2020 NEXUS PROGRAM FACTS

What does NEXUS mean?
The word “NEXUS” ensures that all students are provided with access to a quality college education. NEXUS program participants, while officially students at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), begin their academic journey on Morgan State University (MSU) grounds, and once transferred will remain on MSU’s campus. NEXUS means center, connection, core, link, network, tie, union, and bond. Being a NEXUS student denotes that two schools have bonded to provide a network of services and opportunities from which each participant SHALL benefit and SHALL succeed.

How will becoming a NEXUS student benefit me?
Grade point average and standardized test scores do not always provide a complete or accurate measurement of a student’s potential for success. Morgan State University and the Community College of Baltimore County are aware that while standard assessment tools are strong indicators of academic potential, test scores are not always indicative of a student’s ability to successfully earn a degree. NEXUS provides an alternative for students with drive and potential by providing access to two outstanding schools. Resources, strong academics, and solid support systems from both institutions along with YOUR determination will ensure YOUR opportunity to meet and exceed the University’s admission requirements.

Must NEXUS students live on Morgan’s campus?
Living on campus during the academic year is optional. If you choose to live in the residence halls, being a NEXUS student allows you to become a part of the MSU family while studying with CCBC. The program is designed to afford you the opportunity to demonstrate your academic aptitude and to maximize your potential. Whether you live in the dorms or commute, your journey will begin with Access Orientation in summer 2020, a mandatory campus experience for all first-time students. During your stay, you will become oriented to the various aspects of university life. The non-refundable fee of $250 covers the cost of housing and all meals for the 4 days. As a NEXUS student, you will have most of the privileges enjoyed by Morgan students. You are afforded the chance to take advantage of Morgan’s facilities, social and cultural events, and all support services available. The choice to live on campus will only enhance your full integration into MSU student life. Most importantly, living and learning on campus ensures you are constantly surrounded by all the amenities which support academic success. You will have fewer distractions and can focus your attention on your ultimate goal - to graduate with a baccalaureate degree. The choice is yours!

What about placement testing?
The results of your placement examination will determine your CCBC course schedule in accordance with CCBC criteria. Your Placement Examination will be administered on the MSU campus by the CCBC NEXUS Coordinator in Room 117 of the Earl S. Richardson Library. There is a limit of 18 seats per testing period. All placement testing must be completed by June 5, 2020. Contact Mrs. Ivori Lipscomb-Warren at (443) 840-1315, or by e-mail at ilipscombwarren@ccbcmd.edu to get information about the placement examination, to schedule your test date, and to learn how to best prepare for the exam. Placement examinations are available at MSU on the following dates:

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Who will have access to my personal information?
You will be asked to sign a FERPA-compliant waiver. The waiver allows CCBC and MSU to legally share your student records and other personal data for the sole purpose of administering your journey through the NEXUS program.
Are there any special rules?
You will be expected to comply with the policies and the code of student conduct for both institutions; in general, CCBC’s policies and code of student conduct will apply with respect to academic and class-related issues, and MSU’s policies and code of student conduct will apply for non-academic and non-class-related issues.

How do I progress through the program?
- You may participate in NEXUS for a maximum of two consecutive semesters.
- Academic progress in NEXUS will be determined by CCBC standards.
- You will be eligible to transfer to Morgan under the following conditions:
  a. Completion of at least 12 credit hours, including developmental coursework, with a 2.5 or better cumulative program grade point average (GPA) and a minimum of C in each Course at the conclusion of the fall semester. (Developmental coursework will be used only for the purposes of granting admission to MSU; developmental coursework shall not transfer to MSU nor shall it be included on MSU academic records nor apply toward any certificate or degree at MSU)
  b. Completion of at least 24 credit hours, including developmental coursework, with a 2.0 or better cumulative program grade point average (GPA) and a minimum of C in each Course at the completion of the spring semester. (Developmental coursework will be used only for the purposes of granting admission to MSU; developmental coursework shall not transfer to MSU nor shall it be included on MSU academic records nor apply toward any certificate or degree at MSU)
  c. Students transitioning to MSU may be required to take a placement test and may continue in pre-college preparation courses.
- Students who either do not complete two semesters in NEXUS or who complete the two semesters in NEXUS without meeting the transfer requirements set forth a. or b., and who wish to be admitted to MSU, must reapply to MSU when they have met the requirements for regular admission according to MSU’s current transfer admission criteria.
- Students who leave NEXUS without either transferring to MSU or completing two semesters in NEXUS may reapply for admission to either institution in accordance with the institution’s current admission procedures, but are not eligible for admission in accordance with the provisions of “a.” above.

How much will it cost?
You will pay no more than any other first-time freshman. Tuition will be charged by CCBC. Your fees, housing, and meal plan will be charged by MSU. YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE INVOICE FROM CCBC FOR BOTH INSTITUTIONS through a single-billing process. A list of the expected costs follows (some amounts shown are based on fall 2019 costs and are subject to change):

- **CCBC Tuition**
  - In-county $122.00 per billable hour
  - Out-of-county $235.00 per billable hour
  - Out-of-state $350.00 per billable hour
- **CCBC Program Administrative Fee** $36.00 per billable hour
- **MSU Costs**
  - NEXUS Program fees (non-refundable)
    - Program enrollment fee $75.00
    - Mandatory Access Orientation fee $250.00
  - Housing application fee (optional, non-refundable) $200.00
  - Meal Plans
    - 14 meals per week (any 2 meals per day) $1,709.00 per semester
    - 19 meals per week (1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner per day) $1,848.00 per semester
  - Housing $3,348.00 per semester
  - MSU University fees $1,265.50 per semester

I’m ready! What do I need to do?
You have made the RIGHT choice! Contact the MSU NEXUS Coordinator for next steps at 443-885-3711.