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MCAS Academy

At BCC, MCAS means My Choice for Academic Success. The MCAS Academy provides intensive one-to-one and small group instruction in Mathematics and English Language Arts for individuals who haven't yet passed the MCAS exams. In addition, the MCAS Academy offers assistance with the college transition process and a free credit course in career exploration and development. Instruction is offered at the Fall River Campus in a convenient evening schedule year-round. MCAS Academy students have the opportunity to take the Ability to Benefit test and those who complete the program receive a voucher for a free college course. Many MCAS Academy graduates are now attending BCC.

Bristol Career/Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) Consortium (Formerly known as Tech Prep)

The Bristol CVTE Consortium is a partnership between Bristol Community College and 11 local school districts who work together to ensure students are college and career ready. The goal of the Consortium is to help students align high school studies with the career and technical programs at BCC. Eligible high school students in CVTE programs can take advantage of free college courses, early college placement testing, various Career Days, and other program activities. Some high school CVTE courses entitle students to college credits at BCC. Save time and money by participating in the program. Contact the Bristol CVTE Consortium office for more information.

Pre-College TRiO Programs Educational Talent Search

The Educational Talent Search Program serves more than 600 students in Fall River middle and high schools, including Durfee High School, Diman Regional Vocational Technical School, and Henry Lord, Kuss, Morton and Talbot Middle Schools. Students are prepared for successful college careers with academic year services in the schools, and at the College. Workshops and presentations on college awareness, financial aid and scholarship availability, career exploration, and college entrance test preparation are provided at least monthly to all students, as well as regular field trips to area colleges and cultural events. Qualified students who are the first generation in their families to plan to go on to higher education or are from low-income households and attending one of the target schools can apply by contacting their school guidance offices or the program directly.

Upward Bound

The Upward Bound Program serves 66 public high school students from Fall River. Year-round intensive academic services are provided to help eligible first-generation, low-income youth prepare for successful college entrance and persistence. The program includes a six-week summer residential academy, monthly Saturday classes at BCC, and weekly tutorials that include academic instruction, one-on-one tutoring, study skills, MCAS, SAT, and other college entrance test preparation workshops. Students also participate in field trips to museums, theatre and cultural events, college tours, leadership training, and volunteer service activities. More than 90 percent of Upward Bound participants have gone on to higher education.

Dual Enrollment

Bristol Community College's Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program provides an opportunity for eligible high school students to enroll at Bristol Community College as nondegree students and have the courses be recognized toward degree completion at both the College and the student's high school.

Students may enroll at BCC for as little as one course on a part-time basis or for as much as a full-time course load of 12 to 15 credits.

Some students have been granted release time from their high schools in order to attend their BCC classes during their regular high school hours, while other students take all of their classes at the College. Students may also enroll in afternoon, evening, weekend, and online classes.

A minimum high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and an official high school transcript are required. BCC also requires that the students and parent or guardian complete a Dual Enrollment application form which must be signed by the high school guidance counselor.

Students who are under the age of 16 need BCC permission to take college classes and must comply with the College's underage policies and procedures.