Through a unique opportunity offered by Dutchess Community College (DCC), qualifying students can participate in a program that offers guaranteed acceptance to Marist College, and the academic and personal support necessary to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in four years!

BRIDGES TO EXCELLENCE (B2E)

Bridges to Excellence is an innovative, cutting edge program administered by DCC’s Office of Academic Services. B2E is designed to facilitate transfer to— and success at— Marist, by working with qualifying students after they graduate from high school or complete the equivalent and throughout their two years at DCC.

The goal of B2E is to provide motivated students the tools necessary to meet their educational goals. Potential participants are identified through DCC’s placement test as requiring additional preparation to handle college-level coursework. Successful B2E participants will graduate from DCC in two years and from Marist in another two years – more than one year faster than the national average for today’s entering college freshmen. B2E will save students time and money, and it will change their lives.

DCC and Marist will work together to select participants for the program through a review of applicants’ high school transcripts, DCC placement test scores, and an interview process. Interested students should apply to DCC, take the DCC placement test, complete the B2E application, and direct questions to DCC’s Office of Academic Services and Testing.

WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE B2E?

• You get a jumpstart on college-level work and improve your academic skills.
• Your progress toward graduation is accelerated through summer programs.
• You become familiar with the DCC and Marist campuses and the various services provided by the colleges.
• You can discuss academic, financial, personal and career matters with counselors.
• You form relationships with classmates and begin to build your college community.
• You receive automatic acceptance to Marist College after you complete program requirements at DCC.
• You have the support of Dutchess County’s largest colleges!

GET STARTED TODAY!

Visit DCC’s Office of Academic Services and Testing Hudson Hall, Room 315 or call (845) 431-8090.
Both Dutchess Community College and Marist College have earned reputations for offering outstanding educational opportunities and for providing the support needed for you to reach your educational goals on their beautiful and vibrant campuses.

WHAT DOES B2E OFFER YOU?

First Year at Dutchess Community College
• Participation in SmartStart, a four-week summer program, following your graduation from high school to improve your academic skills in reading, writing and math. This allows you to re-take the placement test before beginning your freshman year.
• Academic advisement and personal mentoring through the Office of Academic Services and Testing throughout your freshman year.

Second Year at Dutchess Community College
• Summer classes at DCC between your freshman and sophomore years could help you stay on track to meet course requirements for graduation.
• Continued academic support and college skills workshops.
• Early connection to Marist through invitations to campus events.

Third Year at Marist College
• Automatic acceptance if you maintain academic progress.
• Financial aid counseling and consideration.
• Summer transition program at Marist College before beginning your junior year.

Fourth Year at Marist College
• Ongoing academic support until you graduate.
• Graduation from Marist.
• Financial aid counseling and consideration.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO COMPLETE B2E?
• Maintain academic progress toward timely completion of a degree at DCC.
• Earn a minimum GPA of 2.8 overall.
• Participate in program activities and events at DCC and Marist.
• Pay tuition and costs for books and fees at each institution.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE ACCEPTED?
• Fill out DCC Application.
• Take DCC placement test.
• Apply for the program.
• Complete the interview process, which assists staff in determining your academic potential and motivation to meet the B2E requirements.
• Enroll in one of the following majors: Business Administration, Communications, Criminal Justice, Human Services (Psychology, Social Work), Liberal Arts and Humanities (many options, such as History, English, Languages, Education, etc.).
• Applicants are required to reside in either Dutchess or Putnam County.

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