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 directly after they graduate from high school 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 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.
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
• Second summer program at DCC between your freshman and sophomore years helps 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 BE ACCEPTED?
• 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, etc.).

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.

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.

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ESSAY QUESTION
On a separate sheet of paper, in approximately 500 words, please answer the following question:
Why do you want to participate in the Bridges to Excellence program?

OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION
Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at the educational institute you attended, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution? □ Yes □ No

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime? □ Yes □ No

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate sheet of paper that gives the approximate date of each incident, explains the circumstances, and reflects on what you learned from that experience.

SIGNATURE
It is the responsibility of the applicant to be sure that all items on this application are completed. Please review the checklist below to be sure that all requirements have been met, then be sure to sign the application below. Applications for the fall are due by March 15.

To complete this application, be sure that you have:
☑ Completed the DCC application and taken placement tests
☑ Answered all questions on this application
☑ Requested that your official transcripts be sent by your high school
☑ Selected one of the five major fields of study
☑ Answered the essay question

Your completed application must be signed and returned to:

Bridges to College Coordinator, Academic Services & Testing
Dutchess Community College
53 Pendell Road
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

845-431-8090
http://www.sunydutchess.edu/academics/academic_services/

I certify that the information given on this application is current and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize all schools attended to release all requested records covered under the F.E.R.P.A. act, and authorize review of my application for the admission program indicated on this application.

Signature of applicant: ___________________________ Date: ___/___/___

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PERSONAL INFORMATION
Please Print or Type

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ Middle: ___________________________

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Birth Date: ___/___/___

Mailing Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Applicants are required to reside in either Dutchess or Putnam Counties to be eligible for the B2E program.

☐ Yes, I am a resident of Dutchess County ☐ Yes, I am a resident of Putnam County ☐ No, I am not a resident of Dutchess or Putnam County

Country: ___________________________

U.S. Social Security #: ___________________________ Required if applying for financial aid

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

E-mail Address: ___________________________

MAJORS OFFERED THROUGH THE BRIDGES TO EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (YOU MUST SELECT ONE)

☐ Business ☐ Communications ☐ Criminal Justice ☐ Human Services ☐ Liberal Arts & Humanities

DEMOGRAPHICS

☐ US Citizen

☐ Dual US Citizen

☐ US Permanent Resident Visa (Alien registration #: ___________________________

List any non-US countries of citizenship: ___________________________

How many years have you lived in the US? ___________________________

Place of Birth: City/Town ___________________________ State/Province ___________________________ County ___________________________

First Language: ___________________________

Primary Language Spoken at Home: ___________________________
EDUCATION
Full Name of Current High School: __________________________

CEE Code: __________________________ Graduation Year: ____________ □ Public □ Private □ Other

School Address: ______________________________________________

Guidance Counselor: __________________________________________ Phone: ______________________________________

Counselor E-mail: _____________________________________________

Other High School Attended: ____________________________________

CEE Code: __________________________ Dates Attended: _____/____—____/____ □ Public □ Private □ Other

School Address: ______________________________________________

Other High School Attended: ____________________________________

CEE Code: __________________________ Dates Attended: _____/____—____/____ □ Public □ Private □ Other

School Address: ______________________________________________

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND WORK EXPERIENCE
Please list any extracurricular activities and work experience you have had.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS
If you received college counseling or assistance with your application from a community based organization (such as Family Partnership, Upward Bound, Liberty Partnership Program, Nubian Directions, Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers) Please Specify:

HOUSEHOLD
Parents' marital status (relative to each other):
□ Never Married □ Married □ Widowed □ Separated □ Divorced (Date: _____/____/____)

With whom do you make your permanent home:
□ Parent 1 □ Parent 2 □ Both □ Legal Guardian □ Ward of the Court/State □ Other

Parent 1: □ Mother □ Father □ Guardian

Is Parent 1 living? □ Yes □ No (Date Deceased: _____/____/____)

Last Name: __________________________ First Name: __________________________ Middle: __________________________

Country: __________________________

Home Address (if different):

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

E-mail Address: __________________________

Occupation: __________________________

College (if any): __________________________ Degree: __________________________

SIBLINGS
Please give the names and ages of your brothers or sisters. If they are enrolled in grades K-12 (or international equivalent), list their grade levels. If they have attended or are currently attending college, give the names of the undergraduate institution, degree earned, and approximate dates of attendance.

1. Name: __________________________ Age & Grade: ____________ Relationship: ____________

College Attended: __________________________

Degree Earned or Expected: __________________________ Date: _____/____/____

2. Name: __________________________ Age & Grade: ____________ Relationship: ____________

College Attended: __________________________

Degree Earned or Expected: __________________________ Date: _____/____/____

3. Name: __________________________ Age & Grade: ____________ Relationship: ____________

College Attended: __________________________

Degree Earned or Expected: __________________________ Date: _____/____/____

Provide names and relationships of members of your immediate family who are DCC and/or Marist alumni and indicate year of graduation.

DCC Alumni: __________________________

Marist Alumni: __________________________