

North Central *Now!* Early College

North Central *Now!* Early College is a program for high school students in the northern Michigan region which allows students to receive both their high school diploma and associate degree after their fifth year of high school. Students will complete their course work at their home high school, at North Central Michigan College's Petoskey campus.

The goal of the early college is to provide students and parents in the region an exceptional academic experience that promotes student success through achieving a college credential while reducing the time and expense of college education beyond high school. Increasing the number of area residents with college degrees is an important regional and national goal.

North Central *Now!* Early College allows you to:

- *Jump start your college experience*
- *Earn an accelerated associate degree*
- *Enjoy tuition cost savings*
- *Receive personalized support services*

Who can participate?

Currently, North Central *Now!* Early College is a partnership with all high schools. It is open to 2014-2015 sophomores to start in the summer of 2015, and 2015-16 sophomores to start in the winter of 2016.

How does it work?

Students should obtain an admission packet from their high school counselor.

Students will be selected for admission into the early college in accordance with North Central and the High School admission requirements. Early College students who are accepted into the early college program will work with advisors and counselors from the high school and North Central to develop their educational plan leading to the completion of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements, as well as an associate degree from North Central upon successful completion of the early college.

Why Early College?

A study sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation showed that Early College students are more likely to graduate from high school than students in comparison groups. They are also more likely to earn a college degree. Participating students will realize significant college tuition cost savings and be on an accelerated path to a college degree and career. In addition, students will have the opportunity for personalized support services to gain greater success while in college.

Which degrees are available with North Central *Now!* Early College?

- *Associate of Arts*
- *Associate of Science*
- *Associate of General Studies*

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