

Move On When Ready (MOWR)

High school students all across Georgia have an exciting opportunity to get a head start on college or their career thanks to something called Move On When Ready (MOWR).

The MOWR law became effective July 1, 2015. It means high school students can attain college credit at no or very minimal cost while they're still in high school.

Under MOWR, students may:

1. Take academic degree level courses that will transfer to ANY college in the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) or in the University System of Georgia (USG).
2. Complete a degree, diploma or technical certificate of credit program. At Columbus Technical College, these include:
Automotive Technology, Certified Nurse Aide, Carpentry, Certified Life & Health Insurance Specialist, Customer Service Specialist, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice Certificate, Childhood Development Specialist, Emergency Medical Responder, and Welding.
3. Enroll in occupational and diploma level core classes.
4. Choose to just take a few courses.

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It's FREE!

MOWR is a phenomenal money-saving opportunity for Georgia families. That's because all college coursework taken through MOWR will be fully covered through a special state funding allocation.

This means there will be no out-of-pocket expenses for tuition, fees, or even textbooks!

The only fees students may be responsible for are for course-specific expenditures.

Keeping HOPE

Students enrolled in the new MOWR program won't need to worry about making a dent in their HOPE credit; these courses do not count against the HOPE Grant or Scholarship caps.



Who can Qualify?

Any 9th-12th grade student enrolled in an eligible Georgia high school or home study program who meets the score requirements on the Columbus Technical College exam is eligible. There are NO residency or citizenship requirements!

What to Expect?

Classes may be offered at participating high schools, online and/or at the Columbus Technical College campus on Manchester Expressway. The students enrolled in MOWR will be official college students and are expected to behave as such. This means they will adhere to Columbus Technical College rules and regulations just like their older peers. (Please view the Columbus Technical College Catalog and Student Handbook for details.) MOWR students will be allowed to take up to 15 credit hours per semester at each college they attend.

How Do I Sign Up?

So you're ready to take advantage of this opportunity to earn FREE college credit. Here's what you do:

1. First meet with your high school guidance counselor.
2. Then, complete a Columbus Technical College MOWR Application Packet.
3. Finally, log on to the GA Futures website (gafutures.org) to apply for financial aid.

That's it! Once these three simple steps are completed, the approved classes will be added to the database and Columbus Technical College's financial aid office will approve the courses.

Need more information?

Ask your high school counselor, visit columbustech.edu or contact the Columbus Technical College MOWR office at 706-641- 5660.