

ADMISSIONS PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility

Anyone who is 18 years of age or older and is capable of profiting from instruction, or anyone who has a High School Diploma, a Certificate of Proficiency, a Certificate of Completion, or is admitted through a dual enrollment program, is eligible to attend Monterey Peninsula College. Students who do not possess a high school diploma, a Certificate of Completion, or a GED, or did not pass the High School Proficiency Exam, may be required to take an independently administered exam to demonstrate their ability to benefit from instruction at MPC.

Monterey Peninsula College shall admit students who are capable of profiting from the instruction offered. In addition, the College shall admit:

- **International students** on F-1 or M-1 (student) visas with a minimum acceptable TOEFL score of 450 paper-based (or 133 computer-based; or 45 Internet-based), evidence of financial support during enrollment at the College, and approval of the International Student Programs designee.
- **Undocumented students** will be admitted as nonresidents unless they qualify for the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption under the law (AB540) that was passed by the legislature in 2001 and amended in 2018.

Registration Priorities

Monterey Peninsula College awards priority registration in accordance with state mandates and College policy. Priority registration status may be earned or lost. Actions such as successful matriculation may earn a student an earlier registration priority, while actions such as poor academic status may cause a student to lose their registration priority. Students who have lost their registration priority and would like to appeal may petition the Academic Council. For Academic Council petitions, please visit the Admissions and Records website. Priority registration for continuing students is based upon the number of units completed at Monterey Peninsula College and the in-progress units for the current semester. Units completed at other institutions will not be considered. Active US military, US Veterans, Foster Youth, Homeless Youth, ARC, EOPS, CalWORKs and parents of minor children, student athletes, ASMPAC officers, and students within the following programs: First Year Experience, Teacher Pathway Program, Umoja, MESA, and TRIO have separate priority registration dates.

Student Classifications

- **New Student:** A student who has never enrolled at any college or attended only as a 6th-12th grade student and is no longer enrolled in high school.
- **New Transfer Student:** A student who has attended a college other than Monterey Peninsula College.
- **Continuing Student:** A student who was registered in classes at Monterey Peninsula College the preceding semester.
- **Returning Student:** A student who has attended Monterey Peninsula College previously but did not register for classes during the previous semester.
- **Nonresident Student:** A student who has not met California educational resident requirements and must pay nonresident tuition.

- **International Student:** A student from another country who has applied to Monterey Peninsula College and has been accepted on F-1 or M-1 (student) visas through the International Student Programs Office.
- **Dual Enrollment Student:** A student currently enrolled in grades 6 through 12 and who is at least 12 years of age.