



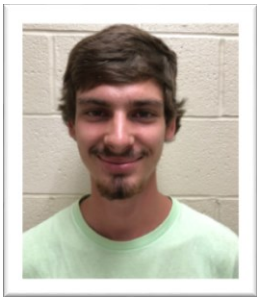
Davidson County CC Announces the First Multiple Pathways to High School Equivalency (MPHSE) Graduate

In November 2015, the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges approved the Multiple Pathways to High School Equivalency (MPHSE) option as an alternative for earning a high school equivalency diploma. Rather than using a single high school equivalency assessment, colleges have the option to use a combination of currently valid pathway elements to document achievement on specifically determined content standards.

The Multiple Pathways to High School Equivalency (MPHSE) was piloted on June 1, 2019, beginning with the following community colleges:

- Central Piedmont CC
- Davidson Co CC
- Durham Tech CC
- Guilford Tech CC
- Wilkes CC

Zachary Frye, the first MPHSE graduate in the state shares his story below:



Originally, I enrolled in the college and career readiness in the adult high school diploma program in 2014. Before enrolling I had attended several high schools, however, when I was 17 years old, I found out my girlfriend was pregnant. Getting my high school diploma got put on the back burner. At the time, it was important for me to work and support my family. Over the next several years, I attended the program off and on. Between working and supporting my family, I just never could find the time to dedicate myself to finishing my diploma.

Fast forward to today. Jenny Overbey, one of the instructors at Davidson County Community College-Davie Campus called and explained to me a new program being offered and asked if I would be interested in another pathway to getting my high school diploma. I spoke to my boss and he was very supportive and told me I should finish. Now, as a high school graduate, I am eligible for a raise, however, my goal is to go a community college to become an aviation mechanic. Thank you for this opportunity.

Please join us for the first MPHSE Implementation Training at NCCCAEA this fall:

Thursday Sept 26 from 1:45 - 2:45 Pt I

Thursday Sept 26 from 3:15 – 4:15 Pt II

Please note that MPHSE Implementation Trainings will be offered across the state this fall and spring.

Questions? Contact MPHSE Co Chairs, Martha Bergman at Guilford Technical CC or Debbie Woodard at Wilkes CC.