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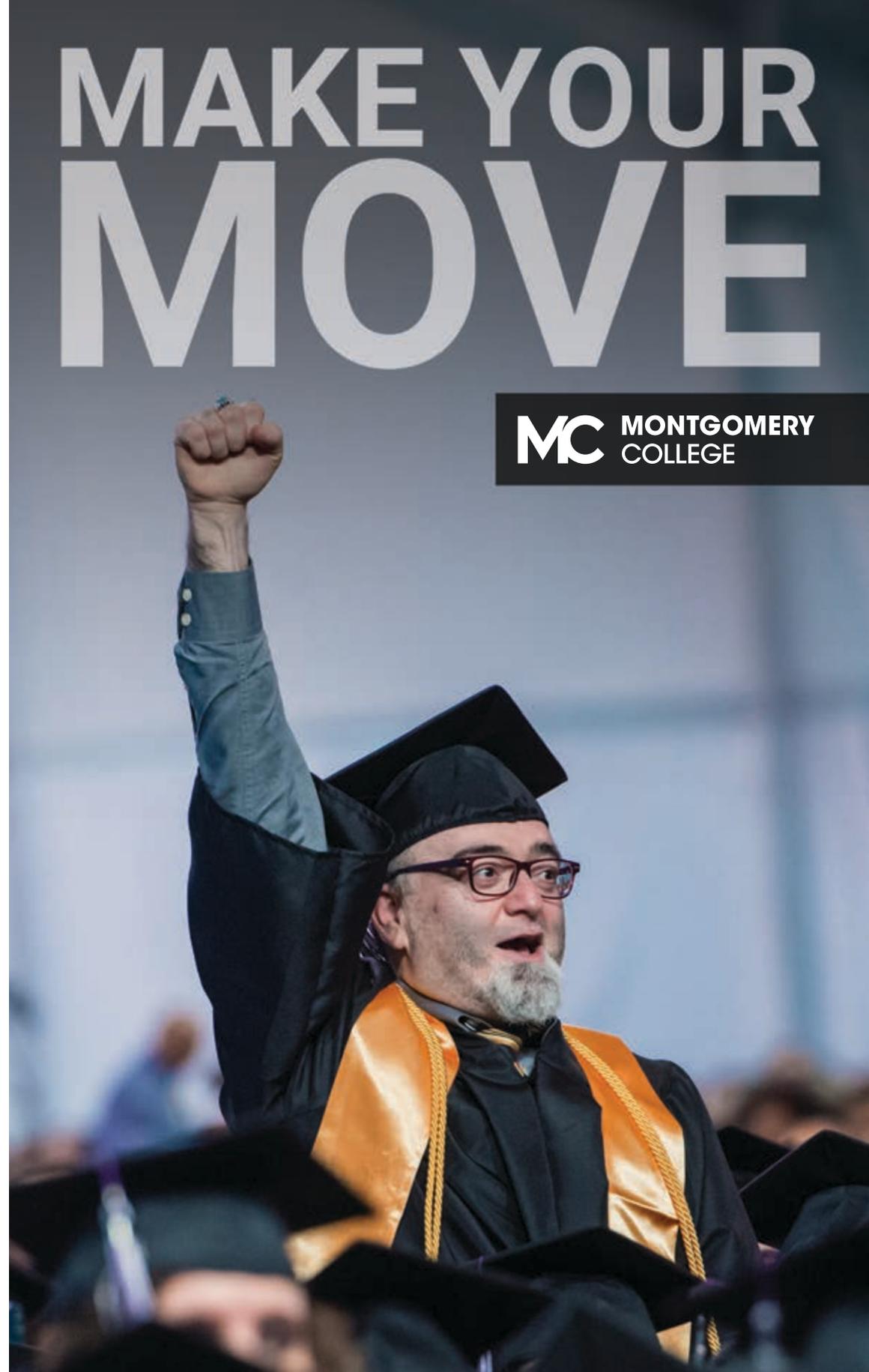
If your child—or someone you know—is interested in getting an affordable, quality college education, please encourage them to visit us online.

montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/request-information.html



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Information for Adult Learners



welcome to montgomery college

Thousands of adult learners—just like you—want to change their lives. Whether you are trying to find a new job, are adding skills for your current job, exploring a new career, or starting your degree, you have made a great decision. No matter how long you have been away from the classroom, we want you to take the next step with confidence.

