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Admission Requirements

Candidates for admission to the Onward Program must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. After candidates complete an application, they must attain acceptable scores on a test of basic academic skills. They are then interviewed by a selection committee to determine motivation, willingness to persevere, and ability to use the services of the Onward Program.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

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Program Description

Onward Program is designed to assist non-traditional students, low income students, first-generation students, and students with disabilities earn college degrees. At the heart of the Onward Program is the development of a small, supportive learning community that requires the involvement of students, faculty, and staff.

The Onward Program offers special academic and support services to students enrolled at The University of Maine. Services include courses in English composition, analytical reading, mathematics, and science, individual and group counseling, and academic skill development aimed at the successful transition into a degree program. Onward courses, designed to prepare students for college-level work, are found in the course description section of the University online undergraduate catalog (<http://www.catalog.umaine.edu/>).

Onward courses provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for success in college courses. Some courses carry degree credit.

The program counselors help Onward students through individual and small group counseling to achieve their academic, vocational, and personal goals. Counseling provides students with opportunities to gain information, develop skills, explore values, make decisions, address concerns, and resolve problems and conflicts associated with becoming a successful college student. Counselors provide a safe, confidential atmosphere for these discussions. Peer Advisors, a special group of upperclass students, assist counselors in providing support and orientation activities for the new students.

Any student who wants more information about these services or who feels they could benefit from participation in these services should contact the Onward Program.

Specialized Information

Student Quotes

“In the beginning, the Onward Program was my lifeline. My state of mind was overcome with fear and insecurity. I remember days of feeling lost and so tired, not knowing if I could go on. A caring person gave me a hug and pointed me in the right direction. Through the support of the counseling staff, the professors, the secretarial staff and the camaraderie of my classmates, I have learned that I could not only achieve academically, but I could do it well.”

“I am thrilled to be a third-year student at the University of Maine. Earning a college degree has been a goal of mine since I finished high school almost 20 years ago. I entered the Onward Program with 50 other non-traditional students, and I had an immediate support network. Onward course work helped me to improve my skills in algebra, biology, writing, reading, and critical/abstract thinking. I am majoring in communication disorders and plan to do graduate study in the same area. My only regret is that I did not discover Onward sooner!”