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Persist. Succeed. Complete.

Completing a degree is hard work. **Stay the Course[®]** is here to help!

Do you find yourself in need of extra help as you work on your degree? Stay the Course[®] offers comprehensive non-academic supportive services targeted at helping you overcome obstacles outside of the classroom which might otherwise result in you having to drop out of college. Our goal is to help you persist in school and obtain your degree. Your success is our success!

Through Stay the Course[®], you will be assigned a personal Navigator who will partner with you to promote your personal and academic success. Your Navigator will be available to help you with working through the college system and in dealing with situations outside of school which may affect your ability to stay enrolled. You will work together to identify how to use your personal strengths to successfully achieve your goals.

Stay the Course[®] participants also have access to financial assistance to tackle unexpected financial hardships threatening their ability to stay in school. Students may apply for up to \$500 in financial assistance per semester to cover unexpected emergencies.¹

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for Stay the Course[®], students must meet the following criteria:

- Certificate, degree or transfer seeking
- GPA of 2.0 or above (or new to college)
- Enrolled for at least 6 credits in current semester
- Eligible for the federal Pell Grant
- Completed less than 30 credit hours
- Do not plan to graduate/transfer at end of semester

How do I apply for Stay the Course[®]?

To learn more about the program, visit the Stay the Course[®] website: www.stay-the-course.org/students. After creating an account, you will discover more information about *Stay the Course[®]* and have the opportunity to apply for the program. Once you submit your application, *Stay the Course[®]* program staff will contact you to schedule an in-person (virtual) meeting to determine if Stay the Course[®] is the right fit for you.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

If you have additional questions, please contact Stay the Course[®] program staff at (614) 287-5792 or email staythecourse@csc.edu. We encourage you to begin the enrollment process soon!

¹ Students enrolled in Stay the Course[®] are eligible to apply for up to \$500 of emergency assistance per semester, with a \$1500 cap over the next three years of enrollment at CSCC. In order to be eligible for emergency financial assistance, students must be registered for at least six (6) credit hours and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the time of the request.