



# OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

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## College Planning & Application Assistance

### Tasks We Help With

- Crafting Application Essays
- Mock Interview Coaching
- Building a College List
- Resumes and Cover Letters
- Planning for Standardized Tests
- Extra-curricular Planning
- College Transfer
- Misc. Post-Acceptance Tasks

### Enrollment Options

1) **College Admissions Prep Camp** – This class (an academic summer “camp”), taught by Eric Cohen, Mercer Education’s Director and a graduate of Harvard, is a good starting point for “rising seniors” looking to get a head start on the college application process. You can find the course description and enrollment paperwork on the “Forms” page of ME’s website. Dollar for dollar, this is a great way to purchase a substantial amount of time to work with Eric (whose standard private class hourly rate is considerably higher than our standard rate for work with other instructors), and students benefit from the small group format, partly because it tends to motivate them more, and partly because they get to see a wide variety of approaches to the application essay questions. This camp has always filled up quickly, so send in the paperwork as early as possible if you want to participate; enrollment is capped at six students total.

2) **College Application Essay Writing** – This group-format class, taught by Mr. Cohen and Dr. Flesher, begins in September and meets once a week for eight weeks with options for extending up until the Christmas break. You can find the course description and enrollment paperwork on the “Forms” page of ME’s website. This is a good option for students who are unavailable to attend that camp during the summer. It is similar to the *College Admissions Prep Camp*, though it focuses exclusively on generating polished, effective application essays.

3) **Private Classes** – A third option would be private classes with Eric Cohen, ME’s director, or one of ME’s other experienced instructors. Classes are typically once or twice a week on an ongoing basis until the applications are all completed. By imposing a regular deadline in which to complete writing assignments and other tasks, weekly classes can help students to avoid procrastination and stay on top of this big project. Instructors’ rates vary. Classes could start during the summer or the fall, and meeting on an ad-hoc basis is possible, too, though scheduling is *first come, first serve*, and priority goes to students attending on a regular weekly basis. Private classes are generally a good follow-up to Eric’s summer camp and application essay writing class, as students then typically have a solid grasp of what they need to do but still need the structure of a weekly meeting and the feedback of a seasoned instructor. The [Instructors](#) page on ME’s website profiles the various teachers on staff at Mercer Education, several of whom have extensive experience with guiding students through the college application process and are available to work with students one to one to get the job done well and on time.

4) **College Transfer Counseling** – For community college students planning to transfer to 4-year colleges, there are multiple tasks in the application process that differ from those faced by high school students. Our team of college counselors has extensive experience providing thorough college transfer guidance to local and international students attending Seattle-area community colleges. This course, which roughly follows community college academic quarters, includes a package of eight private, one-on-one sessions in which our counselors help students *generate a list of prospective colleges, generate effective application essays, manage numerous related tasks* and then *submit applications on time*. The course is customized for each student to maximize the chance of successful college transfer admission.