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TEACHER EDUCATION

BUILDING A CAREER WITH IMPACT

Ciara Davis '25 knows the value of education. As a preschool teacher, she's helped nurture young children in their first classroom environment. Now, with an associate degree in elementary and special education from CCBC, she's on the path to becoming a public school teacher.

What attracted you to a career in education?

I want to enrich the lives of today's youth. I'm passionate about working with children and helping them learn and grow in a loving environment.

Why did you choose CCBC?

I really liked that CCBC is local and affordable. As a student, I realized there are so many resources available like the Student Success Center, library, theater and free tutoring. All of that really intrigued me.

What did you like best about your program?

My professors were so helpful, professional and organized. As a working mom, the online and weekend class options were a lifesaver. The flexibility let me advance my education and provide for my family.

What's next for you?

I'm now a transfer student at Towson University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in

elementary/special education. Next, I plan to apply for teaching positions in Baltimore County Public Schools. I hope my story encourages others to pursue their dreams. It's never too late. You can do it!

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Through CPL, students can apply military training, professional certifications and exams, work experience and prior credits to cut nine or more months off their program at CCBC and save thousands in

tuition on earning their credential. Each student's path is unique, but the benefits are clear: fewer classes to complete, lower costs and faster progress toward an educational or career milestone.

"Going through CPL can have a huge impact on your future," says Nicole Zampino, coordinator of Transfer and Degree Acceleration at CCBC. "Bring us your goals, and we'll see how bundling CPL course options can get you closer to graduation."

For many students, CPL removes barriers to achieving long-delayed goals, switching to a more fulfilling career or finishing a degree they once thought out of reach.

Earn credit for what you know


See how what you've already accomplished can become the foundation for what's next. Visit ccbcmd.edu/priorlearning.



MAKING IT ALL COUNT

"CPL sped up my progress and let me focus on the classes that mattered most. Instead of repeating work I'd already done, I could dive right into higher-level courses."

See how Sophia turned coursework from multiple colleges into a clear path to earning not one but two degrees at CCBC. stories.ccbcmd.edu/sophia



In-person, online or hybrid classes? HERE'S HOW TO CHOOSE

Wondering whether to pick in-person, online or hybrid classes at CCBC? Advising expert Lesley Fagu has the answers.

What types of class formats are offered?

CCBC offers several formats. In-person classes meet face-to-face on campus at set times. Online asynchronous classes let you complete online work anytime, while online synchronous classes are live and taught in real time. Blended classes combine on-campus sessions with online work, providing a balance of structure and flexibility.

How do you know which one is right for you?

It depends. In-person classes work well if you focus better with face-to-face instruction and like instant feedback. Online is great if you can manage your time and learn independently. Blended

offers both structure and flexibility. Note that some classes and programs requiring a lab or hands-on learning are only offered on campus.

Are online classes easier than others?

Not easier, just different. You still have deadlines, assignments and exams. The flexibility is great, but you need good time management skills. For example, a three-credit online course requires at least three hours a week for lectures and materials, plus additional time for assignments and studying.

Can I switch formats after the semester starts?

Once classes start, switching isn't always possible. If you're unsure about online classes, you can always test the waters first. Start with a hybrid class, a course like Academic Development (ACDV 101) or a subject you're confident in. You can also take a readiness quiz, review the technical requirements and have your time management skills evaluated at ccbcmd.edu/online.

Can online students access student services?

Yes! Robust student services, including tutoring and advising, are available in person and online for all students. If you're struggling, don't hesitate to reach out — we want you to succeed! For an overview of services, visit ccbcmd.edu/successcenter.

CCBC offers more than 300 degree and certificate programs, with more than 70 offered fully online. Explore your options at ccbcmd.edu/programs.

MEET THE EXPERT

Lesley Fagu, CCBC's director of Advisement and Career Services, has over 20 years of higher education experience. She works with faculty and staff to design and implement pathways that guide students from enrollment to graduation.

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CCBC

IN A CLASS
OF THEIR OWN

Three powerful CCBC programs offer strong starts and big savings

Students seeking rigorous academics, rich campus resources and wallet-friendly opportunities need look no further than CCBC. The college's Early College Access Programs (ECAP), Degrees to Succeed program and Honors College ensure that ambitious learners have the tools, guidance and opportunities they need to achieve their goals affordably.

ECAP: Earn college credit in high school

Maddison Hershey (pictured above) wants to be a doctor. CCBC's Early College Access Programs (ECAP) provided the boost she needed to get a head start on her education and career ambitions.

