PCC Prep Alternative Programs offer educational options to youth 16-20 years of age who are at risk of dropping out of school or those who have already left school without obtaining a high school diploma. Three programs offer a variety of options to give students a second chance at academic success.

In the Multicultural Academic Program (MAP) students with a first language other than English improve English skills in reading, writing and speaking. As they gain confidence in their English abilities students can work toward a GED or high school diploma.

In Gateway to College students are given the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma while simultaneously earning college credits. Students start in small learning communities and develop academic and personal skills to help them become successful college students. This is a rigorous program that requires students to be focused and to be committed to their academic success in college.

The Youth Empowered to Succeed! (YES!) Program is for students interested in obtaining a GED. Students take classes specifically designed to prepare them to pass the GED tests. After completing their GED, YES! students may be eligible to apply to Gateway to College or receive a tuition waiver for one free term of classes at PCC.

In each program students receive the support of a Resource Specialist who acts as an instructor, advisor, and counselor. In all three programs, the cost of classes and books are covered. In Gateway to College, students are responsible for class fees each term.

See also Alternative Programs, High School Completion, English for Speakers of Other Languages and Developmental Education sections in this catalog for related instruction.