

College Credit Plus MCCTC/VALLEY STEM

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What is College Credit Plus?

[College Credit Plus](#) is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to enhance students' career readiness and postsecondary success, while providing a wide variety of options to college-ready students, at no or limited costs to students and families. ([Ohio Department of Higher Education](#)). Students can review the eligibility of a course by clicking [HERE](#)

Who is eligible?

College-readiness is determined by the application requirements of the participating [Institution of Higher Education](#) (IHE), and typically requires applicants to submit a qualifying ACT or SAT score with the student's College Credit Plus application. Testing deadlines and scores for the ACT and SAT can be found on the CCP pages of the partnering IHE. For your convenience here are the websites of our partnering IHEs: [YSU](#), [Kent](#), and [Eastern Gateway](#).

Without an ACT score, you will need to take an initial **eligibility test** ([YSU](#) / [Kent](#)/ [Eastern Gateway](#)) **followed by a placement test** ([YSU](#) / [Kent](#)/ [Eastern Gateway](#)) if you meet the benchmark on the eligibility test. YSU offers eligibility testing by calling 330-941-2447. We offer two attempts here on site for eligibility testing. Dates are posted in the fall of each school year through Google classroom and Parent Square. A placement test can be scheduled after the student meets the eligibility requirement. MCCTC/Valley STEM will host YSU Orientation for those accepted and placement (not eligibility) testing on May 14, 2024.

The MCCTC/Valley STEM counseling department recommends taking the ACT by February to insure the student meets the deadline for all opportunities. They must take the February test to be eligible for YSU summer CCP. Note: one can be accepted by the university into the CCP program, but not be eligible to take a particular course. Some courses require minimum ACT subject scores or placement testing.

Where can students participate in College Credit Plus programs?

Students may take a CCP course on the campus of a university, online, or at MCCTC/Valley STEM. The IHEs that typically work with MCCTC/Valley STEM are YSU, Kent State-Salem and Eastern Gateway. To view the pathways for university course offerings: [Kent](#), [YSU](#), and [Eastern Gateway](#).

How will the student/family communicate with the IHE?

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

College Credit Plus students are college students and subject to FERPA. University faculty and staff will not talk to parents/guardians about FERPA protected information without a waiver on file. Students can complete a FERPA Release Form granting permission to release specific information to the parent by completing the form through the university portal. Students will receive an email account attached to the specific IHE. **It is IMPERATIVE that the student activates and frequently monitors that email.** Students are encouraged to use the counseling and advising services provided by the university upon acceptance.

What are the changes in student services for IEPs and 504s:

CCP courses, even if taught on the high school campus by a MCCTC teacher, are "post-secondary" classes that are extensions of a college. [This changes how laws in support of students with educational disabilities are implemented \(here\)](#)

There are different federal laws in place regarding students with disabilities and education. One set applies to students with disabilities in grades K-12. These laws include the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Free Appropriate Education (FAPE), and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, Subpart D.

The [laws that apply to students with disabilities in college](#) include the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, Subpart E. This means that students must fully

advocate for themselves, present their needs to the college's Office of Disability Services for review, and self-identify as a student with specific, college-approved needs to the instructor. *ONLY the letter of accommodation given by the college may be used to alter academic practice; any IEP, 504, or ETR documentation is NOT valid for the post-secondary environment.*

Does College Credit Plus impact athletic eligibility?

Student-athletes must remain eligible in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) bylaws. To be athletically eligible, students must be passing five, one-credit courses or the equivalent per grading period with the high school and college courses combined. Students are strongly encouraged to review the [OHSAA Eligibility Guidelines](#) for more information.

Students taking courses on the campus of an IHE will be required to have their professor complete a [CCP/Non-Enrolled Student Grade Report](#) at the semester midterm of the respective university and return it to the school counseling office to determine eligibility.

Academic expectation:

Students who are deemed to be “underperforming” will be placed on CCP Probation. Students who are deemed “ineligible” shall be placed on CCP Dismissal. See MCCTC/Valley STEM Board Policy link for details: [Board Policy](#).

Classes failed or withdrawn with an “F” will be reflected on the high school and college transcripts and computed into the GPA. The student (student's family) will be required to reimburse MCCTC/Valley STEM for the full amount paid to the IHE on behalf of the student.

Potential for Mature Subject Matter:

“The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the college credit plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will not be modified based upon college credit plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs.” Students and parents will be required to sign a permission form [acknowledging the student possesses the necessary social and emotional maturity](#) to participate in the CCP program, and that the [student is ready to accept the responsibility and independence that a college classroom demands](#).

What is the cost to the family?

Students may earn up to 30 credit hours per school year (summer term is included within the 30 credit hours per year) and/or up to 120 credit hours while in the program. Students who choose to apply and pursue courses (upon acceptance) through an Ohio public IHE may do so at no cost to the student for tuition and books (covered by MCCTC/Valley STEM). Students interested in pursuing more than 30 semester credits per academic year will be responsible for all costs for above the 30 semester credit limit. There are two options for financial responsibility.

Option A: The student/family will be financially responsible for tuition and the cost of all textbooks, materials, and fees associated with the College Credit Plus course.

