

The Allegan Advantage

Lake Michigan College, Dual Enrollment Academy at ACATEC



Fall 2021



The Allegan Advantage at ACATEC, delivered by Lake Michigan College, is an accelerated educational program that gives high school students an opportunity to work on both high school and college credit simultaneously. Students who are interested in enrolling in The Allegan Advantage should their counselor know and attend an information meeting.

Admission Requirements:

- Complete the application. Link provided
 - Note – Lake Michigan College offers Fall semester and Spring semester courses through the Allegan Advantage program.
 - An academic calendar will be provided. Fall Semester starts September 7th and ends December 19th, 2021.
- High school transcripts can be used to meet admission requirements.
 - As an entering Junior, an unweighted GPA of 3.0 meets the admission requirements.
 - As an entering Senior, an unweighted GPA of 2.6 meets the admission requirements.
 - Students must meet specific test and course pre-requisite requirements for each course registration. This is listed in the course description on Lake Michigan College's Wavelink.
 - Minimum qualifying scores for basic college-level pre-requisites (E,M,R) can be found on the back side of the registration form and may include a combination of standardized test scores and cumulative GPA.
 - Students interested in taking the Accuplacer test at the Allegan Tech Center in order to meet course prerequisites should contact Mrs. Houser for testing options.

Student Requirements:

All students enrolled in The Allegan Advantage are required to adhere to the following:

- If students are new to The Allegan Advantage, they must attend a **mandatory orientation session**. There will be dates in August to choose from. There will be both remote and in person opportunities.
 - At orientation, students will sign and agree to adhere to all policies in The Allegan Advantage Student Code.
- All students (new & returning) must attend at least one advising session during each semester of enrollment.
 - Students will also be issued a handbook outlining expectations when in attendance at the Tech Center Building.

General Information:

- Courses included in the Allegan Advantage curriculum are designed to assist students on a college-readiness pathway; this can greatly assist a student in their path to completing an Associate's and/or Bachelor's degree. Many of the courses in this program meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and can benefit almost anyone, even those who do not plan to attend LMC full-time after graduation (for information on the transferability of each course to a specific college or university, please speak with an advisor for more information).
- All courses within the Allegan Advantage curriculum are traditional college classes, these courses are taught by college instructors and will be facilitated as so.

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- As with all college registrations when classes fill registration may no longer be possible.
- Allegan Advantage classes are taken for college credit and will be recorded on a permanent college transcript.
- Withdrawing from or failing a college class has severe consequences and may cause a student to be ineligible for Federal Financial Aid after high school graduation. Students must adhere to the college's Drop and Withdrawal dates/procedures, as well as obtain approval from their HS counselor to make any schedule changes (all changes will be recorded on an official add/drop/withdrawal form). Mrs. Houser will help facilitate and advise in this process.
- Students may be responsible for the cost of textbooks and/or transportation to/from campus; check with your high school.
- Registration forms must be completed and signed by the student, parent, and the authorized school district representative prior to registration. Registrations not received prior to the official course addition date will not be processed.

Payment Information:

- Payment is due at the time of registration.
 - If the school will be paying, payment is due within 30 days after receiving invoice from LMC; invoices will be sent after the official course drop date. The school will be invoiced for all students and classes which the school agrees to pay for based on signatures on the enrollment form; any amount exceeding high school coverage is to be collected by the high school and put towards LMC invoice.
 - If the student/parent will be paying, they have the ability to call LMC's Business Office once the registration is submitted and pay over the phone. 269-927-8610.
 - Any college tuition exceeding the amount agreed upon between the student and the high school is to be collected from the student by the high school and applied to the LMC invoice.

Online courses:

- Any course in which 100% of the required content is delivered online. Students may be required to take examinations in an approved environment where appropriate test security and supervision is available. Individual instructors can provide you with these details. Online classes from Lake Michigan College allow you to attend class from your home, office, or anywhere you have access to a computer and high-speed internet service.

For more information, please contact:

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Student & Parent FAQ's

What is The Allegan Advantage?

The Allegan Advantage is an accelerated educational program that gives high school students an opportunity to work on both high school and college credit simultaneously. These are true college courses that are offered through Lake Michigan College at our partner site in Allegan County in the ACATEC building.

What are some of the benefits of enrolling in The Allegan Advantage?

The Allegan Advantage has many benefits for students, including –

- The opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school (much of the time these credits are earned at no cost to the student, check with your school district to determine payment eligibility).
- Easy transferability of classes – many classes are designed to meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). This means anyone may be able to benefit from these classes, even if they do not plan to attend LMC full-time after high school graduation (for information on the transferability of each course to a specific college or university, please speak with an advisor for more information).
- Student support services – all Allegan Advantage students are required to attend a mandatory orientation, acclimating them to life as a college student. Students are also encouraged to schedule at least one appointment per semester to meet with an LMC Advisor to discuss academic progress, college planning and preparation, as well as academic skills and other areas of concern to the student.
- The opportunity to have the 'college experience' close to home and in a comfortable, safe environment.
- Students progress will be monitored, and supports/check-in/extra attendance requirements may be put in place if appropriate to help students succeed.

How can my student enroll in The Allegan Advantage?

First, you'll need to speak with your high school guidance counselor for information and approval on scheduling, registration, payment, etc. You will complete the application online. This will allow prompt an email be sent to your counselor to upload your transcript and appropriate paperwork. Course Registration paperwork can be completed with your counselor or Mrs. Houser. Counselors and the home district have final approval of courses authorized for the student to register. Once

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LMC receives your registrations, you will receive an email confirming your course registrations and instructions on the next steps you will need to complete.

How do I know if my student's school will pay? Or if we (parent & student) will be responsible for payment?

Speak with the high school guidance office – many area school districts will cover payment of tuition/fees for qualified dual enrollment classes, such as those included in The Allegan Advantage.
