

STEP/CAP

Summer Transition at Eastern / Contract Admissions Program

What is STEP/CAP?

STEP/CAP is an invitation-only summer program designed to ensure students are prepared for the rigors of college coursework at Eastern. Students invited to this program have been selected based on demonstrated perseverance and commitment to academic achievement. This six-week summer residential experience offers the opportunity to take three college-level courses while building critical academic skills within a supportive community. Students sign a contract pledging to complete the program with at least a 2.5 GPA. Successful completion of STEP/CAP ensures a seat in the incoming Fall 2025 class.

Student Success in STEP/CAP



Community

There are currently 159 STEP/CAP students enrolled at Eastern.



Academic Success

STEP/CAP students participate in study halls and academic workshops. Students checked-in to the Academic Success Center 4,195 times to utilize their resources in the Fall 2023 semester alone.



Dedication and Persistence

The 2024 STEP/CAP cohort ended their summer with a 3.2 average GPA.

The Advantage

- Seven credits earned towards cumulative GPA and graduation requirements
- Early access to resources to leverage and enhance your academic and personal achievement
- Practice the mindset and learning strategies required for lifelong success
- Support from STEP/CAP staff and peers all four years at Eastern

The STEP/CAP Scholarship



Eastern recognizes the dedication needed to earn a college degree. To help reduce the cost of attendance and ensure future success at Eastern, eligible students who successfully complete the summer program are granted a STEP/CAP scholarship that will be applied starting in the fall semester. The scholarship is renewable for four years (eight semesters)* and is in addition to need-based aid.

**2.5 cumulative GPA and completion of the FAFSA required to maintain STEP/CAP scholarship.*

Please ensure your FAFSA is submitted and Eastern is added to your list of schools before you attend the Information Session.

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How does STEP/CAP support students?

Each student works closely with professional staff for academic support, advising on course selection, accessing campus resources and other services pertaining to the undergraduate experience.



Dedicated Advisor



Tutoring

STEP/CAP provides intentional and individualized support on time management, test preparation, and organization. The Academic Success Center serves as a space for students to complete their work in a productive environment.

Students build a network of STEP/CAP staff, faculty and student leaders to assist with the transition to Eastern. This network supports the overall well-being for all students in the program.



Support Network

"STEP/CAP and Opportunity Programs offer many fun activities but also provide support, a helping hand and they will always have your back. I am proud to be a part of a well-rounded and positive environment".

-Emma Tagg, Social Work Major, STEP/CAP Class of 2025

What are the next steps?

Visit the STEP/CAP Website



Register for the STEP/CAP Information Session

Dates of Program

STEP/CAP Move-In
June 22, 2025

First Day of STEP/CAP Classes
June 23, 2025

Last Day of STEP/CAP Classes
August 1, 2025

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