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

Eligible Adult Education students receive reduced tuition and supportive services as they transition into college credit courses. Gateway scholars’ tuition for credit courses is reduced by half for four semesters.
Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the Gateway program, students will need to:

• Complete one or more Adult Education classes at City Colleges during the prior or current academic year
• Qualify for in-district tuition by either living in Chicago or working full-time in Chicago
• Have earned a high school diploma or equivalency OR plan to earn their high school equivalency before the anticipated first college credit term

Application Process

• Complete the online credit application at ccc.edu/apply
• Complete the Gateway Scholars Interest form using your CCC username and password at ccc.edu/AdultEd (Click “Gateway Program” on the left, then click the green “Gateway Scholars Interest Form” button)

Program Requirements

• Take the CCC Read-to-Write placement exam and score a 3 or higher (or 33 or higher for the CCC-RTW-ESL)
• Take the ALEKS placement exam and score a 30 or higher or placement into Math 90.
• Enroll in at least six credit hours in their first term, which must include English.*

* Students in programs which do not require English are not required to enroll in English.

Students with F-1 or J-1 visas are ineligible for the Gateway Scholars Program

Before Full Transition to Credit

• Complete a college application
• Take college placement test
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 Waivers will not be disbursed for withdrawn courses (courses with a final grade designation of “ADW”, “NSW”, or “WTH”).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.**