**Program Name:** Links Program (Links), Middlesex Community College Adult Learning Center

**College Programs of Study:** <https://catalog.middlesex.mass.edu/content.php?catoid=26&navoid=2368>

**Transitions Program Website:** <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/links/>

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**Eligibility:** To enroll in Middlesex Community College’s (MCC) Transition to College Program, students must have:

1. Earned a state approved High School Equivalency credential (GED or HiSET), high school diploma through an Adult Diploma Program, or a high school diploma; or
2. Completed English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) classes
3. Recommendation from teacher or administrator.

**Program Description:** Links is designed for students who have attended a CALC or Correctional Institution, completed their HiSET, GED, or ESOL Program, or have a high school diploma, and are looking to transition to college. Links offers credit-bearing college classes along with intentional academic support and advising that leads to persistence through Certificate or Associate Degree programs.

**Program Benefits:**

* Academic and career guidance
* Courses that earn college credit
* Small class sizes
* Individual and group support throughout the semester
* Access to college services and programs

**Program Design:** Program cohort classes are offered in the fall and spring semesters (start and end dates prescribed by the college). Students take the courses needed for their program of study plus First Year Experience/Digital Literacy which is required by the Links Program. Based on commitment and performance, students can qualify for a second year of Links classes and Advising. Students who require developmental courses are referred to MCC’s Adult Learning Center Bridge to College courses for math and English.

Course offerings:

Year 1:

* IDS101/121: First Year Experience/Digital Literacy (2 credits)
* IDS106: Career Explorations (1 credit)
* ENG101/109: English Composition I/Critical Thinking (6 credits)
* MAT001: Ramp Up Math (3 developmental credits)
* MAT177/007: Statistics/Skill Development (3 credits + 1 developmental credit)
* PSY101: Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
* BIO131: General Biology (4 credits) – offered based on demand

Year 2:

* ENG102: English Composition II
* Two classes specific to student’s declared major