"ECAP saved me so much time and money," says Maddison, a Baltimore County Public Schools student who earned both her high school diploma and associate degree together in May 2025.

Maddison is one of many students taking advantage of ECAP, which allows Maryland high school students, whether public, private or homeschooled, to earn college credits at a 50% discount. Affordability helps families stretch education dollars while allowing students an early exploration of potential majors and career paths.

The flexibility, offering online, weekend and evening classes in addition to daytime courses, enables students like Maddison to balance school, work and college. It also provides them with confidence for their next chapter.

"I was nervous at first because I was younger than most college students," says Maddison. "But I found peers at CCBC, and my instructors were so helpful and encouraging."

In all, Maddison saved two years and thousands of dollars on the path to her bachelor's degree. Immediately after high school, she began her studies at Salisbury University as a junior.

Degrees to Succeed: Transfer seamlessly

For bachelor's-bound students like Hannah Jeremiah, CCBC's Degrees to Succeed program provides a clear path to a bachelor's degree through partnerships with select four-year Maryland universities and online institutions. The program removes uncertainty from the transfer process, letting students focus on learning, not logistics.

"I never had to wonder how to apply or where to go; it was all laid out for me," says Hannah.

Students first complete their associate degree at CCBC, gaining a solid academic foundation and a recognized credential. At the same time, they are dually admitted at a partner university, gaining access to advising, resources and scholarships from both institutions. Every credit earned at CCBC in an A.A. or A.S. program is guaranteed to transfer, ensuring a smooth transition into junior-level coursework.

CCBC partners with Coppin State University, Morgan State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Stevenson University, Towson University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland Baltimore County and University of Maryland Global Campus. As a result, students become familiar with both campuses and graduate with fewer delays and less debt—with students saving \$14,808 on average by attending CCBC for the first two years versus an in-state public university.

Honors College: Unlock a transformative college experience

Students seeking an academic challenge find more than enhanced classes in the CCBC Honors College. They join a community of scholars who are pushing themselves academically, exploring new ideas and connecting classroom learning to real-world experiences.

"The Honors College has definitely enhanced my time here," says biology major Muhammad Ali. "I've had the chance to step into leadership roles, plan events and collaborate on projects — and that's played a big part in helping me reach my goals"

Honors students dive into smaller, rigorous classes that spark discussion and collaboration. Faculty serve as mentors, guiding students through research projects, cultural programs and leadership opportunities. Past projects have taken students to the Chesapeake Bay for environmental studies, explored

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- Flexible class formats

HONORS COLLEGE | ccbcm.edu/honors

- Attend small, rigorous classes
- Enjoy cultural, research and leadership opportunities
- Appeal to top colleges for transfer

DEGREES TO SUCCEED | ccbcm.edu/degreetosucceed

- Be admitted to CCBC and partner university
- Receive support from both institutions
- Save thousands on your bachelor's degree

the intersection of art and activism in Philadelphia and New York and examined the science of laughter in partnership with the University of Baltimore. Many experiences include stipends or scholarships, giving students hands-on learning while supporting their studies.

Each CCBC campus provides honors students with dedicated study space for collaboration and exploration. Students who complete 12 honors credits with a GPA of 3.5 or higher earn an Honors College Certificate, opening doors to guaranteed admission, scholarships and tuition discounts at partner universities.

"Our students dream big," says Adrienne Washington, executive director of the Honors College. "Some need to stay local, others aim for highly selective universities. Whether it's UMBC, Towson, Georgetown or Princeton, they arrive fully prepared and often overprepared thanks to their acquired life skills, intellect and determination."

Opportunities await

Ambitious students are thriving in ECAP, Degrees to Succeed and the Honors College. Plus, many students qualify for abundant scholarships and other aid, which can add up to attending CCBC tuition-free. Learn more at ccbcm.edu/freetuition.





BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING FUTURES

With life's challenges, finding a clear path to a new career can feel impossible. But for some Baltimore County residents, CCBC's Job Network program provides the support needed to navigate the journey to self-sufficiency.

Job Network, offered in partnership with the Department of Social Services, supports unemployed or underemployed individuals with dependent children or those receiving temporary cash assistance. More than just a job-placement program, it provides training and resources to help participants overcome barriers and build a stronger foundation for long-term success.

