

STEP/CAP

SUMMER TRANSITION TO EASTERN PROGRAM/CONTRACT ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

WHAT IS STEP/CAP?

The Summer Transition at Eastern Program (STEP)/ Contract Admissions Program (CAP) is a summer bridge program designed to prepare students for the rigors of college coursework at Eastern.

- The “STEP” part of the program is a **six-week, on-campus residential experience** offering classes, mentoring, and counseling. It is designed for **highly motivated high school graduates** who are seeking to gain admission to Eastern. The cost of the program is based on financial need, as determined by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- From Sunday to Friday afternoon, students live in an Eastern residence hall and take **two college-level courses**.
- In addition, students will receive individualized academic support and instruction on **writing, time management, test preparation, and public speaking skills**. Students work with faculty, professional support staff and peer mentors in classroom, residential, and tutorial settings.
- Successful completion of the program requires a **minimum overall 2.5 GPA**, which qualifies a student to continue as a freshman at Eastern in the fall semester.

- The “CAP” part of the program is a **student-signed contract pledging to complete the six-week summer program** with a minimum 2.5 GPA in order to continue as a freshman for the fall semester at Eastern. The contract requires students meet university deadlines and submit all required health forms and financial aid documents.
- By clearly outlining expectations, the contract guarantees each student the opportunity to **work closely with professional staff** for academic support, advising on course selection, curriculum requirements, campus resources and other matters pertaining to the undergraduate experience. This contract extends beyond the program itself, **lasting all four years** of the student’s Eastern career.

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- To make higher education available to deserving students
- To ease the transition from high school to college
- To offer students the opportunity to take college credit-bearing courses
- To promote the academic and social attitudes needed for students to become successful and responsible undergraduates
- To guide students through the four-year commitment to graduation

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WHAT SUPPORT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

Academic Support

A support specialist will regularly meet with each STEP/CAP student during the summer and throughout the first year. These individualized sessions are designed to guide every STEP/CAP student through the transition from high school to college. From reviewing course requirements, assignments and academic schedules, to assisting students in monitoring financial aid and other deadlines, these sessions offer each STEP/CAP student a reliable resource throughout their Eastern experience.

Tutoring

Experienced, professional staff offers each STEP/CAP student the opportunity to address a variety of short-and long-term academic needs, including: completing assignments, test preparation, study skills, and writing and revising papers.

AccessAbility Services and Accommodations

The Office of AccessAbility Services (OAS) is designed to meet the unique educational needs of students with documented disabilities and learning differences. There are appropriate guidelines provided to assist students in identifying the information needed in order to request reasonable accommodations, which are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students who received accommodations in high school are encouraged to submit previous accommodations plans and evaluations, if applicable. For more information, go to www.easternct.edu/accessability/index.html.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS HAVE A ROLE, TOO

Parents/guardians can be a tremendous asset by supporting and encouraging their Eastern Warrior throughout the STEP/CAP experience and the college years. To ensure we have a coordinated effort to support your student, program staff are always available to parents/guardians.

CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS

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