



HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

IMPORTANT STEPS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Beginning your freshman year make sure that you are skilled at using Infinite Campus and checking it weekly
- Ask your school staff or WCHSA case manager if you are in need of tutoring and they can provide a free resource
- In order to graduate with a standard diploma you will need 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ credits. If planning to attend college you need to make sure that you are taking the correct pre-college classes to prepare for the admission requirements
- If you are planning to attend college or vocational school after graduation make sure you work with your school counselor to understand what GPA requirements are needed for the schools where you are interested in applying
- Make sure that your SAT/ACT scores also meet the college's requirements for admission

INFINITE CAMPUS

Campus Student



- You must have your log-in and password, you can get this information from your school
- <https://www.infinitecampus.com/>
- You can also download the Free Infinite Campus App
- You can view your grades, absences, missing assignments, GPA, etc.

NEED TO GET YOUR GED OR HISET?

- If you are considering a GED or HiSet you will need to first get permission from your WCHSA case manager
- Students must be at least 16 years of age and must provide an official withdrawal letter from Washoe County School District prior to enrolling at TMCC. It is a requirement that the school district grant permission for a minor child to be withdrawn.
- TMCC (Meadowood Campus) is currently the only option for youth under the age of 18 to work on a HiSet or GED.
- TMCC will help you prepare for the four test subjects on each exam: English, reading, writing, math, science and social studies
- Classes are taught by highly qualified teachers
- Phone: 775-829-9044
- Website: www.tmcc.edu/adult-basic-education

TMCC MEADOWOOD CAMPUS HI SET/GED FOR MINORS & OLDER YOUTH

- **TMCC sessions are broken up in to 3 month increments**
 - (Jan-Mar)
 - (Apr-Jun)
 - (July-Sept)
 - (Oct-Dec)
- **You can contact TMCC at 775-829-9044 and they will set up an immediate pre-test/assessment test for you.**
- **The testing takes approximately three hours but can be broken up in to two days.**
- **Once the pre-test/assessment is completed, that same day TMCC staff will identify what classes (Math/English) are needed for the you to pass the HiSet/GED and then get you enrolled**

AFTER TAKING THE PRE-TEST AT TMCC

- If you complete an assessment/pre-test but TMCC is in the middle of a session they will immediately have you meet with the Tutoring Specialist, who will get you signed up with a tutor and online computer sessions while you wait for the next session to start.
- Both the classes and the tutoring/online sessions are approx. 8 hours per week
- Class options are 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 6-8:30 pm Monday-Thursday, 6-8:30 pm Monday-Thursday, 7:15-9:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday

They do take daily attendance and expect you to attend 85% of the time.

- There is extra free tutoring set up on additional days and with expanded hours if needed
- If you take the pre-test/assessment and do exceptionally well, you can then be set up for the Pre-HiSet or Pre GED test
- If you do well on those tests TMMC can schedule you to take the official HiSet/GED exams in TMCC's onsite testing lab.
- The Hi-Set is \$75 and the GED is \$95 but WCHSA can pay for it

MOTIVATION TO COMPLETE YOUR HISET OR GED

- If you are still in Foster Care with you obtain your HiSet or GED, you can be eligible to receive \$250 from WCHSA
- After a youth passes the HiSet/GED they can meet with a TMCC Transition Specialist and immediately get signed up as a student for TMCC.
- Students will receive 15 free college credits just for passing the HSE tests at TMCC.
- TMCC has a con-current program where students can be working on their HiSet/GED and dually enrolled in TMCC college classes. They have over 70 certificate programs and short-term certificate Work Force Development Programs
- TMCC also has a program for youth with exceptional needs where they can assist with jobs even if they are not enrolled in TMCC classes

FOSTER YOUTH TMCC SPRING SUMMIT

Every spring WCHSA and TMCC plan a half-day Foster Youth Summit at the TMCC campus. Your WCHSA case manager will provide the date and time to you and your team so that you are able to attend.