Providing a range of "wrap-around" services, Job Network connects individuals with dedicated case managers and job developers who help them overcome barriers to employment like finding child care or housing. The program also connects

clients to classes, like CCBC's Continuing Education courses and workforce certifications, to enhance their skills.

"Oftentimes our students are lacking proper guidance and just need direction," says Ra'Shelle Foote, Job Network employment specialist at CCBC. She notes that the program is about more than just finding a job; it's about helping the "whole person."

For Candace Price, a mother of three, the program was a lifeline. After being referred through the Department of Social Services, she connected with a case manager and job developer and attended virtual classes.

"Through Job Network, I was presented a job lead for the position of Family Investment Aide office clerk assistant for the Department of Human Services," Price recalls. She applied, and a week later, with "tears and pure happiness," she accepted the job. She started in May 2024 and was quickly reclassified with a new title and salary.

The program's support didn't stop there. After a few months of employment, Price reached out to Job Network again to explore the Vehicles for Change program. Price received help with the application, and just a month later, was told she was a recipient of a car. "I can now get to and from work as well as enjoy life on the road with my children," she says.

Price's journey is a powerful testament to the program's success. She now works as a family investment specialist and is continuing to build her career.

"The joy and excitement of being in a position to properly provide and take care of your family is the most amazing feeling in the world," Price says.

For her, Job Network provided not just a job, but a new career and a path to a better life for her and her family.

For more information, visit ccbcmcmd.edu/jobnetwork.



On the *FAST TRACK* to HIGH-TECH CAREERS

For middle school students who are passionate about technology and engineering, the path to launching a career might be closer than they think.

Eighth graders planning to attend Dundalk High School or Owings Mills High School are eligible to apply to the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program. Beginning in 10th grade, participants take high school and no-cost courses at CCBC simultaneously. Students have up to two post-high school years to finish their associate degree, but some students are able to do so concurrently with their high school graduation.

In addition to classes, P-TECH students gain real-world experience through paid internships with CCBC's industry partners — potentially leading to job offers. Students in the Dundalk cohorts train in civil engineering technology and intern with partners like KCI, Whiting-Turner or RK&K; Owings Mills students train in advanced industrial design and technology and intern primarily with Direct Dimensions, Strategic Factory or Integra LifeSciences.

Further opportunities include mock interviews and resume guidance, as well as networking events and mentorship from engineering and technology professionals.

"My whole outlook on engineering changed," says Dundalk P-TECH student Ammaya Sweet. "Through P-TECH, I've gained valuable industry exposure, met professionals in engineering-related fields and explored potential job opportunities. I strongly recommend it."

Eighth grade students who are hardworking, committed to their education and excited about a future in civil engineering or industrial design and technology are highly encouraged to apply to P-TECH. Participants are determined via a lottery system, with roughly 60 students admitted annually from Dundalk High School and 30 from Owings Mills.

Thanks to P-TECH, high school students are gaining early access to the world of work—learning, interning and networking with industry professionals. The result is a generation of graduates better prepared to enter high-demand fields with confidence. It's a model for how education and industry can work hand in hand to shape the workforce of tomorrow.

For more details, including coordinator contact information and application materials, visit stories.ccbcmd.edu/ptech.

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“Dual enrollment moved my educational journey along so I could focus on my future goals sooner.”

- LEAH HOWARD

BUILDING CAREERS AND BRIGHTENING SMILES



CCBC's Dental Hygiene program is shaping the future of dental care with a combination of comprehensive academics and hands-on experience. With a median salary over \$80,000 and job growth surpassing national averages, dental hygiene offers a stable and rewarding career. Students gain practical experience by working with real patients under the guidance of dentists and registered dental hygienists, learning essential skills like oral health assessments, cleaning techniques and local anesthesia.

The program not only educates students but also benefits the community. CCBC's Dental Hygiene Clinic provides reduced-cost services, increasing access to quality oral care.

"Our dental clinic offers appointments each semester for preventive services like exams, x-rays, oral cancer screenings and dental cleanings at

a reduced cost," says Brionna Burris, program director. "This gives students valuable experience while providing affordable care."

Additionally, the program hosts community events like the "Kids Spring Smile-tacular," offering free dental hygiene services and education to children, and "Deaf and Dental," which provides free cleanings for the Deaf community in partnership with CCBC's Interpreter Preparation program. Through these efforts, CCBC's Dental Hygiene program contributes to improved oral health and supports a healthier community.

For more information, visit ccbcm.d.edu/dentalhygiene or call 443-840-3495 to schedule an appointment.

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