

Getting Started at MDC Checklist

- ☐ **Complete the admission application**
Apply at mdcwap.mdc.edu/apply
- ☐ **Get connected – create your MDC student account**
- ☐ **Establish residency for tuition purposes**
- ☐ **Apply for financial aid and scholarships**
Apply at studentaid.gov/fafsa / www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships
- ☐ **Submit proof of high school graduation and college transcripts**
- ☐ **Send placement scores**
- ☐ **Complete “Online Shark Prep”**
- ☐ **Are you in the right major?**
- ☐ **Attend Shark Start Orientation**
- ☐ **Pay for your classes**
- ☐ **Get ready for classes**
- ☐ **Attend class on the first day**



1. Complete the **admission application** mdcwap.mdc.edu/apply
 - Pay the \$30.00 (non-refundable) admission application fee through MDConnect or at the Bursar's Office.
2. **Get connected!**
 - Create your MyMDC account https://myact.mymdc.net/create_account/identification.asp
 - Download the MYMDC app <https://www.mdc.edu/mobile>
 - To check your email from the phone, download the Gmail app and log in with your MyMDC credentials (firstname.lastname####@mymdc.net and the password you created).
 - Download the **Navigate Student** app on your phone or log in at mdc.navigate.eab.com
3. Establish **Florida residency for tuition purposes**.
 - Complete the Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes Form <https://www.mdc.edu/admissions-info/tuition/default.aspx>
4. Apply for **Financial Aid** studentaid.gov/fafsa
 - Application opens each year on Oct. 1 for the next academic year (August – July). You must reapply each year.
 - Select only one campus (main campus of attendance) on your FAFSA application.
 - **The Financial Aid Department may require additional documentation in order to process your application. Please check your personal and MDC email accounts daily for updates from financial aid.**
 - Visit Financial Aid TV mdc.financialaidtv.com to learn more about financial aid through short videos.
 - **Look into scholarships:** Current year high school graduates who have earned a standard high school diploma, GED or home school diploma in Miami-Dade County may be eligible for the following scholarships: Future Ready, Presidential Scholars Program, Rising Scholars, or the American Dream Scholarship. To find out if you qualify, read the requirements and view **additional scholarship opportunities at:** www.mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships
5. Submit **proof of high school graduation and any college transcripts to Transcript Processing Services**.
 - Transcripts from all U.S. educational institutions, including high school must be **sent from the institution** directly to:
Miami Dade College, Transcript Services, 11011 S.W. 104 St., Room R301, Miami, FL 33176-3393
Phone: (305) 237-2701; Email: transcripts@mdc.edu
 - **If you have any dual enrollment credits**, you must request the transcripts from the **college** where the dual enrollment credit was taken.
Ex: If the class was at your high school hosted by FIU, then you must request your FIU transcript.
 - If you passed any **AP exams** with at least a score of 3, you can request your scores be sent to MDC via [CollegeBoard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
 - If you completed **AICE credits**, please contact Cambridge and have scores sent to Transcript Evaluation Services.
 - GED official transcripts must be sent electronically to Transcript Processing Services. Visit the GED website at https://ged.com/life_after_ged and request your GED transcript to be sent to Miami Dade College.
 - **If you received a foreign high school diploma/college credits or degree**, please bring the original transcripts and/or documents to the **Admissions Office**. Foreign transcripts must contain seals and apostilles from the Ministry of Exterior Affairs or Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the country that issued the transcript(s). Students who have a foreign degree need to get their foreign transcripts evaluated prior to submission to the College. Visit naces.org/members to contact a NACES approved evaluation agency.
6. Send **placement scores** to MDC:
 - ACT and SAT scores should be sent from ACT.org and collegeboard.org, respectively.
 - Determine if you need to take a placement test <https://www.mdc.edu/aet/placement-criteria/default.aspx>
 - Students may be able to use alternate placement criteria: <https://www.mdc.edu/aet/placement-criteria/alternative-placement-criteria>
 - You may be **exempt** from taking a college placement exam, if you
 - graduated from a Florida, public high school after 2007 and earned a Standard High School Diploma.
 - completed college-level English and college-level math at another college or university.
 - took the ACT, SAT, PERT or ACCUPLACER NG within the past two years and received college-ready scores.
 - To test, two forms of ID are required – one must be an official picture ID (i.e., license, passport, etc.).
7. Complete the **"Online Shark Prep"** <https://mdcsharkprep.com>
 - To log in, use your MyMDC credentials.
8. Are you in the right **major**?
 - Visit FOCUS2 www.mdc.edu/testing-tests/TestPage.aspx?testId=97 take a career assessment and explore possible majors.
 - To change your major, contact Advisement and Career Services at your campus.
9. Attend **Shark Start Orientation to register for your classes**.
 - Visit <https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/SharkEvents/?evnt=main> to choose your orientation date.
If you need assistance, contact your campus' New Student Center. Before orientation day, fill out the Sharks Intake Survey <https://tinyurl.com/sharkintake2024>
10. **Pay for your classes to make sure your classes don't drop!**
 - Ensure that you pay your tuition by the printed date on your fee invoice www.mdc.edu/mdconnect
 - Under the Finances section, go to "My Account."
 - You can pay directly, or set up a NelNet payment plan www.mdc.edu/student-financial-services/payment-options/nelnet-payment-plan
11. **Get ready for classes!**
 - Get your books early to be prepared for the first day of class. To find out if you have a Book Advance, visit <https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/bookadvance>
 - Visit the Student Life office to obtain your MDC ID and parking decal.
 - For disability related services and/or auxiliary aids, please contact ACCESS Services mdc.edu/access
12. **Attend class on the first day.** Consistent school attendance is critical to your success.
 - Course locations and modality are available on your fee invoice www.mdc.edu/mdconnect
 - Make sure to review the syllabus provided by your instructor for key dates and to ask questions.