Getting Started at MDC Checklist

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Apply at mdc.edu/admissions

☐ **Get connected – create your MDC student account**

☐ **Establish residency for tuition purposes**

☐ **Apply for financial aid and scholarships**
Apply at fafsa.ed.gov / mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships

☐ **Submit proof of high school graduation and college transcripts**

☐ **Send placement scores**

☐ **Complete "Online Shark Prep"**

☐ **Are you in the right major?**

☐ **Attend Virtual Shark Start Orientation**

☐ **Pay your classes**

☐ **Get ready for classes**

☐ **Attend class on the first day**

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Miami Dade College

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1. Complete the **admission application** (mdc.edu/admissions).
   - Select "Degree student to complete a program/degree" if you plan on completing a degree at MDC, then select the specific type of program you are interested in pursuing (i.e., Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, College Credit Certificate, etc.).
   - Pay the $30.00 (non-refundable) admission application fee through MDConnect or at the Bursar's Office.

2. **Get connected!**
   - Create your MyMDC account (https://myact.mymdc.net/create_account/identification.asp).
   - Download the MYMDC app (https://www.mdc.edu/mobile/).
   - To check your email from the phone, download the Gmail app and login with your MyMDC credentials (firstname.lastname###@mymdc.net and the password you created).
   - Download the **Navigate Student** app on your phone or login at mdc.navigate.eab.com

3. Establish **Florida residency for tuition purposes.**
   - Complete the Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes Form (https://www.mdc.edu/admissions/tuition/florida-residency.aspx).
   - Submit your residency form and documentation to your respective campus online (https://www.mdc.edu/transcripts/send-transcripts.aspx).

4. Apply for **Financial Aid** (fafsa.ed.gov).
   - Application opens each year on Oct. 1 for the next academic year (August – July). You must reapply each year.
   - Select only one campus (main campus of attendance) on your FAFSA application.
   - **The Financial Aid Department may require additional documentation in order to process your application. Please check your personal and MDC email accounts daily for updates from financial aid.**
   - Visit Financial Aid TV (mdc.financialaidtv.com) to learn more about financial aid through short videos.
   - **Look into scholarships:** High school graduates who have earned a standard high school diploma, GED or home school diploma in Miami Dade County may be eligible for the *American Dream Scholarship.*
     To find out if you qualify, read the requirements at **www.mdc.edu/americandream**. **For additional scholarship opportunities, visit mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.**

5. Submit **proof of high school graduation and any college transcripts to Transcript Processing Services.**
   - Transcripts from all U.S. educational institutions, including high school must be **sent from the institution** directly to:
     Miami Dade College, Transcript Services, 11011 S.W. 104 St., Room R301, Miami, FL 33176-3393
     Phone: (305) 237-2701; Email: transcriptservices@mdc.edu
   - **If you have any dual enrollment credits,** you must request the transcripts from the **college** where the dual enrollment credit was taken.
     Ex: If the class was at your high school hosted by FIU, then you must request your FIU transcript.
   - If you passed any **AP exams** with at least a score of 3, you can request your scores be sent to MDC via **CollegeBoard.org.**
   - If you completed **AICE credits,** please contact Cambridge and have scores sent to Transcript Evaluation Services.
   - GED official transcripts must be sent electronically to Transcript Processing Services. Visit the GED website at https://ged.com/lifeafter_ged and request your GED transcript to be sent to Miami Dade College.
   - **If you received a foreign high school diploma/college credits or degree,** please bring the original transcripts and/or documents to the **Admissions Office.** Foreign transcripts must contain seals and apostilles from the Ministry of Exterior Affairs or Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the country that issued the transcript(s). Students who have a foreign degree need to get their foreign transcripts evaluated prior to submission to the College. Visit naces.org/members to contact a NACES approved evaluation agency.

6. Send **placement scores** to MDC:
   - ACT and SAT scores should be sent from ACT.org and collegeboard.org, respectively.
   - Determine if you need to take a placement test (mdc.edu/main/testing/criteria/degree_programs.aspx).
   - You may be **exempt** from taking a college placement exam, if you …
     - graduated from a Florida, public high school after 2007 and earned a Standard High School Diploma.
     - completed college-level English and college-level math at another college or university.
     - took the ACT, SAT, PERT or ACCUPLACER NG within the past two years and received college-ready scores.
   - To test, two forms of ID are required – one must be an official picture ID (i.e., license, passport, etc.).

7. Complete the **"Online Shark Prep"** (mdcsharkprep.com).
   - To log in, use your MyMDC credentials.

8. Are you in the right **major**?
   - Visit Career Coach (mdc.emsicc.com) take a career assessment and explore possible majors.
   - To change your major, contact Advisement and Career Services at your campus.

9. Attend **Virtual Shark Start Orientation to register for your classes**
   - Visit https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/orientation to choose your virtual orientation date.
     If you need assistance, contact your campus' New Student Center. Before orientation day, fill out the Sharks Intake Survey (tinyurl.com/sharkintake2020).

10. **Pay for your classes to make sure your classes don't drop!**
    - Ensure that you pay your tuition by the printed date on your fee invoice (mdc.edu/mdconnect). Under the Finances section, go to "My Account." You can pay directly, or set up a NelNet payment plan (mdc.edu/costs/payment-plan.aspx).

11. **Get ready for classes!**
    - Get your books early to be prepared for the first day of class. To find out if you have a Book Advance, visit https://mdcwap.mdc.edu/bookadvance/
    - Information on how to obtain your **MDC ID** and **Parking Decal** will be forthcoming.
    - For disability related services and/or auxiliary aids, please contact ACCESS Services (mdc.edu/access).

12. **Attend class on the first day.** Consistent school attendance is critical to your success.
    - The course locations are available on your fee invoice (www.mdc.edu/mdconnect).
    - Make sure to review the syllabus provided by your instructor for key dates and ask questions.