

Local District GC CTE EMC Toolkit

Helping your **students & families** understand the opportunities available through the GC CTE Early Middle College program.

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The Genesee County CTE Early/Middle College is a partnership agreement between the local public school districts of Genesee County, Genesee Intermediate School District, Mott Community College, University of Michigan Flint, Ferris State University, and the Michigan Department of Education.

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Understanding the Program

The Genesee County Career and Technical Education Early Middle College (GC CTE EMC) is a three-year high school program designed to allow a student to explore and earn an associate degree, credential, or transferable credit in a CTE Career Pathway while still in high school.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students will begin blending their high school coursework with college-level coursework in 11th grade, adding additional college courses in 12th grade, and completing a full schedule of college coursework in the 13th year by following a specific Program of Study. Students apply for the program during their sophomore year of high school.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

1. **Save money.** The national average cost of attending a four-year public university is more than \$25,000 per year. Participants in the GC CTE EMC earn college credits with little to no cost to themselves.
2. **Get a head start on a career.** Whether students earn a career certificate or an associate degree, they will advance through their educational path and start their career years faster than in a traditional educational program.
3. **Students remain enrolled in their high school** and participate in their high school activities, including their 12th-grade graduation ceremony. Students receive their high school diploma after the successful completion of their “13th year”.
4. **Students will have access to academic support services** through their high school, the GC CTE EMC staff, and college support service offices.



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Understanding the Program *Continued*

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE PART OF THE GC CTE EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Students interested in the GC CTE Early Middle College have many different career paths to choose from. Students can earn industry certifications and work toward a certificate or an associate degree in the following areas:

- Accounting
- Automotive Technology
- Autopsy Assistant
- Business Management
- Computer Aided Drafting and Design
- Information Technology Applications Developer
- Information Technology Computer Security
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts- Professional Baking Certificate
- Culinary Arts- Professional Cooking Certificate
- Dental Assisting
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronics and Electrical Technology
- Firefighter/Paramedics Prerequisites
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology Certificate
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Marketing Management
- Mechatronics
- Nursing Prerequisites
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Prerequisites
- Physical Therapist Assistant Prerequisites
- Teacher Preparation (K-12)
- Welding Certificate
- Welding Technology



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WHERE WILL STUDENTS TAKE CLASSES?

Students will attend classes at their high school, the Genesee Career Institute, and a college campus. Classes at the college may be online, hybrid, or in-person.

WILL STUDENTS HAVE HELP?

Absolutely! Support systems like the College Success Summer Boot Camp, seminar meetings, cohort meetings, mentor meetings, plus all the regular advising, tutoring, and library services from their high school and the college will help students be successful.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT!

Students who elect to enroll in the Genesee County CTE Early Middle College commit to:

- Attend a mandatory four-day College Success Summer Boot Camp in July before the 11th-grade year.
- Successfully complete college coursework in their junior and senior years of high school and attend one additional year of high school on a college campus (to complete both their high school and college degree/certificate requirements).
- Extend their high school graduation date by one school year. Students may participate in commencement with their original graduating class.
- Students will graduate from high school with a high school diploma and significant college credits, a career certificate, or an associate degree.



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Key Dates / Deadlines

January 8, 2024	GC CTE Early Middle College Application Open
February 13 & 15	GCI Showcase
February 15, 2024	GCI Open House 3:30 pm- 8:00 pm
February 15, 2024	GC CTE EMC Family Information Session 6:00pm-7:00pm GCI Conference Center
March 1, 2024	Applications due to GC CTE EMC office
March 18-21, 2023	Student/Family Interviews 1:00-8:00 p.m.
April	Applicants notified of program acceptance
May 1, 2024	New Student Orientation & Mott Accuplacer 7:00am-10:35am GCI Conference Center
May 2024	Fall Scheduling Meeting
July 29-Aug.1, 2024	College Success Summer Boot Camp (Mandatory)



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Key Messages for Target Audiences

The following key messages may be used by area high schools to promote the Genesee County CTE Early Middle College:

