A GUIDE FOR ADULT AND TRANSFER STUDENTS
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“The majority of our students are adults. We know what they want: high quality, earning degrees quickly and convenience. We care about you, we care about quality — it is our vision to transform every student and have you exceed employer expectations.”

Rick Pappas, Ed.D.
President, Davenport University
why students like DU

• Low student-to-faculty ratio in classes, which promotes one-on-one interaction with faculty

• Technology that supports and enhances learning

• Faculty who draw upon real-world experience

• Preparation for careers that are growing in the economy

• Thoughtful approach to student service

As reported in DU student satisfaction surveys

the DU community

• 69% of DU’s student population was 25 or older in 2009

• 34% male/66% female

• 33% are people of color

• 63% are part-time students

• 14% are in graduate programs

• Average class size is 18

• 95% receive some form of financial aid

• Most DU graduates are employed within their field of study, or enrolled in a master’s program, within six months of graduation

• Over 54,000 alumni

DU Databook

Alum Art Garner obtained both his BBA and his MBA from Davenport. He is now the principal at Grand Rapids Central High School and is making a difference in his community every day.
WITH YOU ALL THE WAY...
EVEN AFTER YOU GRADUATE

From enrollment to graduation, we can support you every step of the way.

• Our admission policy and Foundations of Learning courses are intended to make higher education accessible to as many students as possible.

• Your advisor will help plan your career path toward graduation with a degree and leadership skills that are in-demand by employers.

• You can choose a major from our practical curriculum of programs in business, health or technology that are relevant to our emerging economy.

• Our Excellence System will arm you with tools such as critical thinking, problem solving, effective communications and teamwork, which will help you hit the ground running in your career and prepare you for leadership.

• You will learn from faculty with contemporary and professional experience who can offer individual attention because we keep our class sizes small — with likely fewer students than classes in your high school, and many students your age.

• You can accommodate your work, life and school schedules by taking classes days, evenings or online 24/7 — and with our 14 campuses statewide, close to where you live or work.

• Around-the-clock technical support.

• Scholarships and financial aid are available to help you cover costs.

And once you have your degree, we will be there to help you find rewarding employment after graduation — for life. DU offers resume and interview assistance, access to a robust online network of job postings and the ability to re-take courses for free under our “free brush-up” policy. Visit davenport.edu/careerservices to discover more.

We believe you can succeed.
And with our support, we know you can.
DU prepares students for careers in business, information technology and health professions — serving an enrollment of more than 12,000 both online and at 14 campuses throughout Michigan.

To schedule a personal visit or register for an open house, go to www.davenport.edu/visit
WE MEAN BUSINESS

Davenport offers real-world experience in the classroom and beyond. We continuously adjust our curriculum to meet demands of business today and anticipate changing needs for tomorrow. Our faculty have professional experience in the fields they teach. Your coursework will include internships, study abroad and other experiential learning that will prepare you for success in the community and the global marketplace. Add to this our exclusive Excellence System of skills critical in the workplace that will prepare you to become a leader in your profession. The bottom line: We prepare you to excel in our knowledge-driven, dynamic economy.

“At Davenport University, we don’t just teach students how a business runs; we teach them how to run a business.”

Kojo Quartey, Ph.D.
Dean of the Donald W. Maine School of Business
Program Highlight: Accounting

Accounting is a top career area on the Michigan Hot 50 Jobs list, and our rigorous programs require more credit hours in the major, versus electives, than other peer institutions.

To find out more about any program, visit www.davenport.edu/programs
A HEALTHY CAREER OUTLOOK

The prognosis for health professions has never been more optimistic. Davenport University specializes in educating students to meet the growing demand for highly skilled health professionals. Students benefit from an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates business and technology education into the health curriculum. You’ll have a variety of choices that can lead to exceptionally marketable and highly paid careers, from nursing to health information management to medical case management and more.
Program Highlight: Health Services Administration

Medical and health services managers are #5 on Michigan’s Hot 50 Jobs list, and #28 among the best jobs in the United States. And, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of medical and health services managers is expected to grow 18–26% by 2012.

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diplomas
- medical assisting
- phlebotomy
- medical billing
- phlebotomy

associate’s degrees
- health information technology
- health insurance claims management
- medical assisting
- phlebotomy

bachelor’s degrees
- nursing completion
- medical case management
- nursing pre-licensure
- health information management
- health services administration
- medical case management

post-baccalaureate certificates
- medical case management

as listed on michigan top 50 jobs list

DU has the only nursing program in West Michigan providing certification in the American Heart Association’s Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) program. This certification helps students who want to work in the ER, ICU or in a critical specialty care unit by teaching methods for handling patients who are experiencing serious medical emergencies.
Davenport University is proud to claim one of the country’s largest and most respected programs in IT security. DU was one of the first in the nation to offer a bachelor’s degree in biometric security, and we’ve introduced bachelor’s degrees in emerging programs such as computer gaming and simulation and a master of science in information assurance. And we continue to build our lead by working closely with businesses to help us understand where tomorrow’s information technology careers will be — which is why we recently introduced our technology management degree with three technical specialty options to meet the growing demand for IT managers.

