

Gunsmithing Program FAQs

Montgomery Community College

Program Overview

When does the Gunsmithing program start?

The Gunsmithing (GSM) program begins each year in August with the start of the fall semester. Due to the structured course sequence, new students are only admitted once per year in the fall.

Is there a waiting list?

At this time, there is no formal waiting list. Students are accepted on a rolling basis until all seats are filled.

To secure a seat, applicants must:

- Submit an online MCC admissions application
- Provide an official high school (or equivalent) transcript to our Admissions Office

Applicants who have submitted an application but are missing transcripts will be placed on a holding list until all required documents are received. Please note that availability may change as the program fills closer to the fall semester and admission is not guaranteed.

Admissions & Requirements

What steps do I need to take to apply?

1. Complete the online MCC admissions application
2. Request official transcripts from your high school and any previous colleges attended

Accepted students will receive a detailed admissions packet in the spring prior to starting. This packet will include instructions for completing a required background check. **A clear background check is required before registering for classes.**

Where should transcripts be sent?

Official transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution to Montgomery Community College:

- **Email:** enrollment@montgomery.edu

- **Mail:**
Montgomery Community College
1011 Page Street
Troy, NC 27371

Why is a high school transcript required if I already have a college degree?

Due to accreditation requirements, all applicants must have an official high school transcript (or GED/Adult High School equivalency) on file. This requirement is mandatory and cannot be waived.

How do I request transcripts?

- **High School:** Visit your school or district website for transcript request instructions. If unavailable online, contact the school directly.
 - **GED:** Most GED transcripts can be requested through www.diplomasender.com.
 - **Homeschool:** Contact Jessica Hurley directly for instructions on submitting an official homeschool transcript hurleyj1472@montgomery.edu
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Using Veteran Benefits

Who can I contact about VA benefits?

Students planning to use VA benefits should contact:

Estrella Munoz

Financial Aid Office

Phone: 910-898-9614

Starting the VA process early is strongly encouraged, as approval can take time.

Housing & Student Life

Does MCC offer on-campus housing?

No, MCC does not provide on-campus housing. Student Services can provide a housing resource guide, but securing housing is the student's responsibility.

Program Eligibility

How old must I be to enroll?

Students must be at least 18 years old by the first day of fall classes.

Note: Students under 21 must consult with the Program Director regarding firearm transfer procedures before beginning the program.

Costs

What does the program cost?

- **Tools:** Approximately \$15,000–\$30,000 over two years
- **Tuition:**
 - In-state: ~\$76 per credit hour
 - Out-of-state: ~\$228 per credit hour

Additional costs may apply.

Program Structure

How many students are accepted each year?

The program admits up to 45 students annually, divided into three sections of 15 students each:

- **Day Class:**
Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
 - **Evening Class:**
Monday–Thursday, 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM
 - **Day-Flex Class:**
First year follows the Day schedule. In the second year, students transition into either the Day or Evening section.
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Additional Program Information

How long does the program take to complete?

The Associate in Applied Science degree takes two full academic years, including:

- Two fall semesters
- Two spring semesters
- Two summer terms

Students graduate after completing the second summer term.

Should I have prior machining experience?

While not required, basic experience with manual lathes and mills is highly recommended. Many community colleges offer short-term machining courses through Continuing Education.

What happens after I am accepted?

Accepted students will receive a comprehensive packet in the spring that includes:

- Background check instructions
- Updated tool list
- Orientation details (mandatory summer session)
- Additional program information

Can high school students apply?

Yes. Current high school senior students should submit their most recent transcript for initial acceptance, followed by a final transcript after graduation.

Important Clarifications

Is this the same as NRA short-term courses?

No. The Gunsmithing degree program is separate from NRA short-term courses offered through Continuing Education. Those courses are open to the public and do not require program admission.

For information about NRA courses, contact:

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Continuing Education

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