

***Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) and
DeSales (DSU) University***
**Dual Admissions, Core-to-Core Transfer, and Two-Plus-Two-Plus-One
Partnership Agreement Fact Sheet**

DeSales University welcomes transfer students from MCCC through the dual admissions, core-to-core, and two-plus-two-plus-one transfer agreement. As part of this agreement, MCCC graduates are guaranteed admission into DeSales University's bachelor's degree programs with third year junior status if they have completed and submitted a dual admissions intent form; graduated from MCCC with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.); and satisfied all other DeSales University transfer requirements, including any admission requirements for the major (i.e., Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Special Education). For information on program-to-program transfer, please contact the Admissions Office (for traditional undergraduates) at 1-800-228-5114, or ACCESS (the evening adult program for non-traditional students) at 610-282-4361. For admission to graduate programs contact the appropriate program office.

Eligibility for Dual Admissions : Current students or recent graduates may apply for acceptance into the dual admissions program by completing the Dual admissions intent form. Students with A.A.S. (e.g., Criminal Justice) or A.G.S. (e.g., General Studies) degrees may still participate in the dual admissions agreement and will have transcripts evaluated on a course-by-course basis. The application fee is waived for Dual Admissions candidates.

Scholarships and Financial Aid: Academic scholarships are awarded to all qualified (traditional) graduates admitted to DeSales University pursuant to this Agreement. The Tuition Opportunity Program (TOP) awards grants equal to the amount of their tuition paid to the community college. To be eligible, you must have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree at MCCC and be entering DeSales University as a full-time traditional junior.

The Transfer Scholarship Program (TSP) offers academic scholarships worth \$3,500 per year to qualified transfer students. To qualify for TSP, you must meet the following criteria: 1) apply by December 1st for the spring semester or by May 1st for the fall semester; 2) have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 upon transferring to DeSales University; 3) have at least eight (8) courses that will transfer to DeSales University; 4) maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 while a student at DeSales University; 5) enter DeSales University as a full-time, traditional day student.

Please note: The TOP and TSP programs are mutually exclusive. Students qualifying for both programs will receive the higher of the two awards. ACCESS and non-traditional nursing students are not eligible for either TOP or TSP.

MCCC students who are applying to the **ACCESS program** (our accelerated evening degree program for adult students) will be eligible for participation in the Hope Scholarship.

Eligibility for admission to graduate programs:

Students are encouraged to seek assistance from a DeSales University advisor regarding admission requirement into the graduate programs offered by DeSales University. Each graduate program has specific requirements; therefore, early advising would help prepare students for admission.

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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Transfer to DeSales University

Which of my courses will transfer to DSU? All MCCC courses completed in the A.A. or A.S. degree programs will transfer into a parallel program at DSU.

How many courses may I transfer into a DSU degree program ? A maximum of 75 total credits (or 25 courses) will transfer to DeSales University. Transfer students must complete at least five (5) courses required by the major or approved by the department chairs. If you transfer in 25 courses, you must complete fifteen (15) courses at DSU to earn your bachelor's degree.

Will I have to take any general education core courses at DSU? Any DSU general education core requirements that you have not completed at MCCC must be completed at DSU. However, if you work closely with a DSU academic or faculty advisor, you can complete all of the DSU general education requirements at MCCC. The only courses that cannot be completed at MCCC are three courses required at DSU as Christian Theology and Values requirements. However, these courses may also be completed at another Catholic institution and transferred into DSU.

How long will it take me to complete my degree at DSU? If MCCC students transfer twenty-five (25) courses into a DSU degree program, normally, a bachelor's degree can be completed in three semesters. In ACCESS, our evening accelerated degree program, a B.S. or B.A. degree can be completed in one year and two months. Certain specialized fields of study (e.g. education, P.A. program) may require additional studies beyond the time mentioned above due to student teaching, practicum, or pre-requisite courses required for those programs.

Do all grades transfer into a DSU program? All credits earned in the Associates Degree program (s) will be transferred to DSU provided that the student achieved (a) a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all courses presented for the degree and (b) a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for courses required in and offered by the major at DSU. Grades of D earned in non-major courses will also transfer to DeSales University.

Is financial aid and/or tuition deferment available to me? Although financial aid does not transfer between schools, students are eligible to apply for financial aid by filing the appropriate applications. Tuition deferment is available through your place of employment. Additionally, payment plans are available for all students through the business office.

How can I get into a graduate program? Each graduate program at DeSales University has its own requirements for admission. Students should seek advising early to meet these requirements. Meeting with DeSales University advisors early is strongly encouraged. In some cases, for example for the MBA Program, seniors can take undergraduate courses that can count toward their undergraduate requirements as well as the MBA Program, as long as a minimum overall GPA is achieved.

It is highly recommended that MCCC students who are candidates for the dual admissions program take advantage of the advising services at DSU, including a desire to pursue graduate studies. Discussing course planning, scheduling options, and other academic issues, will help make your transition into DSU seamless and easy!

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