

# Class of 2024

## Community College, Trade School & Employment

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Mrs. Shifflett  
MCHS Career Advisor



# High School Career Advisors

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## What is a Career Advisor?

High School Career Advisors empower students to make informed decisions about their career and educational plans and help prepare students for success in postsecondary education and training. Career Advisors assist students with:

- Developing personalized academic and career plans
- Administering and interpreting career interest assessments
- Exploring post high school options and researching career pathways
- Connecting students with various dual-enrollment opportunities
- Transitioning from high school to postsecondary education, training and the workforce
- Providing full enrollment services by completing the onboarding process, start to finish

# Senior Meetings

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- Your counselor will meet with each of you individually to go over:
  - Graduation Progress
    - Credits, SOLs, Diploma Seals.....
  - Plans for after High School
    - 2-year College, Trade School, Full-Time Employment

# Why do students attend Community College?

Community College is a great option for students who:

- Want to save money- [2 yr vs 4 yr Cost Comparison](#)
- Plan to transfer to a 4 year College or University
- Need to attend college from home, or prefer online courses
- Need to work part-time while attending college

OR

- Wish to earn an occupational related certificate or degree in order to go directly into the workforce

# What types of programs do Community Colleges Offer?

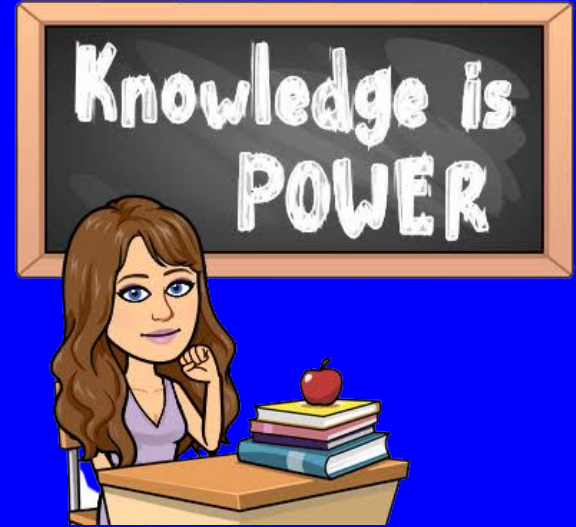
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- Associate Degrees

- These can be occupational related or designed to transfer
- Associate of Arts or Associate of Science options

- Certificate Programs

- Occupational or job specific training that can typically be completed in 1-3 years
- Nursing, Automotive, Dental Assistant, Culinary Arts, Ultrasound Tech, Physical Therapy Assistant, etc.



# A Few Local Community Colleges in VA



## GCC Programs of Study



# Transfer & Guaranteed Admissions Agreements

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In order to make the transfer process seamless it's important to:

- Quickly decide where you want to transfer and what you want to study
- Carefully review the transfer guide on the website of the 4 yr college/university

[Transfer Virginia](#)

[Guaranteed Admissions Agreements](#)

Talk to the transfer counselors at the 4 yr school to ensure you take the right courses

# Workforce Credential Programs

## **Courses & Trainings**

High quality, employer-recognized training in growing industries and occupations. Finish fast through accelerated, flexible options.



**Business / Professional**



**Computer / Technology**



**Health / Wellness**



**Industry / Construction**



**Personal Enrichment**



**Transportation**



# Apprenticeships

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- High-Demand Jobs
- Real life, hands on experience
- Special grant funding for many programs
- Potential to get paid while taking classes

# Registration Requirements-How do I sign up?

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- Complete the online application (Save your ID #, username & password)
- Submit your Financial Aid Application (FAFSA)
- Determine your placement/readiness for courses with Mrs. Shifflett
- Attend or complete new student orientation (different for each school)
- Make an appt & register with Mrs. Shifflett (Germann classes only)
  - or Mrs. Shifflett will give you contact information for other VCCS schools to register

# SUPER FAFSA PROJECT

Virginia

**What:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**When:** **New Dates Coming** - Used to be October 1st

**Who:** Everyone attending 2 yr, 4 yr, or trade/tech schools

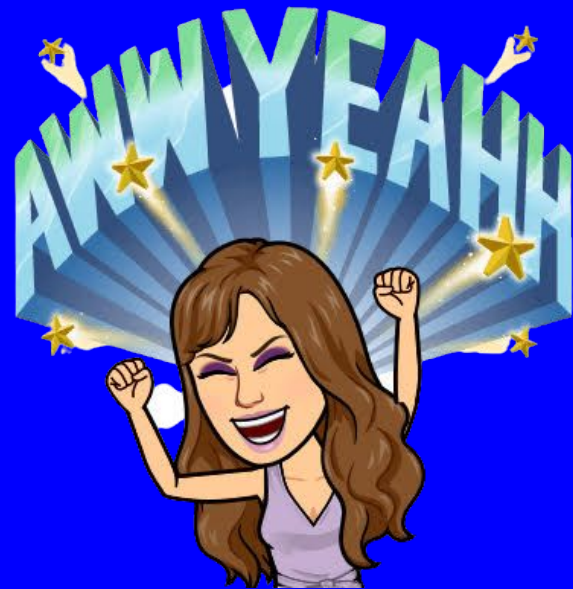
**Why:** It's the only way to determine eligibility for aid and it's often needed for scholarship applications

**Who can help:** Mrs. Shifflett, Ms. Rhodes, or anyone in a financial aid office at the school you plan to attend

- **Financial Aid Night - Thursday, October 26th @ 6 pm**

# Scholarships

- MCHS Local Scholarships
  - Applications will be available in Spring (February-March)
- [Germanna Scholarships](#)
- Check school websites for specific scholarships available
- Ask your employer, bank, church, and other local organizations you are a part of if they offer scholarships!



# EMPLOYMENT

Schedule appointment with Mrs. Shifflett to:

- Explore interests and determine your goals
- Create a list of jobs you would like to apply for
- Check Requirements:
  - Age
  - Experience
  - Certifications
- Develop a list of references
  - Get permission to use them
- Create your resume



# Naviance

Make sure you use Naviance to:

- Sign up for College/Trade School/Industry Visits
- Scholarships
- Resume Builder
- Interest Inventories



# Important Resources

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- Your School Counselor
- Your Teachers
- School Administration
- Mrs. Reynolds, Counseling Secretary/Registrar
- Mrs. Shifflett & Ms Rhodes
- Your Parents
- Admissions Officers
- Financial Aid Officers



- Check email (regularly)
- Social Media: mchs\_info
- Naviance
- MCHS Website
- Senior Class Website
- Student Success Center  
(Room 108)



## In Summary

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- Make sure you meet with your counselor and Mrs. Shifflett to discuss your plans and make sure you are on track with all of your requirements.
- Ask for help when needed, that's what we all are here for!