We provide the most innovative and timely curricula that businesses and government agencies want. At MC, we offer career planning, academic skill building, work-life balance support to help you reach your academic and life goals. Our programs are here for personal, academic, and professional development.

did you know?

Going back to college is an especially good investment for adult learners. This group is 22% more likely to achieve upward mobility and earn annual salaries 140% greater than peers who didn't return to college.*

*From [insidehighered.com](https://www.insidehighered.com), "Major Returns for Adult Learners Going Back to College," by Sarah Weissman, July 25, 2022

Adult learners earned an average of \$7,500 more per year after returning to college.*

we have classes to fit your busy schedule

Montgomery College offers associate's degrees and certificates. An associate's degree requires completion of a 60- to 70-credit combination of courses (about 20 courses). A certificate is a shorter program (minimum of 12 credits) focusing on the development of specific skills.

At Montgomery College, we believe that your goals and your style should define how and what you learn. That's why we offer convenient flexible class schedules, and courses that take place in the evening or over the weekend. To find alternative format course offerings, search the class

schedule montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/search-the-class-schedule.html. You can narrow your search to weekend courses in the attribute type section.

Or join the more than 21,000 students a year taking classes online at MC. Our online courses and degrees give you the convenience of flexible scheduling combined with the same academic rigor and affordability of our on-campus offerings. Our robust support system for online learners includes online counseling, online advising, and online tutorials, and our distance education students can come to any of our campuses to use the academic learning centers, libraries, advising services, and more.

montgomerycollege.edu/academics/online-learning/index.html

“MC is going to get me the education I need to pursue my goals. I've had wonderful professors here who have really made an impact on me.”

—James Buening

we provide services to help you succeed

Career Coach

Montgomery College's Career Coach can help take some uncertainty out of your academic and career decisions and provide you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers at your fingertips.

Visit Career Coach and enter a keyword of whatever career or educational program (credit and noncredit) that suits your interest and quickly learn about:

- Top career fields in the Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. region.
- Specific Montgomery College educational programs and courses to prepare you for a given occupation.
- Current local and regional job opportunities.
- Estimated salaries for occupations of interest.
- Projected job openings and other employment trends for your occupational interests.
- An easy-to-use tool to help you create a professional résumé.

... and other up-to-date, easy-to-understand information about local employment.

Anyone can access the data using this free career exploration tool anytime and at any place. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try.

montgomerycollege.lightcastcc.com

Counseling and Advising Services

The College provides free counseling and advising services. You can meet with a specific counselor on campus by appointment by using our Starfish system, located in your MyMC portal.

montgomerycollege.edu/can

Disability Support Services

The Office of Disability Support Services provides services including counseling and advising, accommodations and academic adjustments, assistive technology, and tutoring. Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis and may include extended time, note-taking assistance, sign language interpreting services, and alternative formats for printed materials. Each campus offers assistive technology, including computers with disability-specific software and hardware, voice recognition and synthesizers, print magnifiers and scanners, large print, and Braille, as well as individual tutorial support. Students new to Montgomery College must complete an intake form, montgomerycollege-accommodate.symplicity.com/public/accommodation.

montgomerycollege.edu/dss



we provide services
to help you succeed

Employment, Internships, and Career Development

Our academic programs will prepare you to succeed—and our career planning and student employment services are here to help you explore different career options, hone your job search skills, and find internships and employment. Montgomery College uses a collaborative approach to providing comprehensive career planning services to students and alumni. By combining expertise, resources, and support from Student Employment Services, Counseling/Advising, academic departments and other affiliated units, we empower individuals to make and implement well-conceived career plans. Recognizing that career development is a lifelong process, we strive to help students engage in self-assessment, occupational exploration, decision-making, goal-setting, self-marketing, job search skills, and developing meaningful connections in the workplace.

[montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/
student-career-and-employment-services](http://montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-career-and-employment-services)

Honors and Special Programs For Adult Learners

Montgomery College offers many programs specially designed for working students like you: Renaissance Scholars (honors), the Southern Management Entrepreneurs Program, and Macklin Business Institute.

montgomerycollege.edu/adult-learners

Learning Centers

The Learning Centers—on all three campuses—are designed for students who may need extra support, services, or tutoring in such areas as reading, writing, language, and mathematics. Each center has a different focus, but they are all dedicated to the same goal: to give you the tools, skills, and confidence you need to succeed in college and beyond. These services are free to Montgomery College students.

If you need a little extra help but can't make it to one of our learning centers in person, online and virtual support are available for free to Montgomery College students. All you need is a computer or a mobile device with an internet connection.

[montgomerycollege.edu/academics/
support/learning-centers](http://montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers)

we offer the support
and guidance you need

Student Wellness Center

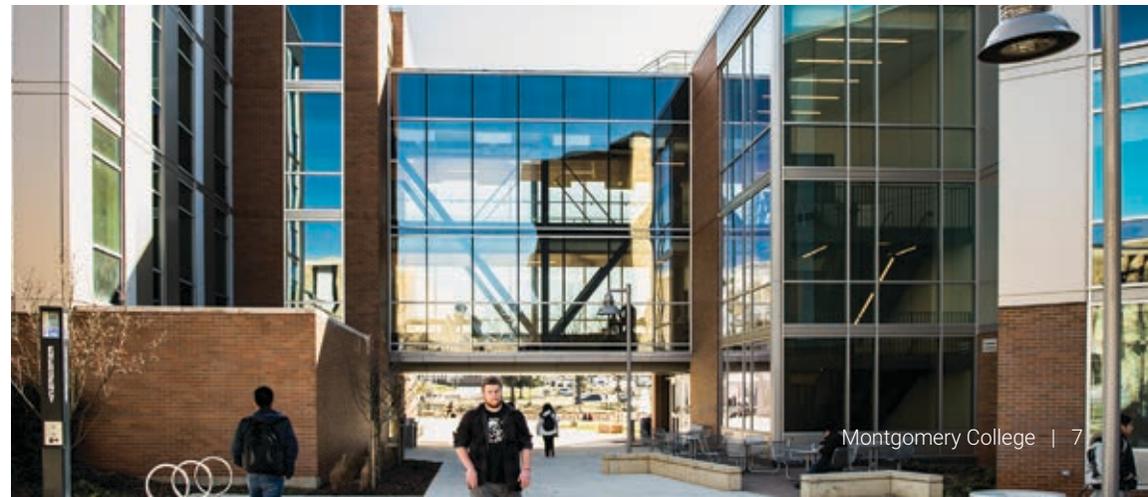
Montgomery College's Student Wellness Center, located on the Rockville Campus, helps provide information and programming that addresses basic needs, and emotional, physical, spiritual, and social well-being. Our goal is to support students' overall health and development to optimize their success at Montgomery College and beyond. Some common challenges students face are access to health care, housing, food, mental health support, and personal safety. Montgomery College's network of community resources helps remove those obstacles.

[montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/
student-health-and-wellness](http://montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-health-and-wellness)

Office of Community Engagement

The Office of Community Engagement connects county residents with the College. Our staff speak many languages, and we offer translation and interpretation services. We offer many services in the community including information sessions on programs of study at Montgomery College including Workforce Development and Continuing Education courses, short-term certificate programs, and degree programs of study. We provide workforce development classes such as Microsoft for the Workplace, Child Development, Montgomery College certification/licensing programs, workshop series, and more. We have individual advising on admissions and financial aid (including FAFSA and MD One-App preparation), scholarships, academic and career advising, and financial literacy advising. We conduct outreach all over Montgomery County. Contact us at community.engagement@montgomerycollege.edu or call 240-567-9080.

