EDUCATION THAT WORKS
ABOUT MVCC

- MVCC is a community college in the SUNY System, the largest university system in the United States. Studying at a community college before transferring to a larger university has become a popular choice for international students for numerous reasons. Students can save money, and smaller class sizes means more one-on-one assistance.

- As a community college, we are publicly funded. This lets us keep the quality of education high and tuition low.

- We have agreements with many colleges and universities that allow our graduates to be admitted into the program of their choice if all other requirements are met.
EDUCATION THAT WORKS

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION
We provide quality education at an affordable price. At $6,892 per year, our tuition is among the lowest in New York State, helping you save money whether you plan to transfer to a four-year college or start your career after graduation.

MANY COURSE OPTIONS
We have more than 90 degrees and certificates for career and transfer. Dedicated student support advisors help you consider careers and explore our programs. We offer some of SUNY’s most diverse academic programs, ranging from Engineering to Culinary Arts, Cybersecurity to Fine Arts, and Health Care.

SMALL CLASS SIZES
Small class sizes allow you to get to know your classmates, professors, and coaches, making them more accessible so you can get help when you need it.

CAREER AND TRANSFER GUIDANCE
Explore career options with specialists who can help guide you with tools to plan your education based on your interests. Agreements with four-year colleges and universities make transferring easy. Get real-world experience with applied learning opportunities and internships.

SOCIAL EXPERIENCE
On-campus housing, athletic teams, and active student clubs provide the full college experience. Our small, inclusive campus community is welcoming and supportive of all students.
Apply!

1. Apply for free at mvcc.edu/apply. Choose the international option.

2. Send the following supporting documents to the International Admissions Office:
   - Original high school transcripts and diploma
   - International student financial statement
   - A copy of your passport and any visas

Instructions can be found at mvcc.edu/international.

3. Optional application materials include TOEFL/IELTS scores, Duolingo scores, or SAT/ACT scores. Submission of these scores may assist in course placement, but are not required, as we offer online or on-campus placement tests.

4. Receive your acceptance packet, which includes the I-20; return your Admissions Acceptance Form via mail or email.

5. If you plan to live on campus, complete the housing application and pay the $100 deposit. The application will be sent to your email address.

Obtain your student visa

1. Go to fmjfee.com and pay the US SEVIS I-901 fee using your SEVIS ID number (found on your I-20). Print a receipt of the payment and bring it with you to your visa interview.

2. Schedule your visa interview as soon as possible. There may be considerable wait times for both the visa interview and visa processing. Wait time information for specific embassies and consulates is available at travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html.

3. Gather necessary information for the visa interview, which includes but is not limited to:
   - Your I-20
   - Financial ability documentation
   - Significant ties to your home country
   - Educational goals
   - Plans to return home upon completion of studies

See our tips here: mvcc.edu/international/student-visa.php.

Prepare for arrival at MVCC

1. Communicate your travel plans to the international office, including travel dates and flight information. Work with the international office to coordinate your arrival to Utica. You will receive a Pre-Departure Guide to assist you.

2. Attend the International Student Orientation! This orientation includes registration and advisement, and an introduction to our campus and services.

Notes:

- MVCC tuition and fees are subject to change without prior notice by decision of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees.
- The housing and food cost is based on a Double Room and the Gold Meal Plan.
- Expenses for living off-campus may vary based on lifestyle choices and spending habits of the individual student.
- There is no on-campus family housing at MVCC. Students accompanied by a spouse (husband/wife) and/or children must show additional funding.
- Summer on-campus housing is not included in the estimate on the next page but may be available on a limited basis for a fee. There is no campus meal plan offered in the summer.
- During holiday breaks when the College is closed (i.e. Thanksgiving, winter break, spring break), on-campus housing may be available on a limited basis for a minor fee.

Financial Sponsor Form

International students are required to complete the Financial Sponsor Form at mvcc.edu/fsa4 and show sufficient proof of funding prior to admission at MVCC. This form should be completed by the student and financial sponsor. The international application will not be considered until International Student Services receives proof of financial sponsorship.
Affordable, quality education

MVCC is a great place to start your education, even if you plan to transfer to a four-year university. We are publicly funded, which allows us to keep the quality of education high and tuition low and gives you the chance to prepare for the financial demands of the remainder of your education. Complete your first two years of college with us!

