DMACC
DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PERRY VanKirk CAREER ACADEMY

2026-2027 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dear Students, Parents and Partners:

The DMACC VanKirk Academy is excited to collaborate with local school districts, community partners and local industry to offer learning opportunities that will help prepare students for the 21st century. Our goal is to serve students and the community by providing a wide range of educational opportunities and experiences close to home. Students benefit from hands-on training led by instructors with real-world industry experience and have the opportunity to earn industry recognized credentials.

What is your path?

1) Are you planning on obtaining a Bachelor degree? Get a head start by earning college credits while still in high school through our Liberal Arts Transfer Academy.
2) Do you want to enter the workforce right after high school? Gain valuable skills and knowledge in our career and technical academies that will boost your resume and help you earn more money?
3) Not sure what your path is after high school? Explore a variety of fields by taking classes in our career academy.

Ready to enroll in the career academy?

1) Meet with your school counselor to review your graduation plan and explore transferability of credits to your college of choice.
2) Students will be responsible for transportation to the DMACC VanKirk Academy, start planning a carpool or a transportation plan.
3) Students will be required to attend a mandatory orientation in August, prior to the Semester start date.

Non Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of Des Moines Area Community College not to discriminate in its programs, activities, or employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, creed, religion, and actual or potential family, parental or marital status. If you have questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy, please contact Director, Enterprise Risk Management, 2006 South Ankeny Boulevard, Bldg. 22, Ankeny, IA 50023, 515-513-0655, feedback@dmacc.edu.

NEW FALL OF 2026 & Suggested Blocks

⇒ ***News Writing & Reporting (JOU 121) M/W & Fundamentals Of Oral Communication (SPC 101) T/Th AM ***

⇒ Introduction to Mass Media (JOU 110) M/W 7:45-9:15am

NEW SPRING OF 2027

⇒ ***News Production (JOU 122) M/W AM**

⇒ ***Anatomy & Physiology (BIO 168) M-Th**

LIBERAL ARTS TRANSFER COURSES

Students have the opportunity to take liberal arts coursework in a variety of academic disciplines as they prepare to obtain a Bachelor degree. Students sign up for individual courses in this academy so the number of credits will vary.

Fall 2026

AM

Composition I (ENG 105) M/W/F 7:40-8:40am ..... 3 credits
Introduction to Psychology (PSY 111) T/Th 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits
Fundamentals Of Oral Communication (SPC 101)
T/Th 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits
News Writing & Reporting (JOU 121) M/W 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits

PM

American National Government (POL 111) T/Th 1:45-3:15pm ..... 3 credits
Biology (BIO 104) M/W/F 1:45-3:15pm ..... 3 credits
Composition I (ENG 105) M/W/F 1:45-2:45pm ..... 3 credits
Developmental Psychology (PSY 121) T/Th 1:45-3:15pm ..... 3 credits

Spring 2027

AM

Composition II (ENG 106) M/W 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits
Developmental Psychology (PSY 121) T/Th 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits
Fundamentals Of Oral Communication (SPC 101)
T/Th 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits
News Production (JOU 122) M/W 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits
Math for Liberal Arts (MAT 110) T/Th 7:45-9:15am ..... 3 credits

PM

American National Government (POL 111) T/Th 1:45-3:15pm ..... 3 credits
Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 168) M-Th 1:45-3:15pm ..... 4 credits
Composition II (ENG 106) M/W 1:45-3:15pm ..... 3 credits
Educational Psychology (PSY 281) T/Th 1:45-3:15pm ..... 3 credits

Classes subject to change **Updated 8/7/26**

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HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ACADEMY

This program will provide students the opportunity to explore careers in health care and work toward CNA training. Seven DMACC credits are available. *Upon completion all students will earn a BLS Certificate as well as a C.N.A. Certificate. Students may also apply for State Licensure after completing the Academy.*

Fall & Spring

Morning Section: 7:25 - 9:25 a.m.

Introduction to Health Occupations (HSC 233) M-R.....4 credits (2nd Sem)
*Nurse Aide 75 Hours** (HSC 172) M-F.....3 credits (2nd Sem)

Afternoon Section: 1:25 - 3:25 p.m.

