

In preparation for the 2019 Summer Bridge Program at Benedict College, the administrators of the Program created a list of frequently asked questions and responses that will help you ensure a successful move in on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Classes will begin on Monday, July 1, 2019.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. What are the official dates for the 2019 Summer Bridge Program?

The 2019 Summer Bridge Program will officially commence with the arrival of Program participants on Saturday, June 29, 2019 (check-in begins at 8:30 am/ends at 4 pm) and will conclude with the departure of Program participants on Thursday, August 8, 2019, after the closing awards banquet. All travel arrangements should be made according to the previously referenced dates, as there is no flexibility regarding the Program's dates.

NOTE: An Opening Program is scheduled on Saturday, June 29 at 5pm. Attendance is MANDATORY.

2. Where will participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program reside?

Participants will reside in Oak Street Dorm, which is a traditional-style house with double-occupancy rooms and community-style restrooms. Each room is furnished with a twin bed, desk (with chair) and a clothing armoire. Each room is also equipped with an air conditioning unit. For a list of items permitted in the residence hall, please visit <http://www.benedict.edu/cms/?q=node/342>.

3. Are health records required for participation in the 2019 Summer Bridge Program?

Yes. For participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program to be checked in to the residence hall and subsequently participate in the Program, up-to-date medical records from a certified physician must be on file in the Benedict College Student Health Services Center. Without the medical records on file prior to the participants' arrival to the campus of Benedict College, they will not be permitted to check in to the residence hall and subsequently will not be permitted to participate in the Program. There are absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS!

The health form is included in your Admission packet.

4. Is there a set curfew for participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program?

Yes. Participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program are governed by the following curfew (for physically being inside of the residence hall):

Sunday through Thursday: 10:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 11:00 p.m.

NOTE: Participants are required to always be in the company of a Student Paraprofessional Staff when not in the dorm. Any changes/exceptions to the time of curfew can only be approved by the Program Administrators.

5. What does the daily schedule for the 2019 Summer Bridge Program entail?

The 2019 Summer Bridge Program is a rigorous four-week enrichment program designed to help bridge the gaps between high school and college and prepare student participants for successful matriculation at Benedict College. Program participants' daily schedules will consist of two 3 credit hour courses, tutorials/study sessions, co- and extracurricular programming as well as other culturally enriching activities sponsored by the Program. Program participants will receive their weekly schedules upon their arrival to the campus.

6. Are books required for the 2019 Summer Bridge Program? What is the cost associated with the purchase of books?

Participants will utilize open source materials available online (at no cost). Participants should bring notebooks, writing tools and a laptop (if available).

7. Where will participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program eat their meals? What are the hours of operation for dining services?

Participants will eat their meals in the Swinton Center-Cafe. The hours of operation are as follows:

Monday through Friday:

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (on Fridays - dinner will end at 5pm)

Saturday:

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Brunch: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: Participants will have designated times for eating their meals, based upon their daily schedules.

8. Will participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program have the opportunity to purchase food for delivery from off-campus vendors?

Yes. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase food for delivery from off-campus vendors, including Uber Eats. All food deliveries must be received before the curfew. In close walking distance from the college, participants can purchase food from fast food chain restaurants, including Subway, KFC, China Kitchen, and China Hut. It should be noted that the cost associated with food purchased from off-campus vendors is solely the responsibility of the Program participants.

9. How will participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program launder their clothing? What is the cost associated with laundering clothing?

Participants will launder their clothing in the on-campus laundry facility. The cost associated with laundering clothing is \$1.25 to wash and \$1.00 to dry; participants will pay for their laundry with their own ATM card/credit card or cash.

10. Are there Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) located on the campus of Benedict College?

Yes. There is one (1) ATM (National ATM Systems/Hyosung) located on the first floor of the David H. Swinton Campus Center. This ATM isn't associated with any specific banking institution i.e., Wells Fargo, Bank of America. Students can use their individual institution debit cards for withdrawals. There is a withdrawal surcharge fee in the amount of \$3.00.

11. Will participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program be permitted to have off-campus privileges or on-campus visits from guests?

No. Participants will NOT be permitted to have off-campus privileges for the duration of their stay on the campus of Benedict College. This means that Program participants will not be able to leave the campus for visits with family, friends, etc.; additionally, Program participants will not be permitted to have on-campus visits from guests. Exceptions (i.e. for graduation) can only be made in advance by a Program administrator; requests for an exception must be made through Ms. Jamila Lyn - jamila.lyn@benedict.edu.

12. How much spending money does my son/daughter need for the program?

We have designed the program such that very little spending money is necessary. Most of our off-campus excursions include meals. We have three (3) off-campus excursions that will require participants to pay for their own lunch and other personal items. We recommend some additional funds for participants to purchase snack items after hours. Please note that we will schedule weekly Walmart trips for participants to purchase any additional items that cater to their specific needs.

13. Are participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program permitted to bring personal vehicles (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.) to the campus of Benedict College?

No. Participants are NOT permitted to bring personal vehicles of any kind to the campus for the duration of the Program.

14. In the event of an emergency, who is the central point-of-contact on the campus of Benedict College?

In the event of an emergency, the Benedict College Campus Police Department is operational and staffed 24 hours per day/7 days per week. The phone number to the Campus Police Department is (803) 253-5400. If the caller references the 2019 Summer Bridge Program, then the appropriate Program administrators and staff will be notified accordingly.

15. Is it possible for packages/mail to be sent to the participants of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program?

Yes. Packages/mail should be sent to the following address:

2019 Summer Bridge Program

Mailbox #1080

Full Name of Student Participant

% Summer Bridge Program

Benedict College

1600 Harden Street

Columbia, SC 29204

NOTE: When sending packages/mail to participants, please notify the participants in advance.

16. At the conclusion of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program, will storage accommodations be provided for participants who will be attending Benedict College starting August 10, 2019?

Yes, Summer Bridge students will be able to store their belongings in their assigned Fall Residence Hall and room; this convenience is contingent upon the student completing all requirements for admission to the College prior to the start of the Bridge Program.

After reviewing the aforementioned frequently asked questions and responses, if you have any additional questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Jamila Lyn, Summer Bridge Program Office, via e-mail at Jamila.Lyn@benedict.edu.