The purpose of the Summit is :

- A review of the basic steps of enrollment (application, Accuplacer testing, orientation, registering for classes)
- Discuss FAFSA and other financial aid including the ETV Scholarship
- To introduce youth to Dr. Precious Hall, Foster Youth Faculty Mentor
- A campus tour
- To provide an overview of the many degrees and vocational options TMCC has to offer

TMCC APPLICATION

If you are interested in attending TMCC you must first complete the application on their website

<http://www.tmcc.edu/steps-to-enroll/degree-seeking/>

It usually takes 24-48 hours to receive a response back and you will be provided with the information to create a MyTMCC account

IMPORTANT SIDE NOTE

Under Educational Goal at TMCC- You **MUST** select a degree or Certificate.

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the 'Student Application for Admissions' form for TMCC. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://webapps.tmcc.edu/admissions/app/'. The form is titled 'Student Application for Admissions' and includes a navigation menu with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favorites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The main content area is divided into sections. The 'Educational Goal at TMCC' section is highlighted with a red oval. This section contains a note: 'Note: Select your goal from the radio buttons and then choose specifics from its corresponding drop down list. You must be a High School graduate or GED holder and have completed the "Information about last high school attended" to select a degree or certificate. For alternative criteria to become degree seeking, complete the application as non-degree-seeking and contact admissions and records. Financial aid students and Millennium Scholars **MUST** select a degree or certificate.' Below the note are five radio button options, each followed by a 'Select from list...' dropdown menu: 1. Four-year bachelor degree from TMCC (radio button is unselected) 2. Two-year associate degree from TMCC (radio button is unselected) 3. Two-year associate degree from TMCC, with option to transfer (radio button is unselected) 4. One-year certificate from TMCC (radio button is unselected) 5. Not seeking a degree or certificate from TMCC at this time (radio button is selected) Below the 'Educational Goal at TMCC' section is a question: 'Have you attended any college or university since graduating from high school? (If you have previously attended TMCC, do not list it below).' This is followed by a 'Name of College (use the lookup tool)' section with three numbered input fields (1), (2), and (3), each with a 'Lookup' button. Below this is the 'Residency Information' section, which starts with 'Please fill out the following...'. It includes a 'Country of Citizenship:' dropdown menu set to 'United States Of America', a 'Select from list...' dropdown menu, and a note: 'Note: You must present your permanent Resident card to admissions and records in order to be considered for in-state tuition.' The 'What state do you consider your' section is partially visible at the bottom, with a 'Select from list...' dropdown menu.

CONFIRMATION/ACCEPTANCE FROM TMCC

- Once your online application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email within 24-48 hours.
- This welcome email will have your student ID number as well as your log-in/password for the MyTMCC Portal
- Make sure you **SAVE THIS EMAIL** and provide a copy to your IL worker

MYTMCC PORTAL

- Make sure you are checking your MyTMCC portal at least once per week after you have applied for school and while attending
- Your “to do list” in your MyTMCC portal will require you to submit your “Ward of the Court or Aged Out” letter to TMCC Admissions and Records
- You will need to obtain this letter from Valerie Welsh, IL Specialist at WCSHA (vwelsh@washoecounty.us) and this can be directly submitted to TMCC on your behalf
- You may also need to submit your W-2 (from past jobs you held) which is a requirement of FAFSA for financial aid
- Your “to do list” may also request additional forms or verifications required by TMCC.

PLANNING AHEAD

When you're preparing to enroll at TMCC plan to schedule at least 3 trips to the campus to complete the following tasks:

1. Taking the Accuplacer test
2. An introductory meeting with foster care mentor, Dr. Precious Hall, to begin to discuss your interests and what classes you may want to register for. Dr. Hall is located in the Red Mountain Building in office 334-0. Her email is phall@tmcc.edu and her phone number is 775 337-5636
3. Finishing your in-person portion of SOAR (student orientation)

*****Please note that these tasks need to be completed at least 2 months prior to the start date of the new semester**

TMCC DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

According to federal disability laws, students may be eligible for accommodations and services which provide additional resources at TMCC. Ask your WCHSA case manager or school counselor to assist you in determining whether or not you may qualify or to assist you with setting up an appointment on campus.