Introduction to Health Occupations (HSC 233) M-R.....4 credits (2nd Sem)
*Nurse Aide 75 Hours** (HSC 172) M-F.....3 credits (2nd Sem)

**This course earns an Industry Recognized Certificate*
***Courses require extended clinical sessions in evenings and/or weekends.*

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) ACADEMY

The Emergency Services Program provides students the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to provide lifesaving services. Students must be at least 17 years of age by the first day of class. In addition to classroom time, students will be required to attend clinical and field rotations. *Upon completion students will earn a BLS Certificate and an EMT. Certificate. Students may also apply for State Licensure after completing the Academy.*

Spring Semester: M/W, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

*Emergency Medical Technician (EMS214).....6 credits (2nd Sem)

**This course earns an Industry Recognized Certificate*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

The Criminal Justice program introduces students to criminal law and crime scene investigation and prepares them for entry into the criminal justice field. Fourteen DMACC credits are available upon completion of this DMACC Career Academy course offering.

Times available: M–F, 7:30 - 9:15 a.m.

Intro to Criminal Justice (CRJ 100).....3 credits (1st Sem)
Criminal Investigation (CRJ 141).....3 credits (1st Sem)
Criminal Justice Report Writing (CRJ 293) ..... 1 credit (1st Sem)

Survey of Criminal Justice Agencies (CRJ 107)..... 3 credits (2nd Sem)
Juvenile Delinquency (CRJ 201)..... 3 credits (2nd Sem)
Transition to College (SDV 129).....1 credit (2nd Sem)

WELDING ACADEMY

This program allows students to engage in experiential learning in the area of welding. Thirteen credits are available. *Upon completion all students will earn an OSHA 10 Certificate , a Blueprint Read Certificate and a Production MIG Certificate.*

Times available: M–F, 7:25 - 9:25 a.m. or 1:25 - 3:25 p.m.

*Intro to Welding, Safety
and Health of Welders (WEL228)..... 1 credit (1st Sem)
*Print Read/Sym Inter Sense 1 (WEL233).....3 credits (1st Sem)
GMAW Short Circuit Transfer (WEL244).....2 credits (1st Sem)
CTE Career Exploration (SDV 132)..... 1 credit (1st Sem)

Inspection/Test Princ: Sense 1 (WEL254)..... 1 credit (2nd Sem)
Thermal Cutting Processes II: (WEL266)..... 1 credit (2nd Sem)
GMAW Spray Transfer (WEL 245).....2 credits (2nd Sem)
CTE Employability Skills (SDV 134) .....2 credits (2nd Sem)

**This course earns an Industry Recognized Certificate*

INDUSTRIAL TECHNICIAN ACADEMY

Industrial Technology is an exploratory academy that provides students with basics of electricity, motor control and an introduction to hydraulics. This is an ideal program for students interested in entering the workforce in industrial maintenance, as a construction contractor, in an electrical field, or pursuing a degree in engineering. Eleven DMACC credits are available upon completion of all DMACC Career Academy course offerings.

Times available: M–F, 7:25 - 9:20 a.m.

General Industry Safety (IND 114) ..... 1 credit (1st Sem)
Principles of Electricity (ELT 303) ..... 1 credit (1st Sem)
Motor Controls (ELT 131).....3 credits (1st Sem)

Measurements and Drawing(IND 230)..... 1 credit (2nd Sem)
Print Reading (IND 134) .....2 credits (2nd Sem)
Industry Tech Logic Controller (IND 246).....3 credits (2nd Sem)

TEACHER ACADEMY

The Teacher Academy provides students with an opportunity to explore education-related professions and take part in real-life teaching experiences. Students will spend a total of 120 hours shadowing elementary and secondary school teachers Fourteen DMACC credits are available. *Upon completion all students will earn a Paraeducator Certificate.*

Times available: M–F, 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

*Foundations of Education (EDU210) 3 credits (1st Sem)
*CTE Career Exploration (SDV 132) 1 credit (1st Sem)
Developmental Psychology (PSY 121) 3 credits (1st Sem)

*Initial Field Experience (EDU218) 2 credits (2nd Sem)
Electronic Portfolio Development (SDV164) 2 credits (2nd Sem)
Educational Psychology (PSY 281) 3 credits (2nd Sem)

**These courses earn an Industry Recognized Certificate*

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