**Program Name:** Future Focus Program

**College Programs of Study:** <https://www.qcc.edu/academics>

**Transitions Program Website:** <https://www.qcc.edu/services/future-focus-program>

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**Eligibility:** To enroll in Quinsigamond Community College’s (QCC) Future Focus 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. Qualify for in-state tuition by being a Massachusetts resident for 6+ months and are a U.S. citizen, Permanent Resident (Green Card), Legal Asylee, or qualifying visa holder

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 Future Focus Program is designed to support CALC, CI, and other non-traditional students as they make the leap into higher education. The program gives students the opportunity to explore college and build connections during their first semester as part of the daytime or evening cohort. From the start, Future Focus students are enrolled in credit-bearing, college-level classes. In their second semester, students are encouraged to expand on their skills as they begin classes in their program of study.

**Program Benefits:**

* Personalized academic advising and support
* Small, cohort classes with designated faculty
* Financial assistance for college credits applicable to certificates and degrees
* Future Focus Program exclusive workshops
* Access to QCC’s network of resources and programming

**Program Design:** Future FocusProgram classes are offered during QCC’s fall and spring semesters, with a daytime and an evening cohort. Students will begin their first semester with the two required Future Focus courses – First Year Experience (FYE 101) and Introduction to Microcomputer Applications (CIS 111). Second semester students enroll into courses required for their program of study, and the Future Focus Program provides specific support for core developmental or college-level math and English courses.

Course offerings:

* FYE 101 First Year Experience – First Semester Requirement (3 credits)
* CIS 111Introduction to Microcomputer Applications – First Semester Requirement (3 credits)
* Developmental or college level English (up to 3 credits)
* Developmental or college level math (up to 3 credits)
* One course (up to 3 credits)
  + Courses such as:
    - ALH 102 Medical Terminology
    - BIO 101 General Biology: Core Concept
    - BUS 101 Introduction to Business
    - PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
    - SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology