Dual Enrollment

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will I obtain both high school and college credits for the courses? **Yes**

2. If I participate in the dual enrollment program at PDCCC, do I have to attend PDCCC? **No**, you may attend any college of your choice and have your credits transferred from PDCCC to that college.

3. Will all of my credits transfer to any college? Although you need to check with any private colleges and out-of-state colleges to which you plan to apply to determine transferability of classes, all Virginia state schools will accept your PDCCC credits. Individual state colleges may accept courses in differing ways, depending on your major and other factors.

4. How do I arrange to transfer the credits? You complete a PDCCC Transcript Request Form for each college to which you apply.

5. Who benefits from dual enrollment classes?
   - **The student benefits!** Studies show that those who acquire college credits while still in high school are more likely to continue their education beyond high school.
   - **Families of the high school students benefit!**
   - **College credits earned during high school help reduce the financial burden of full-time college tuition.**
   - **The Commonwealth of Virginia benefits!** It avoids unnecessary duplication of facilities and equipment.

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**Dual Enrollment Teachers Say:**

“A student who has college credit when graduating from high school is more likely to further his education.”

“Regardless of what students intend to do in future education, dual enrollment classes raise the bar way beyond the SOLs and challenge even the brightest students.”

“Students who have taken dual enrolment classes enter college with more confidence and better coping skills”.

**Parents Say:**

“My daughter graduated in 3 ½ years from JMU due to her PDCCC dual enrollment credits.”

“Dual enrollment classes placed my son and daughter in classes with other bright students; there was a higher regard for knowledge than in regular classes.”

“What a bargain – dual enrollment tuition is so much less than 4 year college tuition and with the extra credits, my son was able to try a larger variety of courses trying to decide on a major.”

**High School Counselors Say:**

“Colleges like to see dual enrollment courses on applicants’ transcripts”.

“Our dual enrollment students have done well in college”

“Students and parents need to be more aware that dual enrollment classes are more demanding.”

**Former Dual Enrollment Student**

Chris Graham is a 2012 dual enrollment program graduate from PDCCC. Here’s what he has to say about his experiences in the program...

“I thought it would be nice to graduate with an associate’s degree and have a bit of the college work done,” he said. “I was focused on pursuing my education and this program will help me better prepare for the working world.”

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Allowing high school students to earn college credits toward a postsecondary diploma, certificate, or degree while still in high school during regular high school hours and online.

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**Benefits to Students:**

**Saving Time and Money**

Students get a head start earning college credits while still in high school. All classes with grades of “C” or better will transfer to all state colleges and many private colleges. This may lessen the time and money needed for most 4-year degrees.

**College Preparation**

Students get exposure to the rigor of college-level work in classes with other advanced students, but the class size is much smaller than that of most freshman college classes. Students will have an easier psychological and academic transition to college. Student may also earn an Associates’ degree or one-year General Education Certificate.

**Convenience**

Courses are conveniently taken at the high school or on a nearby PDCCC Campus during regular high school hours. Courses are also available online.

**Access to PDCCC Services**

Availability access to the Learning Resource Center (Library), Computer and Science Laboratories, and Blackboard (an online system for accessing class documents such as assignments, handouts, and lecture notes as well as grades).

**High-quality Instruction**

PDCCC faculty meets the criteria set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

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**Student Eligibility:**

- Students in public or private high schools or in home education programs
- Approval from the high school and be 16 years old. If younger than 16, student must obtain special permission.
- Appropriate scores on PDCCC College Placement Test for the desired classes

**How to apply:**

- Talk with your high school guidance counselor about opportunities for dual enrollment courses in your school.

Upon recommendation from Guidance Counselor, follow these steps:

1. Complete the online PDCCC Application for Admission at [www.pdc.edu](http://www.pdc.edu). Student will receive student ID number at the end of the application process. Print completed application and submit Parent Signature Form to Guidance Counselor.
2. Take the College Placement Test at high school or at PDCCC. Practice test information is available on PDCCC’s website. Placement test determines student’s eligibility for dual enrollment classes.
3. Contact Guidance Counselor for available course selections.

**Cost:**

Check with the student’s high school regarding how tuition should be submitted for courses. Some scholarship opportunities may be available.

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**Courses are available in the following areas:**

- Art Appreciation
- Biology
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Computer Science/Information Tech
- Electricity
- EMT
- English Composition
- Fire Science
- Industrial Technology
- Music
- Pre-Calculus
- Psychology
- Physics
- U. S. Government
- U.S. History
- Welding

*Many more classes are also available*

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For more information, contact your high school Guidance Counselor or PDCCC’s Admissions Office at 757-569-6707 or click on the link for Dual Enrollment on the College website: [http://www.pdc.edu/dual-enrollment/](http://www.pdc.edu/dual-enrollment/)