

# Media Communications Certificate (MCC)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Media Communications Certificate?**

Media Communications Certificate (MCC) is an introductory program, helping you to become a skilled communicator, which can be beneficial in every industry. MCC also assists in acclimating students to the online educational platform.

### **How long is the program?**

Expected length of the program is eight months.

### **How many weeks is each class?**

MCC classes are eight weeks in length.

### **What are the classes?**

MCC consists of four classes that originate from our Media Communications bachelor's degree program:

- Introduction to Media Communications and Technologies
- New Media Tools
- Aesthetics and Theory of Communications
- Career Development

### **Do I get a tech pack or Launch Box?**

No, students in the MCC program do not receive any technology from the school.

### **What items do I need to complete this program?**

Students need stable, high-speed Internet access and a working computer for this program.

### **What are the GPA requirements?**

Students must earn a 2.0 GPA to earn the certificate. Please keep in mind that if you do not maintain a C+ (2.0) average, you will be automatically subject to academic probation. You can view the grading scale via your student manual.

### **What happens if I fail a course?**

If a student fails a class, a reschedule will be created to retake the class and shift the balance of the schedule accordingly. In some cases, a reschedule will take effect immediately; however, it may occur in future terms. Be sure to contact your Academic Advisor immediately in the event a course is failed to discuss your academic standing.

### **What is the maximum time frame (MTF)?**

All students must complete their education within the maximum time frame (MTF) for their program. In order to stay within the maximum time frame, the credit hours attempted cannot exceed 1.5 times the credit hours required to complete the program. Students in the certificate program reach 100% MTF after unsuccessfully completing two courses. If a student fails to complete all required coursework within the maximum time frame, they will be permanently withdrawn from the program.

### **What happens if I need time off?**

Should you need time off from your course, please contact your Academic Advisor to discuss options. Due to the brevity of the MCC program, requests for time off are limited, as these may count toward your maximum time frame calculation.

### **Extenuating circumstances are preventing me from participating. What do I do?**

Please contact your Academic Advisor to discuss your options.

### **When will I receive my certificate?**

Once you successfully complete all classes and attain an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, you will be eligible to receive the certificate. The certificate is sent out within three months of completion.

### **Can I enter another program after the Media Communications Certificate?**

Please contact your Online Student Liaison during the last course of the certificate program to discuss your eligibility to return to one of our undergraduate programs.

### **Will I continue to receive Financial Aid?**

No. There are no tuition charges for the MCC-O program. All financial aid previously received was to cover tuition in your bachelor's program. Any financial aid scheduled for your second semester in the bachelor program will be cancelled.

### **Will I continue to receive Living Expenses?**

No. Any living expenses scheduled for the second semester will be canceled.