

**North Central *Now!* Early College
2014-2015
Application Process**

G.P.A. of a 2.7 and above

Pursuing AA, AS or AGS

Cohort size **up to** 25 students
Minimum of 10 students

Placement into ENG 111 Cohort Class:
COMPASS Reading-80
COMPASS Writing-5

Placement into Math 110 by Senior Year*
COMPASS Math-43
COMPASS Reading-62

The application process for North Central *Now!* Early College program includes two stages. The first, and most comprehensive, is the application to the North Central *Now!* Early College program. The second stage is contingent upon successful completion of the First Year Experience course offered in winter semester.

Application for North Central *Now!* Early College program is open to 2014-2015 sophomores.

Students will submit their completed application to the high school counseling office by October 10, 2014.

Up to 25 qualified applicants will be selected and notified of their acceptance by October 24, 2014.

Accepted applicants must notify the high school counseling office of their commitment to attend the Early College by October 31, 2014.

Qualified students accepted and committed will be required to enroll in North Central's First Year Experience course (SD 125) for the winter 2015 semester. Final acceptance into the North Central *Now!* Early College program is contingent on enrolling and successfully completing the First Year Experience course (G.P.A of 2.0 or higher)

North Central Now! Early College

Application is open to students who meet the follow criteria:

- Are enrolled in partnering High School
- Entered 10th grade in Fall of 2014

Applications will be accepted until October 10, 2014

Application Checklist and Information

Please submit your completed application to the High School Counselor

Responsibilities	Completed
North Central Application (Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. Central Now Application)	
*COMPASS Test taken at North Central or Dual Enrollment Qualifying Score	
North Central Early College Application Form (parent/student signature)	
Two Recommendation Forms (high school teachers preferred)	
Application Essay	
Student Information Release Authorization – FERPA	

*North Central offers the COMPASS by appointment at each of our sites. You can contact the location at which you are interested in testing for an appointment.

Petoskey-- **231.348.6682**
Gaylord – **989.705.3775**
Cheboygan— **231.597.0322**

If you are a person with a disability and require accommodations, please make arrangements through Learning Support Services at North Central in Petoskey. Notify the staff member that you are an Early College student when making your appointment in person or call 231.348.6817

Important Dates:

Student Parent Information Meeting	May 15 th and Sept. 2014
Application due to high school counseling office	October 10, 2014
Notice of acceptance	October 24, 2014
Commitment to attend	October 31, 2014
Registration deadline for First Year Experience course	October 31, 2014
First Year Experience course begins	March 9, 2015
Registration for dual enrollment 2015-2016	April 8, 2015

North Central *Now!* Early College Recommendation Form

Thank you for taking the time to write a recommendation for a prospective student for North Central *Now!* Early College. Please put this form in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal and mail to high school OR scan and email this directly to the high school counselor.

To be filled out by the student:

Name of student: _____

Counselor name: _____

Counselor email: _____

School address: _____

How long have you known the student? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please rate the student in terms of the following attributes:

	No basis for evaluation	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
Level of personal interest in attending college					
Academic capability to succeed in North Central courses					
Levels of personal commitment to academic achievement, perseverance and effort					
Self-discipline & Initiative; willing to take personal responsibility for one's own behavior/learning					

***Please see the reverse side to complete the recommendation form.**

In the box below, briefly describe your interactions with the student and how you think he/she will respond to a community college educational environment. Also, please describe any characteristics which set him/her apart from other high school students.

Based on my experience with the applicant, my overall recommendation for this student is as follows:

- Highest Recommendation
- Recommendation
- Recommendation with Reservation
- Do Not Recommend

Name/Title (print): _____

School: _____

Signature: _____

Phone: _____

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Note: If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Fought, Director of Student Outreach and Engagement, North Central Michigan College at 231.439.6349 or wfought@ncmich.edu

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North Central *Now!* Early College Application Essay

As part of the application process, there is an essay that you must write. Please type in 12 font.

In this essay, please address the following questions for our evaluation committee. (One page maximum)

- Why do you feel that the North Central Now! Early College program would be a good fit for you?
- How are you prepared for college level work and expectations? Please give one example or experience that describes your preparedness for college.

***In addition to the specific questions about, this writing will be evaluated on:**

- How well they are written (organization, language, style, grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- Your passion for entering North Central Now! Early College and completing a college degree

North Central *Now!* Early College

North Central Michigan College
1515 Howard St.
Petoskey, MI 49770
231.348.6600

Student Information Release Authorization

I, (name of student) _____ authorize North Central Michigan College to release information contained in my student record to the individual (s) or organization (s) listed below and only under the conditions stipulated:

1. Name of person(s) or organizations(s) and address to whom disclosure is to be made:

School Counselors

High School Principal

Parent/Guardian/Other

2. Type of information to be disclosed:
All information which may include but is not limited to college records, schedules, grades, attendance, faculty communications, transcripts, and academic plans.
3. The purpose for disclosure of information:
To allow North Central *Now!* Early College to provide the appropriate support services.

