

THE BEACON PROJECT



Mountwest Community and Technical College BEACON Academic Success Commitment Contract (LRB 6/7/12)

Mountwest Community and Technical College has been awarded a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant from the US Department of Labor. With these grant funds, Mountwest has established the BEACON Project. This project will enhance the academic and support resources available to students in the program, thereby increasing the likelihood of successful completion of college graduation goals. The BEACON Project is built on a mutual commitment between the Student and Mountwest to achieve academic success. This contract solidifies the commitment of both parties.

Student: _____ Student ID #: 942 _____
Term: _____ GPA: _____ Desired Graduation Date: _____
Educational Goal: _____
Educational Counselor: _____ Program of study: _____
COL101 Faculty member: _____ Peer Coach: _____
MCTC Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

This **BEACON Academic Success Commitment Contract** is intended to assist you with your academic success while enrolled as a student at Mountwest Community and Technical College. Please remember that your continued and full participation is a requirement to receive any benefit associated with the BEACON Program and does not reduce any academic requirement of the college.

It is understood that learning is the student's responsibility; however Mountwest is offering resources to enhance the educational experience and increase the chances of success in your academic goals. Our goal is for you to graduate from Mountwest Community and Technical College. We ask for you commit to the simple, yet crucial steps we have outlined and utilize the academic success tools we make available to you. To participate in the BEACON program, you must commit to your academic success and take this opportunity seriously.

In return for my commitment to fully participate in the BEACON program as identified below, I will receive the following items which will enhance my success at MCTC:

1. Priority and early registration for courses in the following semester
2. Accuplacer examination fee waived.
3. Text message academic alerts
4. Priority and personalized assistance with all aspects of college including registration, academic advising, and financial aid.
5. Priority access to academic counselors and peer coaches who will help me prioritize my time schedule and enhance my college success.
6. Customized orientation specifically for BEACON students
7. Free enrollment in *MCTC Math Boot Camp* workshop which may eliminate the need for me to enroll in Developmental Math (depending on placement test scores).
8. Personalized communication with and from peer coaches regarding crucial dates and events at MCTC.
9. Access to *BEACON Junction*, a place where BEACON students can meet and connect with other MCTC BEACON students and Peer Coaches. This includes access to a printer for educational assignments and free printing up to 100 pages.
10. Waiver of student's Graduation fee after successful completion of the program each semester.
11. Priority access to academic tutoring in the Academic Skills Center.
12. Special recognition including BEACON stole at graduation.
13. Free career counseling and advising including help with resume writing, interviewing skills, and job research.
14. Free educational workshops to enhance student learning.
15. Free membership to the Marshall University Recreation Center.
16. Free Academic Success Tools which may include a Beacon backpack and notebook.

You may receive educational benefits from the BEACON Project only through the grant period and is dependent on continued funding from the Department of Labor.

By signing this agreement, the Student agrees to:

1. I will complete an educational plan containing specific educational goals with my assigned success counselor, and adhere to its contents EVERY SEMESTER.
2. I agree to meet with _____ at a minimum of twice each month during the semester (or as required by the counselor) to discuss my academic progress and any challenges I may be experiencing. I further agree that I will have open and honest communication with my counselor.
3. I will maintain good academic standing every semester (2.0 GPA minimum).
4. I will not drop or add a class without obtaining the approval of my success counselor.
5. I will attend all scheduled classes, arriving on-time with homework assignments completed.

- 6. I will enroll in at least six and no more than fourteen credits every semester.
- 7. I will complete and adhere to a time management schedule developed with my counselor which takes into consideration my schedules for school, work and personal responsibilities.
- 8. I will check my Mountwest campus email at least once every weekday.
- 9. I will have open communication with my instructors regarding questions about the materials covered in class, my performance in the course and/or if I would need to miss class for any reason or not have an assignment completed when expected.
- 10. I will acquire the textbooks required for each of my classes prior to but no later than the first week of the semester.
- 11. I will ask for help and seek assistance from the Academic Skills Center if I am struggling in a course.
- 12. I will maintain an organized and prioritized schedule of all my class assignments and study time.
- 13. I will enroll in and successfully complete COL 101.
- 14. I will respond to communications from my BEACON Support Team in a timely manner. Failure to respond to phone calls, messages, or emails can result in dismissal from the program.
- 15. I will maintain a positive attitude and seek assistance when needed.

I understand failure to maintain any of the elements of the BEACON contract or my educational plan may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

I, _____, acknowledge that my full participation in the BEACON Project is required for me to receive any program benefits. I agree that I am committed to my academic success at Mountwest and agree to adhere to the terms outlined above. I also acknowledge that through my participation in the BEACON Project that Mountwest Community and Technical College may utilize certain student information with regards to the data collection requirements of the TAACCT grant and the Department of Labor.

Notes:

Student's Signature

Date

Success Counselor's Signature

Date