Getting Started at MDC Checklist

- Complete the admissions application
  Apply at mdc.edu/admissions

- Get connected – create your MDC student account

- Establish residency for tuition purposes

- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
  Apply at fafsa.ed.gov / mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships

- Submit proof of high school graduation and college transcripts

- Send placement scores

- Complete “Online Shark Prep”

- Are you in the right major?

- Attend Virtual Shark Start Orientation

- Pay your classes

- Get ready for classes

- Attend class on the first day
1. Complete the admission application (mdc.edu/admissions).
   • Select “Degree student to complete a program/degree” if you plan on completing a degree at MDC, then select the specific type of program you are interested in pursuing (i.e., Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, College Credit Certificate, etc.).
   • Pay the $30.00 (non-refundable) admission application fee through MDConnect or at the Bursar’s Office.

2. Get connected!
   • Create your MyMDC account (https://myact.mymdc.net/create_account/identification.asp).
   • Download the MYMDC app (https://www.mdc.edu/mobile/).
   • To check your email from the phone, download the Gmail app and login with your MyMDC credentials (firstname.lastname###@mymdc.net and the password you created).
   • Download the Navigate Student app on your phone or login at mdc.navigate.eab.com

3. Establish Florida residency for tuition purposes.
   • Complete the Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes Form (https://www.mdc.edu/admissions/tuition/florida-residency.aspx).
   • Submit your residency form and documentation to your respective campus online (https://www.mdc.edu/transcripts/send-transcripts.aspx).

   • Application opens each year on Oct. 1 for the next academic year (August – July). You must reapply each year.
   • Select only one campus (main campus of attendance) on your FAFSA application.
   • The Financial Aid Department may require additional documentation in order to process your application. Please check your personal and MDC email accounts daily for updates from financial aid.
   • Visit Financial Aid TV (mdc.financialaidtv.com) to learn more about financial aid through short videos.
   • Look into scholarships: High school graduates who have earned a standard high school diploma, GED or home school diploma in Miami Dade County may be eligible for the American Dream Scholarship.
   To find out if you qualify, read the requirements at www.mdc.edu/americandream. For additional scholarship opportunities, visit mdc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.

5. Submit proof of high school graduation and any college transcripts to Transcript Processing Services.
   • Transcripts from all U.S. educational institutions, including high school must be sent from the institution directly to:
     Miami Dade College, Transcript Services, 11011 S.W. 104 St., Room R301, Miami, FL 33176-3393
   • Phone: (305) 237-2701; Email: transcriptservices@mdc.edu
   • If you have any dual enrollment credits, you must request the transcripts from the college where the dual enrollment credit was taken.
   • Ex: If the class was at your high school hosted by FIU, then you must request your FIU transcript.
   • If you passed any AP exams with at least a score of 3, you can request your scores be sent to MDC via CollegeBoard.org.
   • If you completed AICE credits, please contact Cambridge and have scores sent to Transcript Evaluation Services.
   • GED official transcripts must be sent electronically to Transcript Processing Services. Visit the GED website at https://ged.com/lifeafter_ged and request your GED transcript to be sent to Miami Dade College.
   • If you received a foreign high school diploma/college credits or degree, please bring the original transcripts and/or documents to the Admissions Office. Foreign transcripts must contain seals and apostilles from the Ministry of Exterior Affairs or Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the country that issued the transcript(s). Students who have a foreign degree need to get their foreign transcripts evaluated prior to submission to the College. Visit nacies.org/members to contact a NACES approved evaluation agency.

6. Send placement scores to MDC.
   • ACT and SAT scores should be sent from ACT.org and collegeboard.org, respectively.
   • Determine if you need to take a placement test (mdc.edu/main/testing/criteria/degree_programs.aspx).
   • You may be exempt from taking a college placement exam, if you …
     • graduated from a Florida, public high school after 2007 and earned a Standard High School Diploma.
     • completed college-level English and college-level math at another college or university.
     • took the ACT, SAT, PERT or ACCUPLACER NG within the past two years and received college-ready scores.
   • To test, two forms of ID are required – one must be an official picture ID (i.e., license, passport, etc.).

7. Complete the “Online Shark Prep” (mdcsharkprep.com).
   • To log in, use your MyMDC credentials.

8. Are you in the right major?
   • Visit Career Coach (mdc.emsicc.com) take a career assessment and explore possible majors.
   • To change your major, contact Advisement and Career Services at your campus.

9. Attend Virtual Shark Start Orientation to register for your classes
   • Visit https://mdcwcap.mdc.edu/orientation to choose your virtual orientation date.
   • If you need assistance, contact your campus’ New Student Center. Before orientation day, fill out the Sharks Intake Survey (tinyurl.com/sharkintake2020).

10. Pay for your classes to make sure your classes don’t drop!
    • Ensure that you pay your tuition by the printed date on your fee invoice (mdc.edu/mdconnect). Under the Finances section, go to “My Account.” You can pay directly, or set up a NelNet payment plan (mdc.edu/costs/payment-plan.aspx).

11. Get ready for classes!
    • Get your books early to be prepared for the first day of class. To find out if you have a Book Advance, visit https://mdcwcap.mdc.edu/bookadvance/.
    • Information on how to obtain your MDC ID and Parking Decal will be forthcoming.
    • For disability related services and/or auxiliary aids, please contact ACCESS Services (mdc.edu/access).

12. Attend class on the first day. Consistent school attendance is critical to your success.
    • The course locations are available on your fee invoice (www.mdc.edu/mdconnect).
    • Make sure to review the syllabus provided by your instructor for key dates and ask questions.