



Complete 2 Compete Initiative Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is Complete to Compete (C2C)?*

Complete to Compete is a statewide program sponsored by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College board. Its mission is to help Mississippi adults who attended college but don't have a degree get their degree and create a brighter future.

2. *What is the purpose of C2C?*

Through the C2C initiative, Mississippi can increase the number of adults with postsecondary degrees or credentials of value which will positively impact Mississippi's educational attainment rate and economy as well as the lives of those individuals who complete their degrees. Educational attainment improves the state's economy as well as the quality of life for college graduates and their families.

3. *Why is earning my degree important?*

Across the state of Mississippi, the workforce is changing and there are great opportunities available for those who have the training and education. Obtaining your degree results in better jobs, a strengthened workforce, and more stable families across our state.

4. *Who is eligible for the C2C initiative?*

C2C is available to Mississippi adults who are at least 21 years old, have not earned a postsecondary degree, and have been out of college for at least two years (24 consecutive months).

5. *How can I apply to be considered for C2C?*

You can apply through the C2C Pathfinder App, which can be accessed online: <http://www.msc2c.org/>.

6. *What is the C2C Pathfinder App?*

C2C Pathfinder is an easy-to-use, interactive tool developed exclusively for the state for Mississippi. It will help you understand how close you are to a degree and provide the best pathway for you to get that degree. It can be accessed on your home computer, laptop, or smart phone.

By answering a few questions, you begin the process of reviewing past credits and connecting with a C2C Coach. You may be one of more than 30,000 Mississippians who have already earned enough credits for an associate or bachelor's degree. If you are short of a degree, your

C2C Coach will help you maximize your previous experiences and earned credits and determine how close you are to finishing what you started.

7. *What information will the application process request?*

Prospective students will be required to request transcripts from all institutions they attended and have them sent to the institution in which they are enrolling. There may be a transcript request fee associated with this request. These fees vary per institution.

8. *What does C2C cost?*

Submitting information through the C2C website does not cost anything and it may help you to see how close you are to a degree. Tuition and fees for enrollment in courses may be assessed according to the established tuition and fee schedule at each institution.

9. *How long does it take to hear from someone once my application is submitted?*

You will be contacted by your C2C Coach 2-3 business days after your information is entered into the C2C Pathfinder App. After the initial contact has been made, the coach will work with you to secure and review your transcripts before creating your best pathway to a degree.

The C2C Pathfinder App is coming soon. For updates on when this will be available, please go to <http://www.mississippi.edu/c2c/>.

10. *I have not been contacted by someone at the institution yet – How can I reach them?*

Once you have entered your information into the C2C Pathfinder App, you will receive an email confirmation listing your C2C Coach and their contact information. If you don't hear from a C2C Coach in more than 3 business days, please let us know at 601.432.6051.

11. *How will I know which college I can attend?*

Depending on what programs are needed to satisfy your career and educational interests, the C2C website will match you to a list of schools that offer the classes you need to earn your degree.

12. *Do I have to pursue a certain degree?*

You can pursue any degree you like with C2C. All degree options and learning preferences such as online or in-person classes are offered. As you work with your C2C Coach, you'll choose the best options that give you the fastest path to a degree.

13. *If I have a financial hold at an institution, am I eligible for C2C?*

Tuition assistance grant money will be available to qualified C2C adult learners in Spring 2018. As more details are available, we will update you here on this website.

14. *What incentives are available to me by re-enrolling through C2C?*

While incentives will vary by school, below is a list that many of the institutions are offering for adult learners:

- Academic forgiveness
- Virtual tutoring
- Support labs
- Adult Learner organizations
- Online classes
- Online degree programs
- Night & weekend classes

- Adult Learner scholarships/Tuition assistance
- Special Adult learner tuition packages
- Repayment plan options
- Prior learning assessment
- Competency Based Education (coming soon)
- On campus childcare
- Institutional incentives for adult learners (other)
- Regionally-accredited Career Technical programs and Career Technical coursework may be accepted
- Reverse transfer associate degree
- Adult Degree Completion Bachelor's Program- in progress

15. *What is the Adult Degree Completion Program?*

The Adult Degree Completion Program provides adult learners with a flexible path to a bachelor's degree and is one option for returning students to obtain degree completion through the C2C Initiative. The Adult Degree Completion Program is intended to serve adult learners who have earned at least 90 credit hours but have not completed a baccalaureate degree and have not attended a postsecondary institution in the past twenty-four months based on last date of attendance. The curriculum may be individualized for each adult learner based on coursework completed and career goals.

16. *What is the eligibility for the Adult Degree Completion Program?*

A student is eligible for admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program if he has earned at least 90 credit hours but has not completed a baccalaureate degree, and has not attended a postsecondary institution in the past twenty-four months based on last date of attendance. Grade forgiveness and Academic Fresh Starts may be available based on the institution.

17. *What is a Reverse Transfer Associate Degree?*

A Reverse Transfer Associate Degree allows students who have transferred from a community college to a public four-year university, with at least 16 transferable credits, to send those earned credits back to the community college. These reverse transfer credits count toward earning an associate degree, giving students an additional credential and improving employability.

18. *How do I know if I am eligible for a Reverse Transfer Associate Degree?*

Students interested in pursuing eligibility for a Reverse Transfer Associate Degree will be able to do this through the C2C Pathfinder App, which is which can be accessed online: <http://www.msc2c.org/>.

19. *I have been out for years. How do I know if my courses will even apply toward a degree?*

Once you have applied for C2C through our [website](#), a C2C Coach will contact you within 2-3 business days and will assist you in evaluating your earned coursework.

20. *What is the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)?*

The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL System), is the governing body of the eight public universities in the state of Mississippi.

21. *What is the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB)?*

The Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB), is the coordinating body of the 15-public community and junior colleges in the state of Mississippi.

22. *Where can I get more information?*

For all inquiries and updates, please visit <http://www.msc2c.org/>.