



GET HELP WITH BOOKS



YOUR GROCERIES OR GAS



AND YOUR DEGREE!

## BENEFITS RECEIVED AS AN ASCEND STUDENT:



Monthly incentive to help  
with gas and/or groceries



Textbook assistance  
to reduce (or eliminate)  
the cost of textbooks



Waiver-covering tuition and  
mandatory fees for any gap  
left after applying your  
financial aid award



Dedicated Ascend advisor  
to guide you from entry to  
graduation



Special registration  
options that help you get  
the classes you need that  
fit your schedule



Enhanced career  
development and  
academic support services

## WHAT'S THE CATCH?

**There's no catch! In exchange for Ascend's resources, students must:**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year and accept any federal and state grant aid awarded (Pell, WV Invest, etc.)
- Enroll full-time each semester and maintain good academic standing
- Complete any courses in reading, writing, or math within the first year\*
- Meet regularly with your advisor, career specialist, and tutors, and attend required enrichment activities

## AM I ELIGIBLE?

**You may be eligible for Ascend if you answer YES to the following:**

- Have you applied or been accepted to BRCTC and are majoring in an Ascend eligible program listed below?
- Are you a West Virginia resident or resident in our Metro Servicing Area?
- Do you agree to maintaining good academic standing and full-time enrollment in an Ascend approved major listed below?
- If you are a continuing or transfer student, do you have no more than 15 college credits and a minimum GPA of 2.0?

## ASCEND ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

- Applied Laboratory Technician, AAS
- Applied Technology, AAS
- Baking and Pastry, AAS
- Catering and Hospitality Management, AAS
- Computer Network Engineering Technology, AAS
- Culinary Arts, AAS
- Cyber Security, AAS
- Database Management, AAS
- Electric Distribution Engineering Technology, AAS
- Food Service Retail Management, AAS
- Healthcare Professions, AAS
- Information Technology, AAS
- Mechatronics, AAS
- Nursing, ASN
- Plastics Engineering Technology, AAS
- Software Development Engineering, AAS
- Welding, CAS

## METRO SERVICING AREAS

- Frederick County, VA
- Clarke County, VA
- Loudoun County, VA
- Frederick County, MD
- Washington County, MD
- Fulton County, PA
- Franklin County, PA

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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\*Contact the Ascend Program Director to learn more about acceptable credit thresholds.

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