Microsoft IT Academy
Program Member
Microsoft is a trademark of the Microsoft group of companies.

Cisco | Networking Academy
Mind Wide Open
Program Highlight: Networking Technology

Network administrators are in high demand and are another highlighted career on the Michigan Hot 50 Jobs list. In-state employment openings alone are projected to increase by 18% through 2016. Students can major in computer networking or network security (or both).

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Earning Credit
Whether you have previous college credits or valuable learning or work experiences from outside a formal classroom, you may be able to turn these into course credit. Davenport offers a variety of methods to earn credit:
• Life Learning Credit
• Testing Credit (CLEP, Dantes, etc.)
• Transfer Credit
• Military or Public Safety Credit

Transfer Students
Here are just a few examples of how Davenport works hard for transfer students:
• Generous acceptance of transfer credits, including occupational college transfer credits, and seamless articulation agreements with many community colleges, universities and technical centers. To see our transfer agreements in detail, visit our transfer site at www.davenport.edu/transfer.
• A wide variety of programs to suit your educational goals.
• Help in finding financial aid to make a higher education even more affordable — even a transfer scholarship.
• Staff always willing to answer questions and help with admissions paperwork.

Special Tuition Rates
• If you are receiving unemployment benefits or retraining funds through Michigan Works!, we may have additional funding or reduced tuition available. Ask your admissions representative.
• Davenport University has a number of partnerships with leading employers and associations. Most partnerships include some type of tuition rate discount. Be sure to ask your employer if they are a partner, belong to an association that may be a partner or if they offer tuition reimbursement as an employee benefit.

A few of DU’s partners include:

U.S. Armed Forces
(active duty, reserve or veteran)
Davenport leaves no stone unturned when searching for financial aid. As a result, over 95% of Davenport students receive some type of assistance. Whether your financial aid comes in the form of a grant, scholarship, work-study, loan or employer tuition reimbursement, Davenport will help you discover as much as possible to fund your education. In fact, $12 million dollars in Davenport institutional scholarships were awarded to students last year.

For full scholarship criteria and details, visit [www.davenport.edu/scholarships](http://www.davenport.edu/scholarships); to learn more about military scholarships and benefits go to [www.davenport.edu/military](http://www.davenport.edu/military).

### Adult Scholarships: Undergraduate Level

- **Platinum**
  - $4,000 annually
  - 3.50 high school or transfer cumulative grade point average (CGPA)

- **Gold**
  - $3,000 annually
  - 3.20 high school or transfer CGPA

- **Silver**
  - $2,000 annually
  - 2.80 high school or transfer CGPA

- **Alumni**
  - $500 annually
  - Davenport graduate in good standing

### Adult Scholarships: Graduate Level

- **Medallion**
  - $2,000
  - New graduate student, 3.80 CGPA from undergraduate

- **Scholars**
  - $1,500
  - New graduate student, 3.50 CGPA from undergraduate

- **Graduate**
  - $1,000
  - New graduate student, 3.00 CGPA from undergraduate
To apply for acceptance to Davenport University:

☐ Complete an Application
Submit a completed application at www.davenport.edu/apply plus a $25 non-refundable application fee.

☐ Send Transcripts
It is imperative that you have an official copy of your transcripts from your high school, GED and/or any college(s) you have attended sent to:

Davenport University Registrar
6191 Kraft Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

☐ Assessment
All new students are required to complete the COMPASS assessment unless you have met the minimum criteria outlined in the university admissions standards. A sample of questions is available at www.act.org/compass.

☐ Financial Aid Application
A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed to determine your eligibility for all types of scholarships, grants and loans. Apply online at www.fafsa.gov. Davenport University’s School Code is 002249. Visit www.davenport.edu/financialaid to learn more about grants, aid, work-study programs and much more.

☐ Acceptance
Once you have applied for admission to the university, paid the application fee and met the admissions requirements, you will be notified of your acceptance to the university. You can track your admissions process by creating your own web page at www.davenport.edu/vip.

Acceptance
Davenport University’s admission requirements can be met by providing your:

FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT
• Official transcripts (one of the following)
  - High school transcript
  - Home school transcript*
  - GED score
• Official test scores (one of the following)**
  - Qualifying ACT score
  - Qualifying SAT score
  - Qualifying COMPASS score

TRANSFER STUDENT WITH 15 OR MORE TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE CREDITS
• Official high school transcript
• Official college transcripts from all institutions attended

TRANSFER STUDENT WITH LESS THAN 15 TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE CREDITS
• Official transcripts
  - High school transcript
  - GED score
  - College transcripts from all institutions attended
• Official test scores (one of the following)**
  - Qualifying ACT score
  - Qualifying SAT score
  - Qualifying COMPASS score
  - or successful completion of college-level math and English

Candidates for Davenport’s MBA program must have a bachelor’s degree, a 2.75 or higher GPA, GMAT scores, and other supporting credentials.

*For more information on specific scores or assessment criteria, please contact an admissions representative.
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