Frequently Asked Questions About Future Ready

1. Who is eligible for the Future Ready program?
   - New students to City Colleges who start in the fall 2021 term, including:
     - Students already enrolled for fall who may want to change their program of study to take advantage of this offer.
     - Students who have only taken adult education courses
     - Students who have only taken Continuing Education courses
   - Previously enrolled students who have been away from CCC for 2 spring/fall semesters and who left City Colleges in good standing. These students must complete a new City Colleges application.
   - Students with undocumented status are eligible to apply to Future Ready
   - Chicago residents only

2. Where does a student find the list of Future Ready programs?
   The list of Future Ready programs is available on the website, www.ccc.edu/futureready. New students also receive an email after they submit the basic CCC application and receive a pop-up message in their student portal that directs them to the program list.

3. How do students apply for the Future Ready programs?
   1) Go to www.ccc.edu/futureready to learn about the programs.
   2) Select the application method that matches your desired program (credit or continuing education application). You can follow the application links under the “How to Apply” column in the chart of Future Ready programs found at www.ccc.edu/futureready
   3) Submit either a CCC credit application or continuing education application form.
   4) For credit students, after submitting the CCC credit application:
      a. Get the log-in credentials from the email CCC sent you.
      b. Use your log-in credentials to access the my.ccc.edu student portal.
      c. Once in the portal, go to the link for pre-registration (or new student registration check list) and complete those steps.
      d. Complete the residency verification to verify you are a Chicago resident.
      e. Apply for financial aid. Undocumented Students do not apply for Financial Aid. You can ask your Financial Aid Advisor if the program you are interested in is financial aid eligible. Not all programs are financial aid eligible.
      f. When you get to selecting a program plan, please contact a College Advisor to help you change your program to a Future Ready program.
         i. An advisor will need to change your program plan for you. It is critical that you change your program to a Future Ready-eligible program.
         ii. You can reach an advisor online through www.ccc.edu/vss or by visiting your college.
      g. Ask your advisor for the list of courses you should take on your program plan.
h. Enroll in at least one fall course on your Future Ready program plan.
i. You should now be eligible for Future Ready and will receive an email and a message in your student portal congratulating you.
j. Remain enrolled in at least one course on your program plan to keep your Future Ready funding.

5) For continuing education students, fill out the fields in your application.
   a. City Colleges will inform you via email whether you have successfully enrolled in the continuing education course.
   b. When it is determined you meet the criteria for Future Ready, you will receive an email and message in your portal with congratulations.

4. When do the programs start?
   Future Ready courses begin the Fall 2021 Semester. Actual start dates may vary.

5. How many courses will Future Ready cover? Is there a time limit for completing Future Ready programs?
   Future Ready will cover all of the courses on your Future Ready program plan, assuming you complete in 150% time. For example, 150% time means if a student applies to a two semester program, they must complete the program in three semesters. If a student goes beyond that 150% time period, the cost of classes are no longer covered by Future Ready. Future Ready does not cover courses that are off your program plan.

6. If I am in a Future Ready program, which courses are no cost?
   Courses that are on your program plan and are required to complete your chosen program are covered through Future Ready.

7. If I am in a Future Ready program and take a class off of my program plan, will it be covered?
   No. Only courses on your program plan will be covered through Future Ready.

8. When do I need to apply for financial aid?
   Students planning to enroll in credit programs that are financial aid eligible should submit a FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. Undocumented students do not submit a FAFSA.
   • For credit programs, students apply for financial aid and Future Ready makes up for any difference in tuition costs.

9. If a program is covered through Future Ready, why do I need to apply for financial aid?
   Future Ready is a last dollar scholarship for credit programs. If you are eligible to apply for financial aid, you should do so. Future Ready will pick up tuition costs for your program not covered by financial aid or other grants/scholarships.

10. If I have prior debt with City Colleges, can I take advantage of Future Ready?
    Students with prior debt to City Colleges should apply to the Fresh Start Debt Forgiveness program. If you have prior debt, you will see a link to a Fresh Start
commitment form in your student portal. You should complete this commitment form.

- You can also go to www.ccc.edu/freshstart to learn more about Fresh Start.

11. What happens if I must withdraw from a class on my Future Ready program plan during the semester?
   If a student withdraws from a class, they can take it again and get it at no cost the second time, assuming it is within their 150% time to complete and on their program plan. Be sure to check with your advisor that your class is covered by Future Ready if you need to repeat a class.

12. Am I required to maintain a minimum grade point average while in Future Ready?
   Students will need to meet the normal minimum GPA requirement to progress toward completion. There is no additional GPA requirement for Future Ready.

13. If I am not eligible for financial aid, am I able to do this program, and if so, is it fully covered for me?
   Undocumented students are able to take part in this program.

14. If I am a student who is already on a payment plan or paid in full for fall, can I still receive Future Ready funding?
   Yes. Students who meet the Future Ready criteria and are in a Future Ready program will have their Future Ready program covered. Your account will be updated to reflect this funding during the semester. If you have already paid a portion or all of your tuition for that program, the prior payment for Future Ready courses will be refunded to you.

15. I dropped my Future Ready program. Can I be refunded the money?
   No. Future Ready is only used to cover tuition for Future Ready programs. It is not refundable.

16. If I am a student who has a SAP hold and otherwise meet the Future Ready criteria, can I take part?
   Returning students must be in good standing to take part in Future Ready.