **bachelor's degree**



Why do I need a college degree?

You want the right job, not just any job. An estimated 88% of MECC students are employed within 6 months of graduation, most within their field of study. Earn a certificate or degree that will boost your employability and increase your chances for advancement.



Degree and Certificate Programs

Mountain Empire Community College offers degrees and certificates in a variety of career fields and interests.

Allied Health (Non-Clinical)

Administrative Support Technology –
Medical Office Specialist
Clinical Research Coordinator
Funeral Services Assistant
Health Information Management
Medical Office Coding and Procedures
Medical Receptionist & Transcriptionist
Medical Records Technician
Pharmacy Technician

Arts & Music

Old Time Music



Business

Administrative
Support Technology
Business Administration
Clerical Assistant
Help Desk Support
Legal Office Assisting
Management
Paralegal Studies
Real Estate
Small Business Management

Construction

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Building Construction – Electrical
Construction
Electricity
Energy Technology
Electrical & HVAC Specializations

Education

Child Development (Infant & Toddler &
Pre-School Options)
Pre-Teacher

Engineering

3-D Design
Computer-Aided Drafting and Design
Mapping Specialization
Computer-Aided Drafting and Design
Technology
Geographical Information Systems

Environmental

Environmental Science
Environmental Science Water/Wastewater
Specialization
Forest Science
Wastewater Plant Operator
Water Plant Operator

Health Sciences (Clinical)

Computed Tomography
Emergency Medical Services Technology
Emergency Medical Technician Basic
Emergency Medical Technician
Intermediate
Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic
Health Sciences
Medical Laboratory
Technology
Nursing – LPN
Nursing Assistant
Nursing Track 1:
Two Year Plan
Nursing Track 2: Part-Time Evening
Weekend
Nursing Track 3: LPN to RN Bridge Program
Nursing Track 4: Part-Time LPN to RN
Bridge Program
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Phlebotomy
Physical Therapy Assistant
Radiography
Respiratory Therapy





Manufacturing

- Chemical Process Operator
- Computerized Manufacturing Technology
(Electromechanical Technology &
Industrial Electronics Specializations)
- Energy Technology (Electrical & HVAC
Specializations)
- Industrial Maintenance
- Machinery Maintenance
- Welding

Public Safety

- Administration of Justice
(Corrections and
Law Enforcement Options)
- Correctional Services
- Corrections Management
and Supervision
- Law Enforcement Management and
Supervision
- Police Science

Technology

- Computer Networking Technology
- Computer Software Specialist
- Computer Software Specialist — Mobile
Application Development
- Information Technology Readiness
- Software Development



Associate of Arts & Science degrees Transferable toward a Bachelor's Degree

- Business Administration
- General Studies
- General Studies – Software Engineering
Specialization
- Pre-Teacher Education
- Science
- Science – Engineering Specialization



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The credits you earn at MECC are flexible, allowing you to enroll in a 12, 18, or 24 month program.

Earn an industry credential through MECC's Workforce Development Center. Visit www.mecc.edu/workforce.

Career Studies Certificate

Earn a set of industry-recognized skills and a credential that leads to an entry-level, skilled job.

"As a displaced coal miner, I needed to be retrained and reeducated for a new career. The WIOA (Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act) provided me the opportunity to attend classes at MECC which have educated and trained me in the job skills necessary for a new career in Energy Technology."

