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Residence Classification

To be able to register for resident tuition rates at the Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC), Nebraska residency must be established according to the following provisions:

Students will qualify as State residents if the student:

- (1) is of legal age or is an emancipated minor and has established a home in Nebraska where he or she is habitually present for a minimum period of one hundred eighty days, with the bona fide intention of making this state his or her permanent residence, supported by documentary proof, or
- (2) has been absent from Nebraska while in the military services in attendance at another post-secondary institution or on a temporary sojourn of known duration; would have been classified a resident at the time of departure; and returned to Nebraska within one year following termination of the specified reason for the absence.
- (3) is married to an individual who meets any of the above criteria.
- (4) is under 19 years of age and the student's parents or legal guardian meet any of the above criteria.

All other persons shall be classified as "non-residents" for college tuition purposes unless otherwise classified as a resident under Nebraska law section 85-502 through 85-502.01 or classified as a resident student of Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota or Wyoming.

Any individual wishing to appeal their residence classification should forward to the Area Dean of Student Life a written request, containing the justification for such reclassification. The decision of the Area Dean of Student Life shall be final.

Any non-resident student who has a parent or grandparent who graduated from MPCC will be granted resident status for the purpose of tuition and fee assessment. The student must file a waiver form with the student services office of MPCC.

Adopted: September 1998

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Legal Reference: Nebraska Revised Statute 85-502

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Directory Information

The colleges of the Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) designate the following items as directory information as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:

1. Name
2. Major field of study
3. Dates of attendance
4. Permanent phone number
5. Local phone number
6. Permanent address
7. Local address
8. Previous schools attended
9. Degrees conferred and dates conferred
10. Student classification
11. Photograph
12. Height and weight of athletic team members
13. Past and Present Participation in officially recognized activities
14. Honors and awards earned
15. E-Mail address
16. Enrollment status (Full time/Part time)
17. Class type (day, evening, etc.)

The items classified as directory information will be published annually in the Student Handbook as well as in each release of the catalog. Students must notify the Area Registrar, in writing, that they wish to have their directory information withheld. Once a student notifies the Area Registrar that his/her directory information is to be withheld, that request will be in effect (even after the student ceases to be enrolled at MPCC) until it is reversed, in writing, by the student.

Adopted: December 1997

Amended: March 2001; August 2012

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Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) offers curricular programs approved by the Board of Governors that lead to the conferral of associate degrees, diplomas, or certificates.

Associate degree requirements include successful completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours within a prescribed curriculum and a minimum 2.00 grade point average. All associate degree programs include general education course requirements.

Diploma requirements include successful completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours within a prescribed curriculum and a minimum 2.00 grade point average.

Certificate requirements include successful completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours within a prescribed curriculum and a minimum 2.00 grade point average.

Specific credit hour and course requirements of all degree, diploma, and certificate programs approved by the Board of Governors may be found in the MPCC Course Catalog.

Amended: March 2001; January 2010; August 2012

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Scholarships/Tuition Waivers

MPCC may award tuition waiver/scholarship money from institutional funds as part of the annual budget. All academic scholarships/tuition waivers shall be limited to 15 hours for the fall and spring semesters. Allocation and award of those funds will be determined by the Executive Administration and Professionals for the best benefit for students.

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) may award the Walsh-Brady scholarships for students at McCook Community College consistent with the terms of the trust from which these scholarships are paid. Walsh-Brady Scholarships shall be used for educational purposes and not for intercollegiate athletics, based upon the need and ability of such students.

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) may award scholarships of up to 36 credit hours plus per credit hour fees per academic year, per student, to student athletes who are members of MPCC approved teams. These scholarships shall be awarded within the limitations set forth by National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) or National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) rules. Scholarship award guidelines include:

- No more than twelve (12) credit hours may be awarded for developmental courses;
- These scholarships may be applied to courses of study which require in excess of sixty (60) hours for graduation;
- The same course will not be paid for twice;
- 24 room, board and book scholarships (\$600 per student per year) area-wide for student athletes competing for Division I teams;
- 12 book scholarships (\$600 per student per year) area-wide for student athletes competing for Division II teams.

Amended: March 2001; March 2012; August 2017

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Standards of Student Conduct

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) requires students to conform to the recognized standards of law and order, morality, good conduct, and general satisfactory citizenship, within the College. Students must give serious attention to their college work and shall not be absent unnecessarily from any class or activity at which their attendance is required. Students who are disorderly in conduct, insubordinate, or persistently negligent in their work, shall be subject to disciplinary action and may be suspended or expelled from MPCC.

Amended: March 2001; August 2012

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Grievance Procedure

The College President or designee, shall establish, maintain, and administer student grievance procedures.

Amended: March 2001; May 2010

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Sexual Harassment

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) is committed to the belief that sexual harassment by students against other students or MPCC employees is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated nor condoned.

Sexual harassment occurs when unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature: (1) are made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's educational status; (2) are used as a basis for educational decisions affecting such individuals; or (3) have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's educational or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. The MPCC President or designee shall establish a procedure for the reporting and investigation of alleged acts of sexual harassment.

Any student, found to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy or rules adopted by the President in furthering the goals of this policy, shall be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal. Also, any student found in violation of this policy may be forbidden from entering MPCC property or conducting business with MPCC.

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Organizations and Clubs

The President or designee shall establish procedures for the creation and operation of student organizations and clubs.

The creation and existence of any student organization or club is subject to Board of Governors approval.

Amended: March 2001; May 2010; March 2012

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Chronic Communicable Diseases

Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) desires to prevent the spread of communicable diseases at its facilities. Each incident of communicable disease as covered by this policy shall be dealt with on an individual case-by-case basis.

A student who has a chronic communicable disease, or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease, may attend MPCC and participate in programs and activities whenever, through reasonable accommodations, there is no significant risk of transmission of the disease to others.

A student who has a chronic communicable disease or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease may be denied admission to, or may be dismissed from, a particular program or course of study whenever such chronic communicable disease has a direct effect on the student's ability to perform so as to render the student not qualified for the program or course of study.

A chronic communicable disease shall be defined as a persistent or recurring infection that may be transmitted to a susceptible person by direct or indirect contact with an infected individual. This policy is intended to apply to acute infectious diseases such as, but not necessarily restricted to HIV/ARC/AIDS and Hepatitis B. The National Center for Disease Control shall be the definitive authority on the identification and transmission of chronic communicable diseases.

The MPCC President shall be responsible for assuring that procedural safeguards are used when determining program or course enrollment status of students with chronic communicable diseases.

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