

CPCC Outreach and Recruitment

High School Newsletter

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Fall Open House Event

We invite you and your students to come out and learn what CPCC has to offer at our upcoming Fall Open House. Students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from our academic programs and student services. Also, attend breakout sessions that cover topics that are relevant to incoming students. We will also be having a special reception area for guidance counselors and school personnel to connect and learn about the programs at CPCC.

Sessions include:

- Financial Aid
- Enrollment Steps
- Transferring to a 4-year College
- Parent Information
- Student Panel
- Career and College Promise (dual enrollment)
- Transfer vs. AAS degrees

We will also provide campus tours and great giveaways. Join the fun! Students can RSVP [here](#) and school staff can RSVP [here](#).

College Connection Changes

As many of you already know from your recruiters, we have made some changes to our College Connection program. The most important of these changes is the return of on-site ACCUPLACER testing. This gives your students the opportunity to take their college entrance exam without leaving the high school campus. Some high schools will have this testing offered after school while others may opt to have us come during the school day to test interested students.

One very important note about the ACCUPLACER test, we are strongly encouraging students to take [the practice exam](#) prior to participating in on-site testing events at the high schools. We have found that students who have not prepared for the test are more likely to be placed in developmental (non-credit) classes that they may not be in had they studied.

As always, students who qualify for a testing waiver based on their SAT (500 or above in each section) or ACT (21 or above in each section) scores do not need to take the Accuplacer. Now that CMS administers the ACT exam to all juniors, you may have many more qualify for the waiver. Make sure that those students request their test scores from College Board to be sent to CPCC, it often takes several weeks for this process to be completed.

Our enrollment steps for this year are as follows:

1. Complete a [CPCC application](#)
2. Take the [Accuplacer](#) or submit qualifying [ACT/SAT scores](#)
3. Register for classes when we come to your high school in April

College Application Week

Would you like for a CPCC Recruiter to have a CPCC Application Day at your school? [CFNCs College Application week](#) is coming up November 12-November 16th. If you would like any assistance from your recruiter during that week to help students complete applications or have questions answered about CPCC please contact them ASAP. We are happy to help!

Information Sessions

CPCC now offers Information Sessions on most of our area campuses so prospective students and their families can learn about CPCC and the enrollment process. Our sessions are held on an ongoing basis and students do not need to make an appointment to attend.

Topics of the session include:

- A step-by-step overview of the enrollment process.
- How to get connected on campus.
- Reasons to attend CPCC.
- Resources and services available to our students.
- Cost and financial assistance opportunities at CPCC.

Central Campus: held daily Monday – Friday from 3-4pm in Overcash 212 (park in the Employee parking deck on E. 4th St. (#22 on [Central Campus map](#))

Cato Campus: Tuesdays from 3-4pm in CT133.

Harris Campus: Mondays from 3-4pm in room 2103.

Levine Campus: Tuesdays from 3-4pm in room LV 2218.

Merancas Campus: Thursdays from 3-4pm in Claytor 1111.

Accuplacer Testing

If your students do not qualify for the testing waiver based on their SAT/ACT scores, they will need to take the ACCUPLACER placement test in order to enroll at CPCC. ACCUPLACER contains four assessments (Reading, English, Arithmetic, Algebra), and usually takes between one to two hours to complete. Calculators and dictionaries are **not** allowed during the placement tests.

The scores on the ACCUPLACER test will determine the level of math and English a student is placed into at CPCC so it is critical that the student takes this test seriously and studies for the test. There are several tools available for students to use in order to ensure that they do their best on the exam. We have [review videos](#), [practice tests](#), and there is even a newly released [ACCUPLACER study guide app](#) available for iPhones, iPads, and other devices. In order for your students to take the practice tests they will need to have a CPCC login. They can create one by filling out an application [here](#) and creating a login [here](#).