(Costs are approximate for 2019-2020)
Estimated international student expenses in US Dollars for one academic year (nine months)

MVCC
Tuition: $6,892
Fees: $896
Housing and Food: $10,910
Books, Supplies, and Personal Expenses: $2,000
Mandatory International Health Insurance: $1,577
Total: $22,275

Private Four-Year College Average
Tuition: $52,210
Fees: $1,639
Housing and Food: $15,910
Books, Supplies, and Personal Expenses: $3,500
Mandatory International Health Insurance: $1,730
Total: $74,989

SUNY Four-Year College Average
Tuition: $16,980
Fees: $1,710
Housing and Food: $13,720
Books, Supplies, and Personal Expenses: $2,980
Mandatory International Health Insurance: $1,600
Total: $36,990

Scholarships
Learn about scholarships available to international students coming to MVCC at mvcc.edu/international.
Learn about all of MVCC’s scholarships at mvcc.edu/scholarships.
Location: MVCC is located in Utica — a safe, small, diverse American city of 60,000 people in Central New York State. It is within driving distance of many major cities, including Boston and New York, which are about four hours away by car. Toronto, Montreal, and Philadelphia are fewer than five hours away by car, and Washington, D.C., is about seven hours away by car.

Climate: Utica experiences four seasons, each with its own distinct weather and scenery.

- Summer is when you will arrive. The average temperature in August is warm — 81 degrees Fahrenheit (27 degrees Celsius).
- Fall begins in late September, and brings beautiful foliage and cooler temperatures of around 54 degrees Fahrenheit (12 degrees Celsius) between October and November.
- Winter is cold! Expect snow and temperatures around 33 degrees Fahrenheit, (1 degree Celsius) in January and February.
- Spring begins in late March and can be unpredictable. Expect a lot of rain! Early spring is cold, but late spring can be very warm.

Diversity: Utica is a multicultural city in northern New York State. More than 50 nationalities are represented, bringing a rich variety of restaurants to the city, so you can try cuisine from all over the world.

Experience: Expand your worldview in Utica! The city is home to Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, an internationally recognized fine arts center, which is located near the historic Utica Public Library and Stanley Center for the Arts, which brings Broadway shows and performances to the city. Utica is also home to a zoo, a professional hockey team, and an indoor soccer team.
International Student Services

MVCC provides many services designed for international students. Our International Student Services Office connects new and current international students and helps provide a comfortable transition so that you may be successful in your academic program.

Services and activities MVCC offers international students:

- Orientation and arrival assistance
- Cultural adjustment assistance
- SEVIS/Immigration advisement
- Introduction to the College Experience Course designed for international students
- Peer Mentor Program
- Academic advisement and transfer planning
- International student clubs, associations, and festivals
- Monthly events or trips
English as a Second Language (ESL) at MVCC

- TOEFL/IELTS not required
- MVCC placement tests will determine your appropriate English level
- All levels of ESL classes offered
- You may begin academic coursework during your final level of ESL

You will be fully admitted into college-level coursework if you score high enough on our free placement test or if you submit scores of:

- 500 on TOEFL
- 173 on computer-based TOEFL
- 61 on TOEFL iBT
- 5.5 on IELTS
- 90 on Duolingo

(Scores on standardized tests are valid for two years.)

Intensive English Program (IEP)

The IEP is an advanced and fast-paced, one-semester English course, designed for well-qualified international students. This program only runs if enough students enroll. To enter into the IEP, you must submit one of the following test scores:

- 437-497 on TOEFL
- 123-170 on computer-based TOEFL
- 41-60 on TOEFL iBT
- 5 on IELTS

MVCC Support Offices:

- Academic Advisement
- Counseling Center
- Health Center
- ESL Office
- Learning Commons
- Career Services
- Department of Public Safety
TRANSFER
THAT WORKS FOR YOU
Most four-year colleges will accept all credits from MVCC’s programs, and many colleges and universities have scholarships specifically for students transferring from MVCC.

Our student support advisors are dedicated to helping you plan for your educational goals. Individual assistance can help you plan your path and guide you through the process of transferring to a four-year college or university.

