



Supporting Early College Students in Transitioning to Postsecondary Success

Establishing a working group for Early College counselors and advisors, April 2023

Guidance is Key for Early College Success

One of the most important aspects of Early College programming and support is the intensive and coordinated guidance and advising they receive from both high school and college advisors and counselors.



This advising includes:

Academic Planning

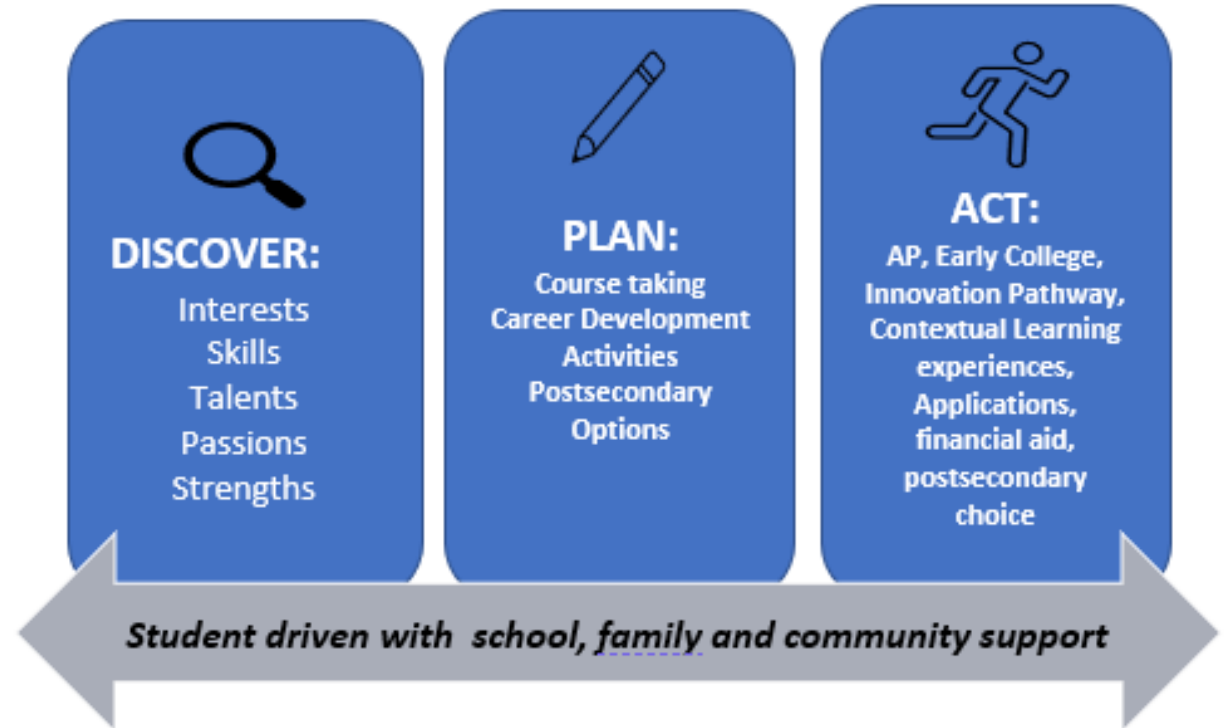
Career development
and Planning

Supporting Social and
Emotional
Development

College planning and
transitioning

MyCAP Guides the Work

- [My Career and Academic Plan \(MyCAP\) - College, Career and Technical Education \(mass.edu\)](https://www.mass.gov/mycap)



Bridging to Postsecondary: Early College Presents Unique Opportunities and Challenges