[montgomerycollege.edu/offices/
advancement-and-community-engagement/
community-engagement](http://montgomerycollege.edu/offices/advancement-and-community-engagement/community-engagement)



we offer several ways to pay for your college education



Tuition and Financial Aid

Montgomery College's tuition is about half that of public four-year colleges and universities. The Office of Student Financial Aid can help you find money to pay for your education, including grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, and student work opportunities. Financial aid and scholarships are available to those who qualify.

montgomerycollege.edu/financialaid

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

The EOC helps individuals who wish to enter or re-enter college or a vocational program. Education specialists provide one-on-one help with career choices and decision-making, and going to college or work-related training. They can also help you get money to meet tuition costs; guide you through signing up for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs, GED practice testing programs, and technical programs; and provide help in transferring to two- or four-year colleges and universities. For more information and locations, call 240-567-5644.

montgomerycollege.edu/special-programs/trio-programs-at-mc/educational-opportunity-center

Business and Industry Agreement

Businesses or other organizations that do business in the state of Maryland may be eligible to enter into an agreement with the College that affords their employees or members tuition and fees at the in-county residence rate, regardless of actual domicile. The courses taken must benefit the employer, and the employer must pay for the courses directly or through an employee reimbursement program. Contact the Office of Records and Registration for more information.

Transfer Credit and Prior Learning

You may want to pursue your education at a faster pace. At Montgomery College, you can speed up the process by showing that you have knowledge and skills that match what students learn in college classes. Examples of ways to do this include national exams, such as the College Level Equivalency Program (CLEP) or credit by exam here at Montgomery College. In addition, if you have completed an employer-sponsored training program, you may want to find out if the American Council on Education has evaluated that training and recommended awarding college credit. Many of your already completed college credits don't have an "expiration" date, so it may be possible to apply them to your program.

montgomerycollege.edu/priorlearning

Transfer Credit From Non-U.S. Colleges and Universities

Credit earned at non-U.S. colleges and universities must be evaluated. It's important to have your international transcript evaluated by the same company that evaluates international credit at the four-year institution(s) to which you plan to transfer. Please visit the website for a detailed list of these institutions. A maximum of 45 transfer credits can be applied to a degree program, or 70% of the credits required to a certificate program. Only credits that are applicable to your chosen program of study will transfer; refer to the catalog to learn about your program's requirements or talk to a counselor or advisor. A degree from a college or university outside the U.S. does not waive general education requirements nor English assessment.

montgomerycollege.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning

you belong at MC

International Students

Montgomery College is proud to welcome students from 154 different countries around the world. MC is a welcoming, diverse site of learning for almost 40,342 students each year. MC offers a variety of credit and noncredit courses and programs for students whose first language is not English.

montgomerycollege.edu/international-students

Veterans Services

Montgomery College welcomes veterans. Each campus has a specialized veterans counselor and offers specialized support through Combat2College (C2C). C2C is a comprehensive program providing academic and social opportunities as well as support services for veterans and active/reserve services members.

montgomerycollege.edu/veterans-and-military

Student-Parent Information

Student-parents are a vibrant part of our MC community. With the launch of the Ascend Parent Initiative in October 2020 and the College's acceptance into the Inaugural Generation Hope FamilyU Cohort in August 2021, Montgomery College reaffirmed its commitment to student-parents and the transformation of the College into a family-friendly institution. The College works to identify student-parents at MC and helps them easily connect with each other and resources to increase their enrollment, retention, and graduation rates. Moreover, the College is committed to a two-generation approach to policies and practices that create opportunities for addressing the needs of both student-parents and their children in a family-friendly environment.

montgomerycollege.edu/offices/student-affairs/ascend-parent-initiative

do you want to earn a degree or certificate?

Degree and Certificate Programs for Credit

- Accounting
- American Sign Language
- Applied Geography
- Architectural Technology
- Art
- Automotive Technology
- Behavioral Health[†]
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Broadcast Media Production
- Building Trades Technology
- Business[†]
- Business Analytics
- Cisco Certified Network Associate + Security
- Cloud Computing and Networking Technology[†]
- Communication Studies
- Computer Applications
- Computer Gaming and Simulation
- Computer Science and Technologies[†]
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice[†]
- Cybersecurity[†]
- Data Science
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Digital Media and Web Technology[†]
- Education[†]
- Emergency Preparedness Management[†]
- Engineering Science
- Environmental Horticulture and Sustainable Agribusiness
- Ethnic Social Studies
- Fire Science and Emergency Services[†]
- General Studies[†]
- Graphic Design
- Health Enhancement, Exercise Science, and Physical Education
- Health Information Management[†]
- Homeland Security[†]
- Hospitality Management[†]
- Interior Design
- International Studies
- Music
- Nursing
- Paralegal Studies
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Professional and Technical Writing[†]
- Radiologic (X-Ray) Technology
- Science
- Surgical Technology
- Transfer Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies[†]

