

# Parents Lead Program | Fast Facts for Applicants

**Thank you** for your interest in the Frederick Community College Parents Lead program! It is helpful for you to understand the structure and scope of our program before you apply. If your questions aren't addressed below, please reach out to the Adult Services Office, Jenn Ward, [adultservices@frederick.edu](mailto:adultservices@frederick.edu), 301-846-2483.

## What does the Parents Lead program offer?

Frederick Community College's Parents Lead program provides student-parents with academic, financial, and FCC resources to aid in the completion of a college credential. Parents Lead connects students with a supportive learning community, offers courses that minimize the amount of time students are on campus, and provides scholarship funds to help offset costs of childcare, or for other costs associated with child rearing.

## Tell me about the Parents Lead scholarship.

Students in the program receive a Parents Lead scholarship for five semesters while taking Parents Lead-supported courses. Parents Lead scholarship funds are administered by the Frederick Community College Foundation.

## What courses are included in the Parents Lead program?

The Parents Lead program offers General Education courses, one developmental English course and one developmental Biology course. Students will work with an academic advisor to determine which courses are applicable to their programs of study. For most transfer and career programs, the Parents Lead courses represent the full sequence of required General Education courses. Courses may include:

ENGL 75 Reading & Writing in Academic Disciplines	PSYC 101 General Psychology
ENGL 101 or 101A English Composition	EDPS 210 Human Growth & Development
HLTH 160 Stress Management	ARTT 100 Introduction to the Creative Arts
CMSP 105 Small Group Communication	Select from BSCI55 Preparation for Allied Health,
MATH 120 or 120A Statistics	BSCI 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology, BSCI105
ENGL 102 English Composition & Literature	Human Ecology, BSCI150 Principles of Biology, and
SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology	BSCI201 Anatomy and Physiology I

## When do courses meet?

Parents Lead courses are designed to minimize the time student-parents spend on campus while maximizing academic and faculty support. Hybrid courses meet from roughly 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday evenings.

### **What is a Hybrid course?**

A Hybrid course blends online and classroom instruction and learning. A Hybrid course requires students to spend more time on out-of-class activities, reading, and homework than does a regular classroom course. Hybrid courses allow student-parents to complete much of their coursework off-campus at a convenient time. Several courses in the Parents Lead program are designed to build students' skills to be successful in Hybrid and online classes, including teaching principles of effective time management.

### **Who will advise me?**

The Office of Adult Services supports Parents Lead students and offers a range of services and resources. An Office of Adults Services advisor assists Parents Lead students in selecting and registering for classes. Eligible adult students are encouraged to visit the Office of Adult Services whether or not they receive the Parents Lead scholarship, as many other resources are available. Email [AdultServices@frederick.edu](mailto:AdultServices@frederick.edu), visit Annapolis Hall room A-103, or call 301.846.2483. The Adult Services website is <https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/adult-services.aspx>.

### **Am I eligible for other forms of financial aid?**

Parents Lead scholarship recipients are required to apply for Federal Financial Aid through the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or, for undocumented students, through the MSFAA at <https://mhec.state.md.us/Pages/MSFAA-FAQS.aspx>. Students who are undocumented and are not eligible to complete the MSFAA can submit a paper FAFSA to FCC's Financial Aid Office for eligibility determination. Students can email the FCC Financial Aid Office at [FinancialAid@frederick.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@frederick.edu) for assistance. All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships. You can learn more about scholarship opportunities through the Financial Aid Office and the Office of Adult Services.

### **How do I find child care?**

Parents Lead students independently identify and hire off-campus childcare. As students get to know one another, opportunities may arise for students to share childcare providers.

### **What happens when I am done taking Parents Lead courses?**

Students may continue taking courses at FCC in Hybrid, Online, or Face-to-Face formats after they have completed the Parents Lead courses required by their declared major. Although the Parents Lead scholarship will no longer be provided, students may continue to work with the Office of Adult Services for academic advising and consideration of program scholarship and direct student aid, as well as referral to other funding resources. The Financial Aid Office can also refer students to apply for other forms of financial support.

### **What if I don't need a course in the program?**

The Parents Lead program is designed for students who need the courses offered in the program. However, occasionally a student may not need a course in the Parents Lead sequence. Students work with advisors in the Office of Adult Services to register for the appropriate program classes.