- If a student has a high school IEP, or another documented disability to include a learning disability, psychological disorder, a physical disability, etc., You may want to be qualified for these additional services and supports on campus to include: extended test taking time, note taking assistance, tutoring, adaptive equipment, etc.
- The Disability Resource Center is located at 7000 Dandini Blvd
Red Mountain Bldg, Room 122
- Phone number: 775 673-7277
- www.tmcc.edu/drc

THE ACCUPLACER TEST

- Once you're registered at TMCC and you have your student ID number you can then go to the Red Mountain Building at TMCC and visit The Welcome Center
- To take the Accuplacer, you must have a picture ID. This test is scheduled for 2 hours and you will be tested on your math and English skills. This test will determine what level of classes you are eligible to enroll in
- The test can only be taken between 9am & 3pm (Monday-Friday) with the exception of a few Saturday options prior to the start of the new semester.
- The ACT/SAT is offered at your high school and if you do well you can use these scores instead of the Accuplacer test

*******If you need to retake the Accuplacer test to get a higher score please get a free voucher from Dr. Hall your TMCC Foster Care Mentor**

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

When you complete your on-campus orientation through SOAR you will be meeting with a TMCC advisor that can assist you with your classes but we recommend that you also set a date to meet with your TMCC Mentor, Dr. Precious Hall

Dr. Hall will help you make sure you sign up for the correct classes and can refer you to receive additional assistance from other TMCC departments if needed (i.e., tutoring, financial aid, etc.)

Dr. Hall can make sure that you are on track with your requirements for your degree or vocational program and assist with a transfer to UNR if desired

Dr. Hall is located in the Red Mountain Building in office 334-0

Dr. Hall email address: phall@tmcc.edu

Phone: 775-337-5636

TMCC NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) is designed around you, helping to uncover answers to the questions you have and introducing you to resources, programs and services.

Part I (SOAR) is online

<http://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/new-students/soar/>

Once you complete step one, you will be given a link to register for the in-person Part 2 or

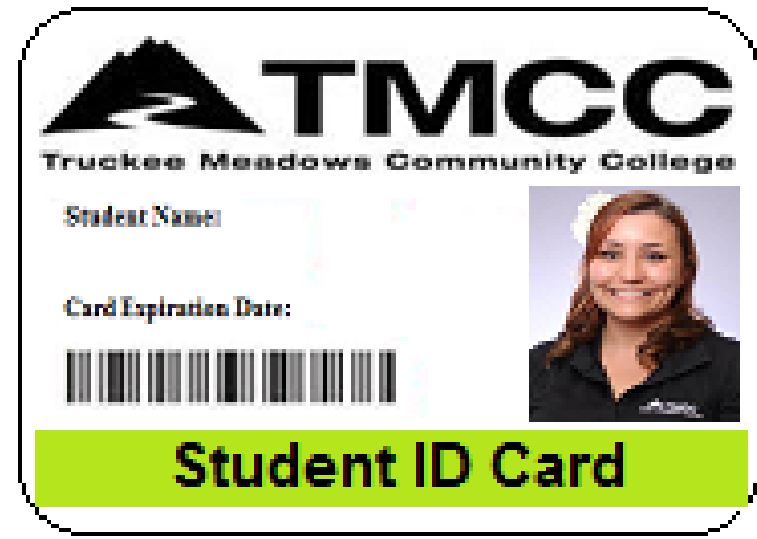
PART 2: Set up an in-person appointment for Part II (SOAR) by calling 775-673-7062


You have the option of enrolling in classes during part 2 of SOAR, or you can do it when you meet with Dr. Hall



TMCC STUDENT ID

- You can get a TMCC student ID for **FREE**
- Go to the Red Mountain building at TMCC and visit the **Welcome Center**
- If you need a replacement ID in the future the cost is \$5





**FINANCIAL AID AND
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

WHAT'S A LOAN VS. A GRANT?

