



Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is Connect2NAU?**

Connect2NAU is an agreement between the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) and Northern Arizona University (NAU) which allows students to be jointly admitted to both institutions. Students who are early in their college career can be admitted to NAU while completing an associate's degree at a Maricopa Community College. They can then complete a bachelor's degree in an NAU program offered locally, online, or in Flagstaff.

- **What are the benefits of the Connect2NAU program?**

There are a number of benefits for students in the program including admission to NAU with no application fee, access to a university ID card, e-mail account, online resources, and support from NAU's award-winning Cline Library. Students will have guidance from full-time NAU staff at a local Maricopa college to help them achieve their academic goals. Participants in the program may also qualify for a \$2,000 merit scholarship upon completion of an associate's degree.

- **Am I eligible for the program?**

You are eligible for Connect2NAU if you are a Maricopa student who is degree seeking, currently enrolled for at least six credits, and have completed fewer than 30 transferable credits. You must be able to work steadily toward an associate's degree, completing six or more credits per term. Finally, you must be a legal resident of Arizona. This program is not open to students who have previously earned a degree from NAU.

- **What if I don't meet university admission requirements?**

You can still participate in the Connect2NAU program and be jointly admitted to both NAU and a Maricopa College. Your NAU Coordinator will work with you during your time at the community college to help you fulfill all admission requirements before you transition to taking your NAU courses.

- **What are the requirements of the program?**

In order to remain active in the Connect2NAU program, you must complete 6 or more transferable credit hours each fall and spring term. You will need to verify this by meeting with your local NAU Coordinator each semester to review your academic progress. If you do not fulfill the requirements for three consecutive terms you may be inactivated from the program.

- **What if I am undecided and haven't chosen a career or major?**

We recognize and respect the discovery process that many students take to decide on a career. You are welcome in the Connect2NAU program whether you have decided on a major or are still exploring your options. Your NAU coordinator and advisors will work with you to help you in the decision process.

- **How can I qualify for the scholarship?**

Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 per academic year will be awarded to students completing an associate's degree with a GPA of 3.5 or better. Students must be registered full time at NAU, and the scholarship is renewable for one additional year if you maintain a 3.25 GPA at the university. The scholarship is paid at \$1,000 per semester for a maximum of 4 semesters. If you don't meet the criteria, there are many other financial assistance and scholarship opportunities at NAU which you can explore at <http://home.nau.edu/finaid/Scholarships/default.asp>.

- **What about financial aid?**

While you are a student at a Maricopa College, any financial aid will be administered by your college financial aid office. Once you begin taking classes at NAU, you may apply for financial assistance through the university via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Our payment plan allows you to spread your tuition payments over the course of the term. We pride ourselves in making education affordable; however, planning for this expense is important and our staff will help you explore the best financial options for your personal situation.

- **What degrees are available under this program?**

At NAU, some programs require an additional application process above and beyond the admission to the university. As a participant in the Connect2NAU program, you will be guaranteed admission to any locally offered or online program if you meet specific program admission requirements. Your local NAU coordinator will give you information on any special qualifications required for admission to your program of interest. You may also apply to programs on the Flagstaff campus, and you will work directly with advisors in the academic departments to determine your eligibility for these programs.

- **What if I decide to go to another university?**

Because NAU waives your application fee and there are no other costs associated with the Connect2NAU program, there will be no penalty to you if you decide to transfer to another university. You would need to work with advisors from your university of choice to determine how any credits you have earned would apply to their programs.

- **What is the cost?**

The NAU/Maricopa partnership programs are among the most affordable in the state, on average less than half the cost of attending a 4-year residential university. You will pay Maricopa tuition rates while you complete your associate's degree, and NAU tuition rates while finishing your bachelor's degree. A limited number of the local and online NAU programs accept up to 90 hours of Maricopa credit in transfer, making the total cost of the degree even lower. Tuition rates at the Flagstaff campus are different than those offered in other locations and online, and your local NAU coordinator can help you estimate the total cost of your degree based on your location and major.

- **Where can I find more information about the NAU-Maricopa partnership?**

Visit us at <http://www.maricopa.edu/connection/> to find out more about Connect2NAU, including how to find NAU representatives, degree programs, locations, and other resources to assist you in completing a bachelor's degree.

- **How do I get started?**

Drop by the NAU office on your local community college campus and talk with an NAU Coordinator to find out if this program is the right option for you. Then visit the NAU website for your local campus to apply: <http://extended.nau.edu/NAU/index.aspx>.