

Many Points of Pride: What Middlesex Means to Our Community and Beyond



Middlesex Community College celebrates more than 50 years of being the college of our community in Middlesex County and the Meriden/Mid-State Area. We also proudly serve all of Connecticut and beyond, through unique programs and distance learning opportunities.

Our Mission Statement affirms that students are at the center of Middlesex Community College. By creating meaningful relationships with our diverse population of students and providing high-quality, affordable, and accessible educational experiences, we help students achieve their individual goals and become productive, engaged global citizens. Here are some examples:

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS WITH STRONG LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Center for New Media

Funded largely by a \$2.5 million USDOL grant, the Center opened in 2014 as one of the most advanced media production facilities at any community college – anywhere.

- Academic programs meet the workforce needs of digital media industry partners such as ESPN, NBC Sports, WFSB, and many other production companies and broadcasters.
- The CNM Media Production Group offers customized creative solutions to CSCU institutions, state agencies, non-profits, and area businesses, generating over \$100k per year in revenue while offering students valuable hands-on experience.
- MxCC has hosted several virtual reality media showcases, highlighting this emerging and innovative production field.

Diagnostic Imaging Programs

MxCC offers primary certification in Radiologic Technology and post-primary certifications in Computed Tomography and Mammography.

- Evolved from a traditional hospital-based program in 1965 to an innovative community partnership between the College and Middlesex Hospital in 1970.
- In 2015, MxCC became the only Connecticut higher education institution to offer post-primary certifications, increasing employment options and salaries for graduates.
- 100% pass rate on national credentialing exams.
- 100% post-graduation employment rate.
- 66% of Middlesex Health System imaging staff are MxCC graduates.
- The associate degree program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

College Credit in the High Schools

MxCC partners with nine school districts, the Board of Regents, and the State Department of Education to offer college courses *free of charge* to high school students through College Career Pathways. Courses count toward their high school diploma *and* their college degree.

- Since 2012, hundreds of high school students have earned over 3,600 college credits, saving them nearly \$700,000 in tuition and fees (at the community college rate).
- Courses are selected from five career and technical education fields: Computer Information Technology, Digital Media Production, Early Childhood Education, Manufacturing, and Veterinary Technology.

- Created in 2013 in response to high workforce demand.
- 100% post-graduation employment rate.
- Strong student demand (48 applicants for 24 seats).
- Clinical instruction is hosted at Pieper Veterinary in Middletown, which built an education wing for MxCC students and veterinary doctoral program residents *using only private funds*.
- Solid partnerships with 10 farms and 22 veterinary hospitals as clinical externship sites, and Yale University's research labs.
- Accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association – Committee on Veterinary Technician Education & Activities.

Middlesex in Meriden

Our 20-year history of providing college access to students in Meriden remains strong – enhanced by partnerships with high schools recently renovated as state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces.

- MxCC @Platt – The MxCC Meriden Center relocated to Platt High School in August 2017. We offer nearly 40 college courses per semester in the late afternoon and evening. Over 400 seats per year are available *free of charge* to academically qualified high school students and Meriden Public School employees. In return, the city of Meriden allows MxCC rent-free use of the space.
- MxCC @Wilcox Tech – Our Advanced Manufacturing Program is located at the modern, high-tech facilities of Wilcox Technical High School. Enrollment has nearly doubled since the program moved there in Fall 2015, while saving the college \$15k annually in rent and overhead compared to the leased space we used previously.
- Bridge to College – Since the Fall of 2015, high school seniors at Maloney and Platt have taken MxCC developmental English and Math courses on their own campuses. These count toward high school graduation and serve as eligibility to enter college-level courses at whichever institution they choose to attend.

Middlesex Accelerated Program (MAP)

- Launched in July 2017, MxCC is the first community college in the state to offer concentrated five-week, online mini-semester year-round, leading to a 13-month associate degree in Criminology Studies, Criminal Justice, Business Studies, Liberal Arts, and General Studies.
- Transfer agreements may make it possible for students to complete their Associate + Bachelor's degrees in three years.

