

Catalog Correction: January 2018

The following sections of the Mendocino College 2017-2018 Catalog are corrected to read as follows:

Residency Requirements (originally appearing on pages 14-16)

Any person enrolling in credit or non-credit courses is subject to residency requirements as outlined by the California Education Code sections 68023, 68040, and 68044. New students and those absent two semesters or more are required to complete an application in order to determine the applicable fees.

Resident: A resident student is one who has been a legal resident in California for more than one year immediately preceding the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to enroll, and who demonstrates the intent to remain a permanent California resident.

The right of a student to attend any public community college in California as a resident requires that he/she:

1. Be a citizen of the United States, or possess or be an applicant for a permanent-resident, amnesty or other visa that does not preclude establishing domicile in the United States and meeting certain requirements.
2. Be at least 19 years of age, and have lived in California one year and one day prior to the residency determination date. (Note: A student, who has not been a resident of California for more than one year and who is the dependent [for income tax purposes] child of a California resident who has been a resident since the above-noted residence determination date, is entitled to resident classification. Submit documentation with application).
3. Have parents or a guardian who have resided in California for one year and one day, if he/she is younger than 18 years of age.
4. Present evidence showing the student's or the student's parents' (if under 19) intent to make California their permanent home.
5. Manifest residency intent if the student is 19 years of age or over by maintaining a home in California continuously for the last two years, unless there is contrary evidence of intent.
6. Manifest intent, if the student is under 19 years of age, by both the student and his/her parents maintaining a home in California continuously for the last two years, unless there is contrary evidence of intent.

If manifest intent cannot be shown within #5 and #6 above, then the student is required to provide evidence of intent to make California his or her permanent home. Objective manifestations of this intent include, but are not limited to:

1. Payment of California state income tax as a resident.
2. Registering to vote and voting in California.
3. Licensing from California for professional practice.
4. Active membership in service or social clubs.
5. Presence of spouse and/or dependent children in the state.
6. Showing California as the home address on a federal income tax return.
7. Ownership of residential property or continuous occupancy of rented or leased property in California.
8. Possessing California motor vehicle license plates.
9. Possessing a California driver's license.
10. Maintaining a permanent military address or home of record in California while in the armed services.
11. Establishing and maintaining active California bank accounts.
12. Being the petitioner for a divorce in California.

Students on visas will be evaluated for residency based on the type of visa, visa issue date, length of stay in California and intent to maintain California as their permanent home.

A student who cannot qualify as a resident of California must pay non-resident tuition, as stipulated by the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District.

Non-Resident: A non-resident student is one who has not had a legal residence in California for more than one year immediately preceding the beginning of the semester or has not demonstrated the intent to remain a permanent California resident. Such students are required to pay non-resident tuition in addition to enrollment fees.

Non-resident students do not automatically become residents by being in California for one year. A student seeking reclassification from non-resident to resident status must complete and file a residency questionnaire and a statement of financial independence and must provide evidence of intent to establish permanent California residency.

The burden of proof is on the student to clearly demonstrate physical presence in California, intent to establish California residency and, in the case of students changing from non-resident to resident, financial independence from non-resident parents. The Director of Admissions and Records shall determine residency of all applicants. Appeals of residency decisions shall be determined by the Dean of Student Services or designee.

Exemption to non-resident tuition exists when documentation is presented for any one of the following:

- California high school attendee (or high school equivalent) for a minimum of three years, earning a California high school diploma, or equivalent.
- Full-time credentialed employee of a California public school enrolling in college for purposes of fulfilling credential-related requirements.
- Seasonal agricultural worker for at least a total of two months of each of the past two years (or child of a seasonal agricultural worker).
- Full-time employee, or spouse, or dependent of a full-time employee of any of the following colleges/universities: California Community Colleges, California State University, University of California, or Maritime Academy.
- Special admission students (9th – 12th grade) recommended by the principal or designee of the pupil's school, have parental permission to attend a community college, and are enrolled in 11.0 units or fewer. Students residing outside California or on a nonimmigrant visa are not eligible for this exemption.
- Member of the Armed Forces of the United States domiciled or stationed in California on active duty and their dependents.
- Member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in California on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged.
- Individuals qualifying to use Chapter 30 or Chapter 33 education benefits and considered a "covered individual" as defined in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACA Act) as follows:
 1. A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more; or
 2. A spouse or child entitled to transferred education benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more; or
 3. A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located

- (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more;
4. After expiration of the three-year period following discharge or death as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c), a student who initially qualifies under the applicable requirements above will maintain "covered individual" status as long as he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters or terms) at the institution, even if they enroll in multiple programs and shall continue to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition and other fees.
- U.S citizen who resides in a foreign country and meets all of the following requirements:
 1. Demonstrates a financial need for exemption.
 2. Has a parent or guardian who has been deported or was permitted to depart voluntarily under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act.
 3. Moved abroad as a result of the deportation or voluntary departure.
 4. Lived in California immediately before moving abroad.
 5. Attend a public or private secondary school in California for three or more years.
 6. Upon enrollment, will be in his or her first academic year as a matriculated student in California public higher education.
 7. Will be living in California and will file an affidavit with the college stating that he or she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible.

Transfer Credit (originally appearing on page 62)

PRIOR COLLEGE WORK

A student who presents an official transcript of previous college or university credit may receive credit toward the associate degree from Mendocino College, if the institution was accredited at the time of attendance.

All students using educational benefits through the US Department of Veterans Affairs must submit their transcripts of previous college work for evaluation to the Office of Admissions and Records.

Credit may also be allowed for other learning experiences. (See "Evaluation of Non-Traditional Learning"). Twelve units in residence is required before transfer credit is valid for graduation requirements. Evaluation will take a minimum of eight weeks to complete. Please plan accordingly.