

## Articulated Acceleration for High School Students

High school students may earn college credits through articulated acceleration (F.S. 1007.271). These acceleration options are college credit in escrow, dual enrollment or early admissions. Students who satisfy the following requirements may qualify for admission as a student in one of these categories:

### College Credit in Escrow

Students may apply to attend classes and earn college credits while in high school.

**Important:** These credits will not apply toward the high school diploma.

To be eligible for admission as a credit-in-escrow student, a student must

- have permission from the high school principal or his/her designee;
- submit an HCC Application For Admission (to the District Office of Dual Enrollment);
- provide a high school transcript;
- achieve appropriate placement scores on the SAT, ACT, or the written or computerized version of the Florida college placement test (CPT).

### Dual Enrolled High School Students

(F.S. 1007.27, F.S. 1007.271)

Students who enroll as a dual enrolled student can earn college credit by attending college-level courses taught by HCC instructors at an HCC campus before or after high school classes or at an identified high school during the regular class day. Credits for the courses satisfactorily completed will apply toward both the high school diploma and toward an associate or baccalaureate degree. Dual enrollment courses will not count as excess hours in the 60-hour requirement of an AA or AS degree.

Application fees and tuition are waived and textbooks are provided for Hillsborough County public school students accepted through the Dual Enrollment program.

Students attending college classes must be mindful that they will be in a learning environment that explores a diverse and open range of ideas that requires a mature understanding of multiple perspectives. All students, including dual enrolled students, must be able to engage in discussions in a mature and responsible manner.

To be eligible for consideration for admission as a dually enrolled high school student, one must

- be in high school;
- provide a high school transcript showing an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0;
- provide written authorization from the high school principal or his/her designee;
- achieve appropriate placement scores on the SAT, ACT, or the written or computerized version of the Florida college placement test (CPT);
- submit a Special Category Student form;
- submit an HCC application for admission;
- submit all required paperwork to the District Dual Enrollment Office no later than thirty working days prior to the start of classes and;
- meet with an HCC counselor to complete the registration process.

No student will be permitted to participate in dual enrollment classes without having met eligibility and application requirements. Dual enrollment students are allowed one attempt per dual enrollment course.

To remain eligible as a dually enrolled high school student, one must maintain a 3.0 high school GPA and a 2.0 HCC GPA.

### Early Admission

Early admission is one form of dual enrollment. Students are admitted through the early admission option of dual enrollment when they register at HCC as a full-time student (12 or more credits) during their senior year of high school.

Credits for the courses completed satisfactorily at HCC will apply toward both toward the high school diploma and toward an associate or baccalaureate degree. Application fees are waived for students accepted through the early admission program. Tuition is waived for early admissions students for all courses taken through this program while they are still in high school.

**NOTE:** To be eligible for consideration for admission through the early admission program a student must

- be a high school senior;
- provide written authorization from the high school principal or designee;
- provide a high school transcript showing an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.5;

- achieve appropriate placement scores on the SAT, ACT, or the written or computerized version of the Florida college placement test (CPT);
- submit a Special Category Student Form;
- submit an HCC application for admission;
- submit all required paperwork to the District Dual Enrollment Office no later than thirty days prior to the start of classes and;
- if approved for early admission, meet with an HCC counselor to complete the registration process.

**NOTE:** Home educated students may take advantage of the dual enrollment and early admissions acceleration options and must be in compliance with applicable Florida laws. In addition to the above requirements, a parent of home- educated students must submit a sworn Affidavit for Compliance in accordance with F.S. 1002.41. Home educated students should submit an academic plan that identifies the courses they have taken through home school and the courses they intend to take at HCC as a dually enrolled student.

**NOTE:** Private schools must meet requirements for F.S. 1002.42 and 1003.43 and have an articulation agreement on file with HCC in order for their students to participate in dual enrollment and early admissions programs.

**NOTE:** Public and private high school students interested in participating in the dual enrollment program must contact their high school counselor for information and to determine eligibility. Students enrolled in home education programs may contact the HCC Dual Enrollment Office for information.

**NOTE:** When calculating Satisfactory Academic Progress for Title IV, Student Financial Assistance and adherence to any state maximum-hour requirement(s) for an AA, AS, or AAS degree, HCC will not include any courses students complete while they are dually enrolled.

## Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP)

HCC participates in the United States' Army Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP). As a ConAP member, HCC will admit eligible new soldiers upon their enlistment. Moreover, the College guarantees full admission during the soldier's entire enlistment and for two years after the applicant completes active military service.

Soldiers enlisting in the Army Reserve are also eligible for consideration under the ConAP program. However, the admission guarantee for qualified Reservists is deferred until the Reservists complete their initial period of active duty training (about six months).