- A loan is required to be paid back when you finish school and requires you to pay interest on the money you borrowed
- A grant is money from the Federal Government that is specifically used for higher education that you do not need to pay back (FAFSA/Pell)
- Grants require you to maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 and be enrolled as a full time student (this requirement is different at each college)
 - If you fail to meet grant requirements you may lose the grant

APPLYING FOR FAFSA

- When you are ready to apply for FAFSA you need to schedule a meeting with the IL HSSS at WCHSA to request assistance. You have to apply for FAFSA every year you plan to attend school.
- You can also schedule a time to go to TMCC and meet with Susan Elbe, Special Populations Financial Aid Coordinator and she can assist you
 - Susan's phone number: 775-673-7165
 - Her office is located at 7000 Dandini Blvd. Red Mountain Building Room 315-C
- Any youth who is or has been in the legal custody of a foster care agency at age 13 or older automatically qualifies for FAFSA. It is important that the correct box is marked on your FAFSA application and that all information including legal name and social security number are input correctly or this can delay the approval process. If you meet this criteria you do not need to provide a parent's financial information on the application.
- A letter proving your foster care status can be obtained from Valerie Welsh, WCHSA IL Specialist (vwelsh@washoecounty.us)
- **YOUTH SHOULD APPLY AT LEAST 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL SEMESTER**

FORMER NV FOSTER YOUTH TUITION WAIVER

- *Only available to foster youth that were in foster care from the age of 13-18.* Youth are able to apply, even if they did not age out.
- **This waiver covers the cost of tuition but not fees or books**
- You must have graduated from a Nevada High School or obtained a HiSET or GED from Nevada-exception if you obtained an out of state diploma because you were in a treatment facility out of state
- You must apply for FAFSA assistance in order to submit the waiver and you must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher
- *You must be under the age of 26 to qualify*
- This waiver only applies to the following schools:
 - UNLV, UNR, NSC, CSN, GBC, TMCC & WNC
 - If you are no longer FAFSA/Pell Eligible you must bring yourself in to good standing in order to apply for the waiver. Please contact the college you were previously attending and meet with an advisor to determine what you need to do to get your FAFSA/Pell approved.

EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV)

- ETV is a federal grant offered to foster youth that have aged-out of foster care or have been adopted or entered in to a kin guardianship at age 16 or older. You must first apply for FAFSA to qualify.
- The Children's Cabinet manages the ETV program for the state of Nevada and the current application can be found on their website
- If you aged out of foster care the WCHSA IL HSSS can assist you with completing the ETV application
- Students may receive up to \$5,000 a year (\$2500/semester) to assist with any school related expenses. This is not a cash payment and disbursement is provided by the Children's Cabinet.
- To keep the ETV grant you need to be enrolled as a full-time student and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- You must reapply every year and can qualify until the age of 26 (max of 10 semesters total)

OTTO HUTH SCHOLARSHIP

- Only available to foster youth that have aged out of the foster care system in Nevada
- Currently foster youth must attend a Nevada College or University, **not** currently available for *out of state schools* but they are working to amend this.
- OTTO HUTH can cover any unpaid costs at UNR or UNLV after your Foster Youth Tuition Fee Waiver and FAFSA/Pell grant have been utilized. This includes the cost of living in the dorms , on campus meal plans, books, and parking passes
- You must be a full-time student and maintain a **GPA of 2.0**
- The OTTO HUTH Scholarship can provide students up to \$10,000/year (\$5,000/semester)
- You must reapply every year and there is a deadline of April 15th. Youth must apply by age 20 in order to qualify. Please have the WCHSA IL HSSS assist you.

COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL

- Cost \$18,000-\$23,000
- The Tuition fee waiver **CANNOT** be used for Cosmetology school
- Aged Out youth can apply for ETV and FAFSA to offset the tuition cost but will likely need a student loan to pay the remaining balance