- The Genesee County CTE Early Middle College represents a unique opportunity for students to get a head start on their future careers!
- Students (and parents) can save money on college tuition and textbooks!
- Students will extend their high school experience by one year, allowing them to earn a certificate, an associate degree, or transferable credits.
- Students will still have the opportunity to participate in high school activities including sports, after-school clubs, and extra-curricular events in their 11th and 12th-grade years.
- Students will participate in their regularly scheduled graduation ceremonies but will receive their high school diploma after the completion of their 13th year.
- Students will have access to academic support through their high school, the Genesee County CTE Early Middle College Coordinator, and college support service offices.
- Programs and courses are individually scheduled to best meet the student's program of study.
- Parents and students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Genesee County CTE Early Middle College at a family information session scheduled for February 15, 2024. See the Family Information Session flyer!
- Students must successfully complete the program to earn their high school diploma and certificate/degree. Support will be provided throughout the experience to ensure that students progress through the program.
- The program is structured so that students gradually increase their exposure to college courses throughout their high school experience. Students apply for admission to the GC CTE EMC in grade 10 and, if accepted, begin taking college classes in grade 11. Students will take a combination of high school and college courses during grades 11 and 12. By the time they reach the 13th year, they will be a full-time college student and, in most situations, all their coursework will be completed on-site at a college campus.



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Sample School Newsletter / Website Announcement

Attention 10th-grade students! Do you want to get a head start on college and in life by earning an associate degree or certificate while you're still in high school? You can by applying to be a part of the Genesee County CTE Early Middle College!

How does it work? Students will earn substantial college credit up to an associate degree or a career certificate by taking college classes during their 11th and 12th grades of high school. You will then attend college full-time during "grade 13" in your fifth year of high school.

Are you interested in learning more about the GC CTE EMC? Get more information at a Family Information Session or talk to your high school counselor.

February 15, 2024
Family Information Session
6:00 p.m.- 7:00 pm
GCI- Conference Center

The application deadline is March 1, 2024. Only 10th-grade students may apply. Don't delay! There are many components to the application, including an essay along with collecting several letters of recommendation.

For more information, please visit www.gccteemc.org



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Frequently Asked Questions about the Program

IS TRANSPORTATION GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO AND FROM COLLEGE CLASSES HELD ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS?

Due to the different classes and class times offered within the program, transportation will be the responsibility of the student.

HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL YOU ACCEPT INTO THE PROGRAM?

There is no limit to the number of students admitted each year; however, the local school districts make the final decisions regarding the total number of students permitted to participate.

DO STUDENTS NEED TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN GPA?

Students must be on track for graduation. Once enrolled in college-level courses, students must maintain expected college minimums.

WHERE WILL MY COLLEGE CLASSES BE LOCATED?

Some college courses may be offered at the Genesee Career Institute during the 11th-grade year. Depending on the program of study, some students may have classes on a college campus in their 11th-grade year. All 12th and 13th-year classes are held on a college campus.

CAN I TAKE SUMMER CLASSES?

The GC CTE Early Middle College is designed to be completed over three years, with the summers off. Students are welcome to take elective courses during the summer months at their own expense.

IS MY CHILD STILL REQUIRED TO TAKE MATH CLASS DURING THEIR LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL?

Students must take a math or math-related course during their 13th year to comply with Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements

WILL MY CHILD HAVE EARNED ALL OF THEIR REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS BY THE END OF HIS OR HER SENIOR YEAR?

One Michigan Merit Curriculum credit requirement will be held back until the student's 13th year. The specific course will be determined on an individual basis and local school district make final decision on the hold back credit. The holdback credit can be earned at the college or online at the high school.

HOW WILL CREDITS EARNED THROUGH GENESEE COUNTY CTE EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE TRANSFER TO OTHER COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES?

Students need to have discussions with academic advisors at the institution where they intend to transfer credits to ensure maximum transferability.

WHO WILL I RECEIVE MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM?

Students will receive their high school diploma from their home high school. The date on which it is issued will be the date on which the student officially earns his/her diploma at the end of his/her fifth year of high school.