[†] Some or all of the degree and certificate programs offered in this curriculum are available in online formats.

did you know?

Groups underrepresented in certain majors, including women and Hispanics, are more likely to become upwardly mobile compared to their peers. For example, women made up only 0.3% of engineering technologies majors but were more likely to earn a higher salary after going back to college compared to their male counterparts.*

* From *insidehighered.com*, "Major Returns for Adult Learners Going Back to College," by Sarah Weissman, July 25, 2022



do you want to advance your career, upgrade your skills, or take a class for enjoyment?

We offer classes for adults seeking noncredit classes through Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE). You can pursue high-quality courses in more than 25 areas, including information technology, small business and management, technical training, certification and licensure preparation, leadership development, project management, and much more.

montgomerycollege.edu/exploremc/wdce

Noncredit Online Courses

Montgomery College offers an exciting array of noncredit online courses from Ed2Go and UGotClass. These are open to everyone.

Ed2Go

Offers courses each month. These courses are instructor-led by experts in the field, informative, convenient, and highly interactive. Courses are six-weeks long, available 24/7, and prices start at \$120. Courses are project oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on-assignments, discussions areas, supplemental links, and more.

UGotClass

Offers a wide array of affordable online courses in the areas of business, communication, human resources, management, marketing, professional development, social media for business, training and education, training for K-12 teachers, and more. New online course sessions start quarterly, are interactive, with multimedia, and nationally recognized experts as your online instructors. Classes are usually four weeks long, and available 24/7. Prices vary.

montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/noncredit-online-courses

MC Business Solutions

MC has provided customized training in information technology, project management, leadership, and more throughout Montgomery County, and the Washington Metropolitan area for more than 40 years. Our licensed content includes partnerships with Microsoft, Cisco, Oracle, Apple, Amazon Web Services, and Project Management Institute. Our current clients include corporations and large municipal governments, as well as other organizations. We can provide customized training for your organization.

montgomerycollege.edu/business-partners-employers/mc-business-solutions

A Sampling of Noncredit Offerings

- Animal Care and Veterinary Assistant
- Apartment Maintenance Technician
- Art and Design Building Trades
- Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant
- Clinical Trial Project Management
- Cloud Technologies
- Commercial Driver Licensing
- Computer Basics
- Cybersecurity
- Early Childhood
- English as a Second Language
- Hispanic Business Institute
- Hospitality, Food Safety, and Event Management
- Lifelong Learning
- Programming and Software Development
- Nurse Refresher
- Real Estate Licensure, Appraisal, CEUs
- Visual Arts





Yoslin Amaya Hernandez

Yoslin Amaya Hernandez was a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient, undocumented, woman of color, and a first-generation college student. When she started classes at Montgomery College in 2016, Hernandez was already a mom. Soon after she started, she gave birth to her second son.

Hernandez '19 did not qualify for financial aid due to her DACA status. Her husband was also enrolled at MC, making childcare a logistical nightmare. When relatives and friends were unavailable, the couple brought their kids to class.

Despite the odds, Hernandez persevered, graduating with an associate's degree in general studies (focused on government and politics). She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 2021. Hernandez says perseverance was the key to her educational success—and she is working to instill hope in other student-parents.

Today, she is the student advocacy coordinator for Generation Hope, an organization providing support to students who are also parents. She joined the program when she started at MC as a teen parent. Generation Hope delivered the support she needed.



“They provided me a mentor and tuition assistance so I could go to school and finish my college degree.”



Interested in taking a class?

Use this link or scan the QR code to get started.
montgomerycollege.edu/admissions-registration/index.html

