

Start College Now & Early College Credit Programs



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Overview of Programs

Start College Now (FVTC)



Start College Now is a program designed to introduce high school students to the world of higher education. In addition to getting a first-hand view of the college experience, you can earn both high school and college credit at the same time. These credits may be applied toward a degree at Fox Valley Technical College or at many other Wisconsin Colleges.

Early College Credit Program (UW System)



High school students at public and private high schools in Wisconsin can earn college credit through the Early College Credit Program (ECCP). A student selected for the program may be permitted to enroll in a UW System institution, or an alternative private, non-profit institution of higher education (IHE) to take one or more courses for which the student may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both. Under ECCP, the costs of the courses are shared among the IHE, the school district or private school, the state, and in some cases the student's family.

Getting Started

What is SCN and ECCP?

Both the Start College Now and Early College Credit programs are opportunities for students in high school to start earning college credits. In most cases, students can transfer these earned credits between colleges and universities.

Student Eligibility

To participate in Start College Now, you must:

- Have approval from your parent/guardian.
- Be enrolled in a public school and have completed the 10th grade.
- Be in good academic standing and meet course entry requirements.
- Have an acceptable disciplinary record and do not meet the statutory definition of a "child at risk."

To participate in ECCP, you must:

- Have approval from your parent/guardian.
- Be in grade 9-12.
- Be in good academic standing and meet course entry requirements.

Processes & Deadlines

Students **MUST** fill out an application for *each* semester they are planning to take college courses through one of these programs.

Application Deadlines

February 1 (summer classes)

March 1 (fall classes)

October 1 (spring classes)

Start College Now:

1. Visit www.fvtc.edu/startcollegenow.
2. Complete Start College Now Interest Form (this will initiate a welcome email with important information in it).
3. Access the Start College Now Course Guide on that site. Courses must be selected from that guide. All other courses will be denied.
4. Fill out the Start College Now application (located outside of the Counseling Office) and hand it in to Mrs. Van Asten in the Counseling Office.

Early College Credit Program:

1. View course offerings directly from the UW-Fox Cities or UW-Oshkosh (or other) website.
2. Verify that you meet prerequisite requirements for each class.
3. Fill out the Early College Credit Program application (outside of the Counseling Office) and hand it in to Mrs. Van Asten in the Counseling Office.

After courses have been approved/denied, students will be notified via mail. Once students are enrolled in their courses, students will need to see their counselor to adjust their HHS schedule, if necessary.

Resources

Credit Transferability

The best way to ensure credit transferability is to call the Admissions Office of colleges you are considering and talk to an advisor.

Transferology is a good resource to see if/how credits will transfer between college institutions in Wisconsin (including Technical Colleges):

<https://www.transferology.com/state/wisconsin.htm>

If you are planning on applying to out-of-state colleges, please contact their Admissions Office to find out more about transferring credits.

It is the student's responsibility to contact prospective colleges to see if/ how their credits will transfer from these programs.

How to Find Courses

Start College Now: www.fvtc.edu/startcollegenow

ECCP: Visit the website of the college you wish to take classes through (UW Fox Cities, UW Oshkosh, etc.) to view course offerings.

Frequently Asked ?'s

Can I enroll in classes that are not approved on my application?

You can enroll in classes that were not approved by your high school; however, you will be responsible for full payment of tuition and materials. You must also meet all prerequisites listed for the class.

Why was my class denied by my high school?

Classes may be denied if HHS already offers the same class; if there are classes that students should have taken at HHS prior to taking the college level class; if the class time conflicts with the student's HHS schedule; if the class requested doesn't align with the students career path.

How many credits am I eligible to take through these programs?

HHS will pay for up to 18 credits total.

How many high school credits will be earned by taking college courses?

HHS will award .25 credits per college credit.

Am I guaranteed to get into the classes I was approved to take?

No-unfortunately class sizes are limited and class times/offerings will vary. Students are encouraged to list alternative courses on the application as a back up in case this were to happen.

What happens if I fail one of my classes?

If students do not earn a passing grade, they are responsible for paying HHS in full for the tuition and materials/textbooks, if applicable.

Contact Us

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Early College Credit Program

University of Wisconsin System

UW Fox Cities & UW Oshkosh:

Stacey Dreweck, Admissions Counselor

Phone: 920-424-3970

Email: hcollegecredit@uwosh.edu

All other UW System schools:

UW Help

Phone: 800-442-6459

Email: uwhelp@uwex.edu

Please see your high school counselor if you have any questions about these programs:

Mrs. Kuether (A-G, T)

Mrs. Chevremont (H-O)

Mrs. Winch (P-S, U-Z)