Veterinary Technology Program

PROGRAM INNOVATIONS & SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Prison Education Partnership & Second Chance Pell Pilot

In 2016, Wesleyan University and MxCC formed the Prison Education Partnership to further develop a privately-funded program begun by Wesleyan in 2009. Men and women incarcerated at Cheshire and York Correctional Institutions have the opportunity to take college-level courses from both institutions. In turn, they may apply their credits towards an MxCC associate degree in General Studies, while continuing to expand and deepen their Wesleyan transcript. The U.S. Department of Education selected the Prison Education Program as one of four in Connecticut, and one of only 67 nationally, to participate in the Second Chance Pell Pilot, which allows the use of federal financial aid dollars to support incarcerated students taking college courses in prison.

Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE)

MILE was established in 1973 to provide stimulating lifelong learning opportunities for adults age 50 and over, at the very reasonable cost of \$60 for two semesters.

- Membership reached an all-time high of 352 adults from approximately 30 Connecticut towns.
- MILE curriculum is viewed as model for other similar programs.
- 30 percent of MILE revenue goes to MxCC.
- MILE started an immediate response fund (the “Extra Mile Fund”) to assist MxCC students in need.

Transitional Year Program (TYP)

TYP is a cohort program that provides one-on-one support to 24 first-year students through an honors program model.

- TYP is the only program of its kind in the state serving students who place into developmental English.
- TYP students have accelerated college success and graduation rates, compared to statewide averages.

Working Cities Challenge Initiative

MxCC is a core team partner in Middletown’s Working Cities Challenge funded by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. In February 2018, a team representing numerous agencies from around the city was awarded a multi-year grant of \$450,000 to support programs designed to bolster economic equality and workforce development.

2018 Military Friendly® Schools and Employers Silver Level

MxCC once again earned the Silver level award in the category of “Community College with outstanding programs and support for the nation’s veterans and their families,” given by militaryfriendly.com.

Internships in the Community

- MxCC partners with community businesses for internships and employment (ex. Liberty Bank, Global Help Desk Services, Inc.).
- Business Administration, Accounting, and Marketing programs have strong and continuing internship relationships with Brown & Brown Insurance, with offices in Connecticut and nationwide.

NOTABLE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) is the international honor society for two-year college students. Its mission is to recognize academic achievement and to provide opportunities for students to grow as scholars and leaders. Chartered in 1986, the Beta Gamma Xi PTK chapter at MxCC was awarded Five Star Level status for the third year in a row. At a recent PTK regional convention, MxCC’s chapter officers and advisors received five awards for being among the most distinguished and engaged PTK chapters during 2017-18.

Students Promoting Equality, Acceptance, and Knowledge

SPEAK is MxCC’s equivalent to a Gay-Straight Alliance and its work aims to advocate for all forms of diversity. SPEAK is one of MxCC’s greatest resources for combatting the fear that LGBT+ students endure as adults. Through a fervent practice of acceptance, SPEAK’s leadership and membership have successfully strengthened MxCC’s campus community by fostering a culture of compassion and unity.

- SPEAK is one of the most active student organizations on campus and often serves as a “hub” to connect students from across the college in service to the community.
- SPEAK members facilitated a total of 24 student-facilitated Ally Training Sessions since Fall 2013.
- SPEAK has attended and presented at the annual True Colors Conference at UConn for five years in a row.

Computer Club Technology Center

The MxCC Technology Center is supported by the MxCC Computer Club. Student members provide hands-on technical expertise and information sharing to the college community.

- Electronics recycling program during Earth Week.
- Fundraising for laptop giveaways to needy students.
- Hosts Tech Fest and networking events to showcase and share the latest innovations.
- Conducts special projects such as refurbishing computers for local autism center.



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