Student Signature Date

***Unless otherwise requested, this authorization ends upon your withdrawal or graduation from North Central Michigan College.

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Explanation of Student Application Rubric

Student evaluation and entrance into the North Central *Now!* Early College program will be based on criteria in seven categories. Each of these categories is worth up to ten points with a potential score of 70 points.

Application Rubric Breakdown

Criteria	Points Possible
Required Application Packet Forms Finished	10
GPA	10
High School Graduation Progress	10
Test Scores	10
Recommendation Form	10
Application Essay	10
Total	60

Students will not be eligible to apply to North Central *Now!* Early College if they:

- Fail to have all forms completed and submitted to their high school counselor by deadline date
- Have a high school GPA lower than a 2.7
- Are unable to complete all the MME graduation requirements by the end of their senior year.
- Do not have the qualifying scores on any of the applicable tests.

North Central Now! Early College
Student Scoring Sheet

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Counselor Name: _____ School: _____

Criteria	Points
Required Application Packet Forms Finished	
GPA	
High School Graduation Progress	
Test Scores	
Recommendation Form	
Application Essay	
Total	

North Central Now! Early College Essay Scoring Rubric

Application Essay Scoring Rubric

Scoring Criteria	Unacceptable 0 Points	Fair 1 point	Excellent 2 Points
Student's letter exhibits an understanding of the NCN! Early College program			
Student's letter explains and gives examples of how they are a good fit & conveys a passion for being selected			
Student's letter explains how the student is prepared for college-level work & expectations			
Student's letter is well-written with an introduction, supporting paragraphs, and conclusion			
Student's letter uses proper grammar, punctuation, spelling, and word usage			
Total Points:			

Notes:

Criteria	Not Acceptable	Adequate
Required Forms	Will not be accepted without all forms Completed and submitted to high school counseling office by deadline date	10 points for completed packet 1. North Central Application 2. COMPASS or Qualifying Scores 3. NCN! EC Application Form 4. Recommendation Form 5. Essay 6. FERPA Release Form
GPA	Below 2.7 HS GPA not eligible to apply	2.70-2.79 = 1 pt 3.20-3.39 = 6 pts 2.80-2.89 = 2 pts 3.40-3.59 = 7 pts 2.90-2.99 = 3 pts 3.60-3.79 = 8 pts 3.00-3.09 = 4 pts 3.80-3.99 = 9 pts 3.10-3.19 = 5 pts 4.00 + = 10 pts

Criteria	Not Acceptable (0 points)	Adequate (1-6 points)	Exemplary (7-10 points)
HS Graduation Progress	If unable to complete all MME graduation requirements by the end of the junior year (with the exception of ELA 12 and the final math requirement), the student is not eligible to apply	On track with EDP indicating completion of all but English 12 and final math credit by the end of junior year. Algebra II must be completed by the end of the junior year. EDP allows for completion of College Success Course during sophomore year.	Ahead of track with additional college prep courses. (e.g. 10 th grade algebra II or beyond, three science courses completed by the end of 10 th grade, additional technology coursework, or students who have earned extra high school credits)
Criteria	Not Acceptable (0 points)	Adequate (1-6 points)	Exemplary (7-10 points)
Test Scores (See Test Score Worksheet)	Students without qualifying scores on any of the applicable test do not qualify to apply	Scores in the indicated ranges for any one of the following. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACT (17 or above in English, Reading, Math and a composite score of 23 or below) Plan (Math 18-23, Reading 17-23, Science 19-23, and English 19-23) Explore (19-22) COMPASS (Writing 5 and Reading 76-80) 	Scores in the indicated ranges for at least two of the following; including acceptable dual enrollment scores: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACT (17 or above in English, Reading, Math and a composite score of 24 or higher) Plan (All subjects above 23) Explore (All areas above 23) COMPASS (Writing 6 + and Reading 80-100)
Criteria	Not Acceptable (0 points)	Adequate (1-6 points)	Exemplary (7-10 points)
Recommendation Form	Rated "Recommendation with Reservation".	Rated at least "Recommendation with Reservation".	Rated "Recommendation" or "Highest Recommendation".
Application Letter (1 page maximum) Refer essay to rubric	Poorly written or submitted with significant errors.	Cleanly written letter expressing interest in the program.	Well written letter with passionate desire to attend and succeed.