EXCEL Program Information Packet

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ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
About EXCEL Program

EXCEL is a student success program, developed in collaboration with the Helios Education Foundation, at Estrella Mountain Community College. EXCEL provides a unique opportunity for students that would like to have additional support, advice, and guidance obtaining an associate's degree and/or help to transfer successfully to a four-year university.

As an EXCEL student, you will receive one-on-one attention from a supportive team that will help you accomplish your goals and connect you with the right services and resources. Navigating the college experience can be a challenge. With EXCEL, you will not be alone. We will be here to help you every step of the way.

Why Should I Join EXCEL?

Benefits:

• Connection to personalized career guidance
• Access to learning support resources such as laptop, calculator, textbooks, and other unmet needs
• Dedicated peer mentor supporting you in your college experience
• Access to additional scholarships opportunities
• Opportunities for your family and support systems to be a part of your success through workshops

Documentation Description

FAFSA (Mandatory)

To be eligible for this program, you must apply for Federal Financial Aid at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Download the application online at: my.maricopa.edu/support/excel AND mail, drop off, or email completed application packets to:

Estrella Mountain Community College
ATTN: Adriana Minjares - EXCEL Program Coordinator
3000 North Dysart Road | Avondale, AZ 85392 | 623.935.8968
emccexcelprogram@domail.maricopa.edu
Student Statement of Commitment

If I am accepted into the EXCEL Program, I commit to:

• Attend all classes as designated by my EXCEL Program (12 to 15 credits per semester)
• Take, complete, pass the mandatory courses, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
• Meet with EXCEL Program staff regularly
• Attend all EXCEL Program enrichment activities
• Consult with the EXCEL Program staff regarding all schedule adjustments, absences, and withdrawals
• Share information regarding my progress and activities within the EXCEL Program

I understand that I will officially be a college student with all the privileges and obligations of any other student at EMCC. Classes taken at the college will become part of my permanent academic transcript with the college. If accepted, I agree to fully participate in all aspects of the EXCEL Program. I consent to participate in studies and surveys to help improve the program and agree to the exchange of academic information between participating institutions. I understand the EXCEL Program will collect different types of information from my transcripts and related student educational records. The student data from the EXCEL Program will be reported as a group and my information will not be identifiable.

The benefit associated with the EXCEL Program is that students enrolled in this program will accomplish an educational degree which will transfer to a university.

My EXCEL Program involvement will end once I graduate from the Community College, successfully transfer to University, or am withdrawn from the EXCEL Program for any reason.

Printed Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Relative Statement of Commitment

If my son/daughter/spouse/relative is accepted in the EXCEL Program, I understand that my student will:

• Be a full-time student (12 to 15 credits per semester)
• Be committed to complete an Associates' degree in a two-year intensive program (or until completion of a degree and/or transfer to a university)
• Be contacted by an EXCEL advisor and a peer mentor monthly
• Attend all EXCEL Program enrichment activities, such as Summer Institute and/or Summer Bridge, Financial Literacy workshops, etc.

E-mail

Phone

Parent/Guardian/Spouse/Relative contact name and relationship to you

Parent/Guardian/Spouse/Relative Signature

Date

(If under 18 years of age)
In order for the EXCEL Program to meet the specific needs of our communities and to enhance their program elements, comprehensive student data needs to be collected and analyzed regularly. The compiled information is used for program evaluation, statistical reports required for funding proposals, and statistical analysis only. Individual student names, grades, test scores or other personal information WILL NOT BE disclosed to any party unassociated with the EXCEL Program, or not designated by the EXCEL Program management. Designated or associated parties include the Maricopa County Community College District EXCEL Program, Maricopa Community Colleges and potential program donors or other financial supporting/contributing organizations.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), also known as the Buckley Amendment of 1974, allows students attending an educational institution to control outside access to their education records. This federal law protects the privacy of student education records, both financial and academic. For the student's protection, FERPA limits the release of student education record information without explicit written consent from the student and/or parent/guardian/spouse/relative. All employees of the EXCEL Program who work with student information receive FERPA training.

Below is a list of the variety of education records that the EXCEL Program may need to obtain or view for statistical, educational verification, and/or program evaluation purposes. The verification includes but is not limited to requests of the following:

- Official high school and/or college transcripts
- Proficiency test information
- Special education record
- Withdrawal grades and hours (is student withdrew before the end of the term)
- Attendance
- Related educational students records
- High school student file

In signing this form I have been informed of my rights in reference to the disclosure of education records and agree to the following:

- I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this statement, and hereby authorize Maricopa County Community College's EXCEL Program, or any of its representatives, to obtain the information as describe above.
- I acknowledge that I may submit a subsequent notification in writing, directing my high school or college of past or present attendance to no longer release information to any or all the individuals/agencies noted.

Printed Student Name ____________________________________________________________

Student Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________________
SECTION 1 - Student Information

Name ___________________________ Student MEID: ___________________________

Last                     First                      Middle

Full Street Address ____________________________________________________________

Number  Street  Apartment

City                     State                     Zip code

Telephone _________________________  Personal Email ____________________________

Home  Cell

Are you a US citizen or permanent resident? Yes □  No □

Are you a resident of Arizona and of Maricopa County? Yes □  No □

Are you working towards your first degree? Yes □  No □

Have you completed the Free Application Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes □  No □

Are you willing to enroll and attend full-time? Yes □  No □

Are you able to commit to an intensive program or until you have completed your degree and/or transferred to a university? Yes □  No □

If yes, when do you plan to attend? Fall 20____  Spring 20____

SECTION 2 - High School / Recent High School Student (not yet in college)

Are you a high school graduate?  GED Recipient □  Yes □  No □  Graduation Year:______________________________

If yes, what is the name of the high school you are attending/graduated from:_________________________________
SECTION 3 - Academic Information

Indicate the university you are planning to transfer to:

☐ Arizona State University
☐ University of Arizona
☐ Northern Arizona University
☐ Other _______________________

Are you planning to:
☐ Earn a degree or certificate to transfer to a college or university:
  ☐ Associate in General Studies (AGS)
  ☐ Associate in Arts (AA) and AGEC A
  ☐ Associate in Science (AS) and AGEC S
  ☐ Associate in Business, General Requirements (ABUS-GR) and AGEC B
  ☐ Associate in Business, Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) and AGEC B
  ☐ Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE) and AGEC A
  ☐ Associate in Fine Arts (AAFA)

What are your Fields of Interest?

☐ Applied Technology
☐ Behavioral Science and Human Services
☐ Business, Entrepreneurialism and Management
☐ Computer and Information Technology
☐ Culture and Society
☐ Education
☐ Health Sciences
☐ STEM
☐ Visual and Performing Arts

SECTION 4 - Commitment to Personal Success

How do you plan to balance your personal and academic responsibilities?

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What resources, skills, and opportunities are you hoping to gain while being part of the EXCEL program?

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Acknowledgment

I understand that my financial aid records, admission application, college test scores, application-related materials, and academic records will be reviewed by the EXCEL Program. I also understand that I am certifying that my statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Make it happen at Estrella Mountain

The EXCEL Program Offers:

Personalized academic advisement
Access to learning support and resources
Scholarships opportunities

Learn more:
my.maricopa.edu/support/excel
The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District.

The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination.