



Gateway Scholarship Program

at City Colleges of Chicago

The Gateway to City Colleges of Chicago program provides a path to a college degree at a reduced cost.

Career Bridge completers and other eligible, upper-level Adult Education students may successfully transition to credit, certificate, and degree programs while benefiting from reduced tuition for four semesters and supportive services.

Eligibility Requirements

- In-District residency (Applicant must live in Chicago)
- Concurrent enrollment in Adult Education course work at the college
- Intent to pursue a certificate or associate degree
- TABE Reading score of 563+ and TABE Math score of 525+

Note: Students with an I-20 (F1, F2), H-1, J-1, J-2, or other non-immigrant visa are not eligible for the Gateway Program.

*Acceptance at final discretion of the Transition Specialist

Application Process

- Online application
- Personal statement
- Recommendation letter from an adult educator
- Formal interview
- Attend a Gateway orientation

Program Requirements

- Complete application for one of the City Colleges of Chicago
- Complete ALEKS placement test for Math and Reading to Write placement test for reading and writing
- Maintain good attendance in adult education classes
- Earn HSE (GED/HiSET) diploma prior to semester 3
- Maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA in credit courses

Gateway benefits don't have to be used consecutively, but all waivers must be used within three years.

Before Full Transition to Credit

- Complete a college application
- Take college placement test

Adult Education Gateway Scholarship Program

Semester 1 Student enrolls in both:

- One college credit course (\$438 tuition waived*)
- Adult Ed classes

Semester 2 Student enrolls in:

- One college credit course (\$438 tuition waived)
 - Adult Ed classes
- OR
- If a student has completed Adult Ed classes, student enrolls in more than one course CCC waives half of the Tuition.

Semester 3 Student enrolls in:

- 1-12+ credit hours (CCC waives half of the Tuition)

Semester 4 Student enrolls in:

- 1-12+ credit hours (CCC waives half of the Tuition)

Program Exit

Meet with college Advisor

Review additional scholarships available at: ccc.edu/scholarships

**Tuition waivers will be posted after the drop date. Waivers will not be disbursed for withdrawn courses (courses with a final grade designation of "ADW", "NSW", or "WTH"). Waivers will only be posted to courses with a final letter grade of: A, B or C. Students will be responsible for tuition of ADW, NSW, WTH courses.*

***Students can't use Gateway benefits for Foundational Studies, but may use them for developmental education class(es) for one semester.*

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