**Program Name:** Transition to College Program, Center for Adult Education

**College Programs of Study:** <https://www.necc.mass.edu/learn/>

**Transition to College Program Website:** <https://ccce.necc.mass.edu/public/category/programStream.do?method=load&selectedProgramAreaId=1367430&selectedProgramStreamId=1367441&_ga=2.108542346.969452532.1694097721-155754318.1690907696>

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**Eligibility:** To enroll in Northern Essex Community College’s (NECC) 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, advisor, or employer.
4. ESOL students must have Advanced English reading level (EFL 6)

Priority is given to students who have attended a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education-funded Community Adult Learning Center (CALC) or Correctional Institution (CI). The program is free.

**Program Description:** The Transition to College Program at NECC provides free academic preparation and college and career planning services to adults who need to strengthen their skills and increase their confidence to persist and succeed in college.

**Program Benefits:**

* Courses in Math and English that develop skills necessary for college level classes
* Up to three free college credit courses
* Intensive academic and career guidance
* Individual and group support throughout the semester
* Access to all NECC college services and programs

**Program Design:** NECC offers a cohort model program, where students take developmental reading/writing (2 levels) and math classes (2 levels) as needed, along with college-credit classes including: First Year Seminar (3 credits), Computer Applications (3 credits). Students have the option to take an additional college course of their choosing. Students also meet with the program advisor monthly to foster persistence and to explore career options through the online platform, Virtual Job Shadow.