

# Early College

Early College is a dual enrollment program where New Hampshire high school juniors and seniors may take college courses while still in high school. This is an opportunity take some “General Education” courses that can be applied towards a college degree later on, and also earn credit towards your high school diploma at the same time.

High School students must be (a) enrolled in an approved NH high school or an approved NH home school program, or be a resident of New Hampshire and enrolled in an approved high school, (b) be a high school junior or senior. Homeschool students age 16 or older are eligible, and (c) have not earned a high school diploma prior to class completion date. Exceptions to these requirements require approval from the Dual Enrollment Coordinator and the Department Chair or his/her designee.

Early College students may enroll up to two (2) 100-level courses, each with a maximum of four (4) credits each from the list of approved courses available to high school students during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Early College students may not enroll in any “intensive” semesters (two, six, or eight-week semesters) or in any course marked as Capstone or Internship. Aviation Technology (AVTN) and Nursing (NURS) courses are not open to Early College students. Enrollment is on a space available basis and there may be times NCC needs to remove an early college student from the course based on the number of seats needed for matriculated students.

Early College students pay 50 percent of the cost of the NCC tuition with no added fees until high school graduation. There is currently a scholarship from the New Hampshire Governor’s Office that covers the cost of tuition for STEM/CTE-approved courses. A list of approved courses can be obtained from the Dual Enrollment Coordinator. High school students have the opportunity to start college core curriculum, start courses in a major, and request dual credit with their high school. Early College students are welcomed into the NCC community and the student body as a whole, offering the high school student a full and authentic college experience. Early College students are non-matriculated and therefore ineligible for federal student financial aid or to apply to a degree program or graduate from any degree or certificate program. The reduced tuition for high school students offers an incentive to start college in high school for a fraction of the tuition compared with post high school graduation.

Early College is designed for juniors and seniors. If an Early College student would like to utilize classroom accommodations (IEP or 504), they need to complete NCC’s Application for Reasonable Accommodations to obtain a college level plan from NCC..Contact the Dual Enrollment Coordinator at 578-6915 for further information