Some of our popular transfer majors:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Digital Animation
- Education
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Human Services
- Liberal Arts/General Studies
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Sciences

We have more than 170 transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities. Here are some of our most popular transfer colleges:

- Binghamton University
- Cazenovia College
- Clarkson University
- Cornell University
- LeMoyne College
- Nazareth College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- St. John Fisher College
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Plattsburgh
- SUNY Potsdam
- Syracuse University
- Utica College
MVOC offers the traditional college atmosphere you see in American movies! We have residence halls, or dormitories, on campus, making it safe to walk to class and easy to make new friends. The Residence Life staff fosters a living environment that encourages academic learning, and they organize frequent social and cultural activities so you can meet new people.
Get involved.
There are many student clubs and sports on campus, which will help you get involved and be part of the college community! We have more than 50 clubs, including an International Club, Drama Club, Ski Club, and Strategic Gaming Club. Many clubs and sports offer opportunities to travel to other cities and will help you make new friends.

Expand your horizons.
At MVCC, we welcome students from all over the world and celebrate diverse cultures. There is a Cultural Series that organizes events, lectures, films, and performances throughout the year to help you learn about the world.

Get cultured.
We’ll keep you entertained throughout the year with concerts, comedians, theater, movies, and other shows. International students get to share their cultures in an International Festival and get to learn about New York through local trips.
MVCC BY THE NUMBERS

6,500
STUDENTS

170+
TRANSFER AGREEMENTS
with four-year colleges and universities

47,000+
ALUMNI WORLDWIDE

50%
FULL-TIME STUDENTS

93%
COMMUTER STUDENTS

73%
STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

AVERAGE TUITION COSTS

MVCC
$6,892

SUNY
$16,980
Four-year college

PRIVATE
$52,210
Four-year college

FOUNDED IN
1946

18 INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

50+ SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

50 CLUBS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

5 RESIDENCE HALLS in Utica with built-in academic support.

30+ CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

122 FULL-TIME FACULTY

18:1 STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

30 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
TYPES OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES

AS: Associate in Science, for students who plan to continue at a four-year college.
AA: Associate in Arts, generally for programs intended to transfer to a four-year college.
AAS: Associate in Applied Science, for those seeking to enter the workforce or a four-year college.
AOS: Associate in Occupational Studies, for students who intend to enter the workforce.

AREAS OF STUDY

HEALTH SCIENCES

- Allied Healthcare Certificate
- Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic AAS
- Health Information Technology AAS
- Health Studies: Radiologic Technology AAS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science AS (Sports Medicine Transfer Advising Guide)
- Nursing AAS
- Nutrition and Dietetics AS
- Respiratory Care AAS
- Surgical Technician Certificate

HUMANITIES AND CULTURAL STUDIES

- English as a Second Language Certificate
- Interpreter Education AAS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities & Social Sciences AA
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: International Studies AA
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Theater AA

PUBLIC AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Chemical Dependency Practitioner AAS
- Coaching Certificate
- Criminal Justice AA and AS
- Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement AAS and Certificate
- Fire Protection Technology AAS
- Human Services AAS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Public Policy AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science (Physical Education Transfer Advising Guide) AS
- Liberal Arts & Science: Psychology AS
- Liberal Arts & Science (Adolescence Education Transfer Advising Guide) AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences (Childhood Education Transfer Advising Guide) AS
- Recreation & Leisure Services AAS

(STEM) SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

- Air Conditioning Technology, Refrigeration AOS
- Airframe and Powerplant Technology Certificate
- Carpentry and Masonry Certificate
- Chemical Technology AAS
- Civil Engineering Technology AAS
- Computer Aided Drafting AAS and Certificate
- Computer Application Programming AAS
- Computer Information Systems AAS
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machinist Technology Certificate
- Computer Science AS
- Computer Science: Cybersecurity AS
- Cybersecurity Certificate
- Electrical Engineering Technology AAS
- Electrical Service Technician AOS
- Engineering Science AS
- Geospatial Technology AAS
- Heating and Air Conditioning Certificate
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science AS (Biological Sciences, Environmental Studies, Environmental Sciences, General Sciences, Math, Physics, Geology Transfer Advising Guides)
- Mechanical Engineering Technology AAS
- Mechanical Technology: Aircraft Maintenance AAS
- Mechatronics Certificate
- Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems AAS
- School Facilities Management AAS and Certificate
- Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology AAS
- Welding Technology AOS and Certificate
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