

The NEC Summer Bridge Program is a free, academic skills-based program designed for incoming first year students to help bridge the gap between high school and college.

At NEC, we understand how COVID has interrupted and impacted the learning experience of many high school students. This program is designed to strengthen critical reading and writing skills and support academic success from enrollment through the first semester. It provides incoming students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the NEC community and its resources while developing the academic skills necessary for their college and professional careers.

The NEC Summer Bridge Program provides seven weeks of workshops in a variety of different academic skills areas. These workshops will run concurrently with the Summer Term II courses. The sessions will run on Monday at 1:00 pm -2:00 pm and Wednesday at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm beginning the week of June 28th, same as Summer Term II, and ending August 9. Workshops will be hosted in person for on-campus students and broadcast remotely over Zoom for remote students. Following each workshop, they will be posted in Blackboard for all students to review and participate. This is not required but we encourage attendance and participation. There will be a raffle for those who attend individual sessions and a grand prize raffle for those who attend 10 or more sessions. Additional need-based incentives will be provided to students completing the program and meeting academic or income eligibility.

In addition to the workshops, a team of academic coaches from our Academic Support Services will be reaching out to students over the summer to provide a direct connection and support for incoming students throughout the entire summer. Starting on Monday May 30th, incoming deposited students will begin receiving communication regarding the Summer Bridge Program activities and services available over the summer.

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