

### What are NCC's College Pathway Programs?

NCC's College Pathway combines two programs:

- **ConnCAP** (Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation) for high school freshmen and sophomores, and
- **CPI** (College Pathway Initiative) for high school juniors and seniors.

Together, these programs challenge, inspire and support students through all four years of high school. Now available **at AITE, McMahon, Norwalk, Stamford Academy and Wright Tech**, these programs guide students to:

- Take **college prep** courses
- Strive for **high grades**
- Explore **careers**
- Learn from community involvement (**service learning**)
- Earn **college credit** in high school

NCC's College Pathway serves high school students who want to be first in their families to complete college.

### How much do these programs cost?

ConnCAP and CPI are scholarship programs available at **no cost** to qualifying families.

### What does ConnCAP offer high school freshmen and sophomores?

ConnCAP is NCC's program for freshmen and sophomores. ConnCAP students develop **individual life success plans** that include:

- Challenging high school courses
- A 6-week summer program at NCC
- Tutoring during the school year
- Volunteer service learning activities that explore different careers
- Group activities just for fun

### What Does CPI Offer Juniors and Seniors?

NCC's program for juniors and seniors is called College Pathway Initiative. CPI students develop **individual life success plans** to include:

- Challenging high school courses
- College-ready academic skills
- Intensive career exploration
- Service learning
- Financial aid coaching
- Potential for completing college-level courses while still in high school

### What Advantage Do Students Gain?

**College Readiness!** About half of high school grads who go to college test into remedial courses. In other words, they have to do **part of high school over!** And they **pay** for these repeat credits, using up financial aid. They start college discouraged and bored, and many **drop out**.

**NCC College Pathway** students avoid this by

- building **college-ready skills** through all four years of high school
- learning early **how college works**

**In fact, CPI students who work extra hard can enter college with a full semester of college-level courses already completed!**



### How Important is a College Degree?

The world of work is changing!

- Because of **technology**, all high-paying jobs will soon require at least two years of college, even traditionally "hands-on" areas such as auto mechanics.
- Because of **technology**, anyone **starting a business** needs college-level skills.
- The number of young people getting ready to enter the workforce is much smaller than the number of those about to retire. With this **worker shortage**, young, skilled college grads will soon be in **big demand for high-paying jobs!**
- Because of **globalization**, many low-skill jobs are moving to other countries, leaving only a few undesirable, low-pay opportunities for those without college.





### How Do Students Qualify?

Students are eligible for CPI or ConnCAP:

- Who are U.S. Citizens
- Whose family incomes meet CT DHE guidelines (see application packet) or
- Whose custodial parents have not completed 4-year college degrees

Students who meet both qualifiers will be given preference, but those who meet only one will still be considered.

### Applicants must be willing to

- Strive for **good grades** in all courses
- Participate in **planning** a successful future
- Contribute to the community through **service**
- Attend **tutoring** when needed
- attend a 6-wk full-day **summer** program (freshmen & sophomores in ConnCAP)
- take at least **two NCC courses per year** (juniors & seniors in CPI).

### How and When Do Students Apply?

Students apply in April and begin in the summer. Each year's deadline is posted at each school. Application packets are available through high school counselors. **Space is limited!**

Once a student's application is complete, the student and a parent will be invited to **interview**.

### How Do Families Learn More?

Families are invited to attend a free information session. For dates and times of upcoming sessions, contact a high school counselor or

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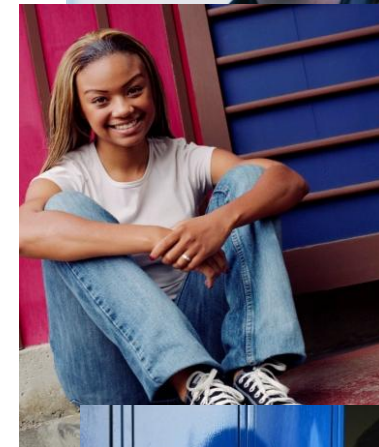
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