—Greg Maggard, 2016 MECC Graduate, AAS Energy Technology program



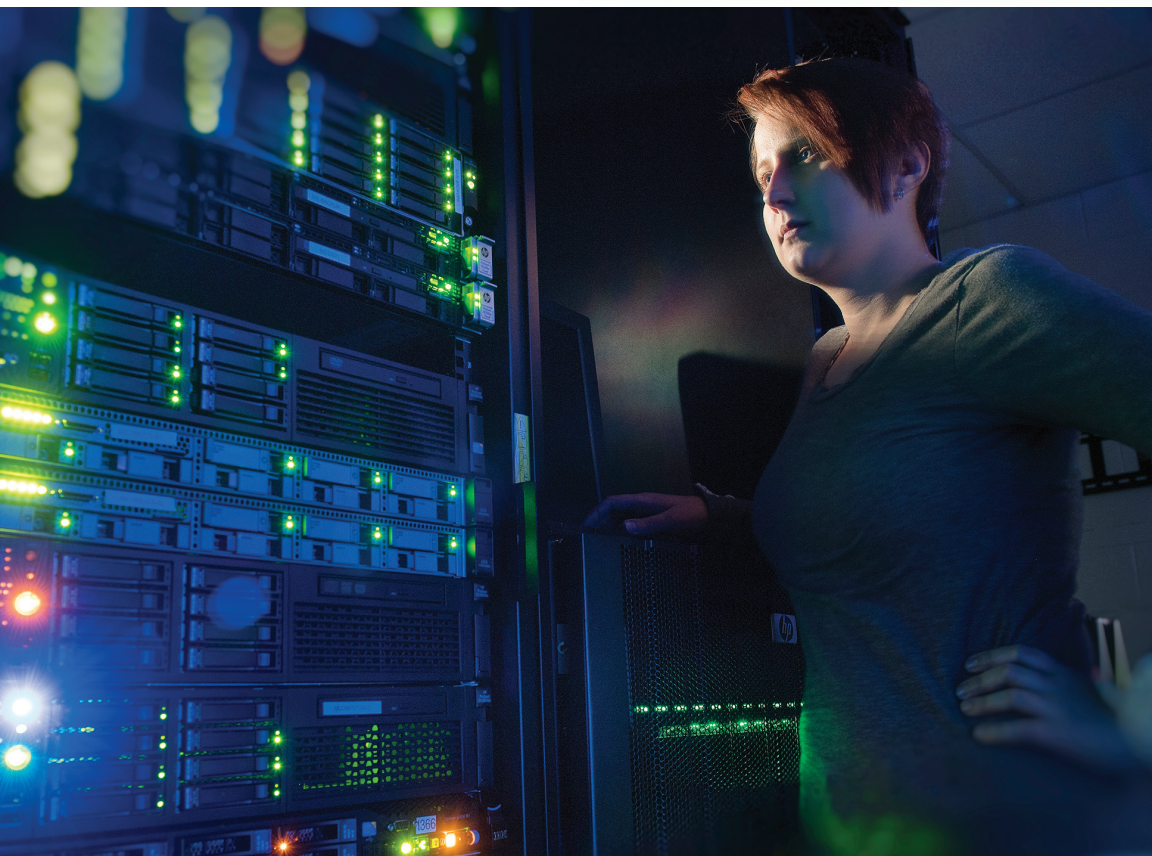
PROGRAMS

Certificates

Quickly advance your career or enter a new field in 12–18 months.

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Become a skilled technician with even higher earning potential!



“Honestly I bounced around a lot before I came to MECC, trying to find what it was I wanted to do. I always loved pulling my computer apart to find out what was wrong. I ended up really enjoying the networking classes at MECC. Before going through this program, there is no way I could have gotten a job in the IT field. Now, with my internship and class experience, I’m definitely prepared to go to work.”

—Chessie Molinary, MECC Graduate, AAS Computer Networking Technology



“Three years ago my job was moved, ending life as I knew it. After discussing my layoff with my wife I decided to do what I could to help people, something I’ve always wanted to do. That’s when I enrolled at MECC and applied for the Nursing Program. I haven’t looked back and I am proud to be where I am now. I’m thankful for every day in the program.”

—Jeff Triplett, MECC Student, Registered Nursing Program

My budget is already tight. How can I afford college?

Compare the cost. MECC allows you to save thousands compared to other four-year colleges. 96% of MECC students receive financial assistance. A college degree is an affordable investment.

There are a variety of resources to make college affordable:

- Financial Aid
- MECC Scholarships
- Payment Plan
- Employer-Sponsored Tuition Reimbursement

Comparing Annual Tuition Cost*



*Based on full-time enrollment, in-state 2015–2016. Data retrieved from National Center for Education Statistics at nces.ed.gov.



“I am a success story because of the superior teaching staff and quality education opportunities at MECC. The Health Information Management program has provided me with the experience, leadership skills, and knowledge I need to progress in my position with Holston Medical Group.”

— Vivian Rogers, 2016 MECC Health Information Management Graduate

Is college too “tough” for me?

From the moment you become an MECC student to graduation, help is available every step of the way. We offer:

- Advising
- Career Services
- Center for Student Outreach and Success
- Disability Services
- Educational & Professional Credential Testing
- Fitness Center
- Technology Assistance
- Transfer Services
- Tutoring
- Veterans Services



Visit www.mecc.edu/studentsupport for more information.

Does my life experience count?

Skills and knowledge may be gained in ways other than through the classroom. MECC offers several options to receive credit for past experience and training.

College Credit for Work Experience

- Earn credit for what you've accomplished on the job

Military Training and Experience

- Service members and veterans qualify for credit and support services at MECC

Transfer Credits

- MECC accepts credits earned at other colleges and universities

MECC honors your past and helps you build your future!

"I spent 26 years in the Army, with 22 of those as a non-commissioned officer. My time and training helped me to be a good speaker, a leader, and a mentor. These traits not only helped me be a success at MECC, but also enabled me to earn college credit."

—George Merriam, 2016 MECC Graduate,
Associate of Applied Science Correctional
Services and Police Science



Mountain Empire Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Mountain Empire Community College. The Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. The Nursing program is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326). The Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant programs are approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing. The Emergency Medical Services Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The Phlebotomy program is approved by the National Phlebotomy Association. www.mecc.edu/degree-programs/gainful-employment-programs/. Important Information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended MECC is available at www.mecc.edu/about-mecc/consumer-information/.

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QUICK START

Unsure About College? Try MECC for Free.



MECC offers a free Quick Start to College class designed for individuals who have considered college, but are unsure about what is required. Covering just six weeks, the course allows students the opportunity to obtain three college credits at no cost without having to enroll for a full semester.

- **Navigate campus offices and classes**
- **Assistance with financial aid application**
- **Career counseling**
- **Computer skills training**
- **Math and English refresher**

Students must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).

**For more information, or to enroll,
visit www.mecc.edu/quickstart or call 276.523.7438.**



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1. Complete an application. Apply online at www.mecc.edu/apply
2. Apply for financial aid at www.mecc.edu/paying-for-college
3. Take a placement test and meet with an advisor
4. Register and pay for classes



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