

WMCC/Tillotson Grant Public Pathways Program Frequently Asked Questions

How is this different than the Dual Admission program?

UNH Manchester's Public Pathways Program and the Dual Admission Program allow you to create an academic pathway for a seamless transition from the [Community College System of New Hampshire \(CCSNH\)](#) to a program at UNH Manchester.

One of the main differences in the program is that UNH Manchester has provided a very detailed path for your two-year experience so your credits will transfer in the most efficient way possible. There are no surprises when you transfer credits and are ready to start courses at UNH Manchester.

Another key difference is that UNH Manchester and WMCC have received a grant from the Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund to help provide funding for WMCC graduates. Students who meet UNH Manchester admission requirements will have the opportunity to continue their education toward completing a bachelor's degree, but at the community college tuition rate.

Could I save money through this program?

The Public Pathways Program was created to ensure all NH community college students have access to affordable higher education. Participation in the program means you will follow a seamless academic pathway from your community college to UNH Manchester.

Since the pathway is specific to the program you want to pursue at UNH Manchester, your community college credits are guaranteed to count toward your bachelor's degree, saving you time and money.

Another important benefit are the scholarship opportunities – you start building your college transcript and academic achievements at your community college which can lead to scholarship opportunities not only at your community college but at UNH Manchester as well!

Will my financial aid follow me?

Your unique aid package from the community college will not follow you to the University. Financial aid will be determined through completion of the annual financial aid application (FAFSA) at UNH Manchester.

What is the tuition?

Students who complete the Pathways at WMCC will be charged a reduced tuition rate equivalent to the current annual tuition costs at WMCC, for up to two years. The reduced tuition rate will be made possible by a grant provided by the Tillotson Foundation, while funds are available. Any federal financial aid will be applied towards the reduced tuition rate.

Is it possible for me to stay in the North Country and complete my classes?

Yes, courses will be offered online and also on the WMCC campus through adjunct professors.

Am I restricted to what program/major I can enroll in at WMCC or UNH Manchester?

Currently, the programs at WMCC which apply to the partnership includes Information Technology, Liberal Arts and Criminal Justice/Homeland Security.

Am I required to earn my degree from WMCC first?

Yes, students must first complete their associate's degree at WMCC.

Am I required to continue at UNH Manchester directly after WMCC or can I take a few years off?

Students must register at UNH Manchester the semester after they graduate from WMCC.

Is there a required GPA?

Yes. Students must earn a minimum overall GPA average of 2.5 at WMCC to be eligible for dual enrollment at UNH Manchester.

For students who chose the transfer path without the dual enrollment option, only courses completed with a grade of C or better will be accepted as transfer credits.

I have Running Start credits from high school. Will those apply?

Yes.

Do I have to attend full-time?

No, students may attend full or part-time.

Is housing available?

UNH Manchester [provides housing through a partnership](#) with the New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA) in downtown Manchester, NH. NHIA's Elm Street residence hall, offering spacious, comfortably-furnished double and single rooms, is located within walking distance or a short bus trip of the UNH Manchester campus. NHIA also offers UNH Manchester students a dining plan option.

How do I apply?

Apply to White Mountains Community College and indicate on the application that you would like to enroll in the Public Pathways/ Dual Admission Program with the University of New Hampshire at Manchester.

1. Meet with your WMCC advisor to learn more about the program.
2. Sign a Public Pathways/Dual Admission Program contract that confirms your agreement to comply with the program requirements.
3. Receive an acceptance letter into the Public Pathways/Dual Admission Program from WMCC and UNH Manchester.

I'm already enrolled at WMCC, but I'm interested in this Pathway. Who should I contact to enroll?

You should contact your WMCC advisor to enroll in the Public Pathways/Dual Admission Program.

How long will it take me to get my Bachelors?

The Public Pathways Program is designed as a “2 + 2”, meaning the academic pathway you choose begins at your community college for the first two years after which you transition to UNH Manchester for your junior and senior years.

The four-year degree is your starting point for professional school, graduate school, and the world of work.

People are proud of their alma maters—and alumni connections and networking through the campus career services office at WMCC and UNH Manchester will be invaluable to you when you start your career.

Will I have the same advisor?

You will be assigned an advisor from UNH Manchester once you are enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program.

Where do I find a program of study?

[Homeland Security](#)

[Computer Information Systems](#)

Do I need internet access at home to complete this program?

No, you don’t need internet access at home, but you will need access to complete the program. Internet access is available at WMCC and at the local library.

I’d like to learn more. Who may I contact for more information?

To learn more about the programs available at UNH Manchester, contact the Office of Admissions at 603-641-4150 or email unhm.admissions@unh.edu.