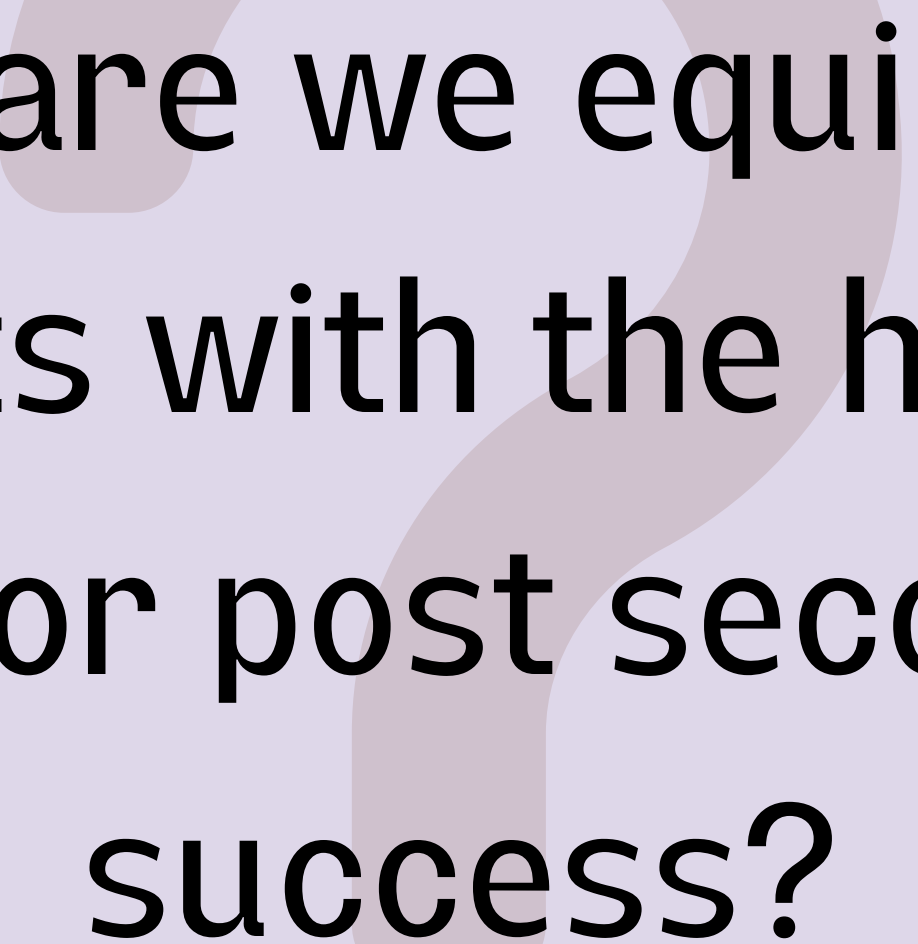
How do you prepare your EC students for the transition out of high school and fully into a postsecondary institution?

What are your best practices for supporting EC students with the high school to college transition?

What are some areas of opportunity and challenge in your current transition planning ?

What do you feel your EC students need to better understand or need more support in transitioning?

What do you feel you and your colleagues want to better understand or areas where you could use support?



How are we equipping
students with the habits of
mind for post secondary
success?



EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT TIPS

01

Start with a strong foundation

Ask for help early and often. Grades of C*or higher often transfer.

02

Make your credits count

Request a copy of your official college transcript. Colleges will not automatically transfer credits listed on high school transcripts.

03

Applying to college

Complete a freshman application. On the Common App check off that you have dual enrollment credits.

04

Do your research

MassTransfer database lists course equivalences at state colleges and universities. Mass Guarantee and Admissions offices can provide guidance at private colleges.

05

Best practices

Save your syllabi, ask your academic counselor to review your transfer evaluation, ask questions.



DID YOU KNOW

DHE encourages state universities to extend MassTransfer benefits to Dual Enrollment and Early College students, but it does not require them to do so.

EC STUDENTS EARNING ASSOCIATE DEGREE

University of Massachusetts



Students in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA on college transcript) with at least 45 credits at time of application will be considered Mass Transfer student



Applicants with a minimum 2.0 GPA will pay no application fee, and no essay is required. Applicants with a minimum 2.5 GPA will be automatically admitted to the university (and, space permitting, to the major) with no application fee or essay required.



Guaranteed transfer of credits, minimum of 60 and maximum of 75 for A2B.

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