- Under Option A, the student/family must work directly with the college to arrange to make payment
- Option A allows the student to choose to earn both college credit and high school credit OR only college credit
- Option A must be elected at the time the student registers for the college courses
- Students must inform the college and the secondary school of electing Option A and whether student wants to earn both high school and college credits or only college credits

Option B: The state of Ohio is financially responsible for the eligible course(s) in which the student chooses to enroll.

- If Option B is selected, the funding for the course will be deducted from the secondary school and redirected to the college
- The student will receive high school and college credit

How and will my college credits transfer?

What courses are taught on the campus of MCCTC/Valley STEM?

CCP coursework is listed on the student's transcript; however, colleges cannot accept that as evidence for college credit. Students wanting to use their college credits at another university must request official transcripts from the university that awarded the credit.

It is the responsibility of the student to determine which courses will transfer to intended future universities. [Transferology](#) can be helpful in this process, and includes out of state and private universities. Researching transfer credits at the intended university or speaking with an admissions counselor are also excellent options.

Courses taken through Ohio public IHEs are transferable to other Ohio public IHEs. It is the responsibility of the student to research what a credit will count for if transferring to another IHE after graduation.

For courses taken at MCCTC/Valley STEM, the following colleges are our partners. Click on the college listed to request a transcript from them directly: [YSU](#), [Kent](#), [EGCC](#).

CCP courses through Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) offered on site are College Algebra, Trigonometry and Statistics. CCP courses through Youngstown State University (YSU) offered on site are Writing 1550 and American Literature and Diversity.

The following programs have CCP partnerships:

YSU: BioMedical Science CCP Biology (8 credit hours) & Chemistry (4 credit hours)

EGCC: Public Safety (13-15 credit hours)

Kent State East Liverpool: Exercise Science & Physical Therapy Tech (3-30 credit hours)

- Click [HERE](#) for information about the Ohio Transfer Module
- Click [HERE](#) for information about Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs)

Many of these courses will also be accepted by out-of-state and private universities. Please use the search bar and research transfer credits on the university's website. You can also call admissions at the particular university.

It is important to note that even though a state school may accept the credit, the purpose of the credit accepted may vary between colleges. That would be a conversation to be had between the student and the college academic advisor.

[Course Eligibility](#) for (level 1 & 2) for CCP

Steps for Students planning to apply:

1. Attend the Annual Information Night (parents & students)

MCCTC/Valley STEM will host our Annual CCP Information Night on November 21, 2023 in the cafeteria at 6:00pm. Representatives from YSU, Kent and EGCC will be there.

2. How to start the high school application/participation process:

- Submit a Letter of Intent to Participate to the counseling office by April 1. We highly recommend submitting that form as soon as they are available. The student will have a counseling session (typically starting in January), paperwork to complete, and documentation sent to the IHE by the counseling department which takes time to process and complete. The IHE will have application days and meetings well before that date. Timeliness will make the process easier and smoother for the *student*.
- Summer courses may require early deadlines
- The 2024-2025 Letter of Intent can be found [HERE](#)
 - *Hard copies may be found in the counseling office*

3. Student Timeline for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Students must be mindful of announcements made at school, on Google Classroom, and Parent Square and be responsible for meeting all necessary deadlines for the IHE.

- ❖ *November 17, 2023* CCP Informational Session for Students- sign up through Google Classroom
- ❖ *November 21, 2023 at 6pm-* CCP Information Night after Conferences- no registration needed
- ❖ *December 6 and February 7, 2024* YSU Eligibility Testing at MCCTC- Register through Google Classroom
- ❖ *February 7, 2024* CCP Application Day - sign up through Google Classroom
- ❖ *February 20, 2024* EGCC Eligibility Testing- EGCC will let you know if you need to test
- ❖ *April 1 each year:* Deadline to submit to your counselor [Annual Intent to Participate in CCP Form in order to take CCP the following year](#)
- ❖ *April 15, 2024* YSU CCP application deadline
- ❖ *June 1, 2024* Kent State CCP application deadline
- ❖ *June 28, 2024* EGCC CCP application deadline

5. Once accepted by the university:

Watch for a letter or email from the IHE after all paperwork is submitted and the student has completed their application (online for Kent and in-person at application day for YSU and EGCC). It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the IHE, monitor email, and fulfill obligations (examples: possible additional placement testing, orientation, etc). **Again, make sure to activate the university email and check it regularly! The student is no longer only a MCCTC/Valley STEM student. They are a MCCTC/Valley STEM student AND a student of the university (universities).**

SEE BELOW FOR WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

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Important Items to Consider for CCP Participants

HIGH SCHOOL GRAD REQUIREMENTS

* Apply college credit to your high school graduation requirements, earning high school and college credit at the same time

COLLEGE EDUCATION

* Earn up to 30 credits a year; 120 credits max (an academic year shall begin with the summer term)

* Students completing more than 30 semester hours will be responsible for all costs associated with credits beyond the 30 limit

* Transfer many of your credits to University System of Ohio schools

*Consult individual IHEs to inquire for what purpose they will count the credits

*Consult rules for transfer credits at private universities if you plan to attend

* May lower the overall cost of your college education

* May shorten the time to complete your college degree

COST

* Tuition, books, and academic fees for Ohio public universities are paid by MCCTC/Valley STEM (students will incur a bill for coursework via private universities)

* All books should be returned to the high school counseling office upon completion of courses

* Participation will NOT affect a student's eligibility at any Ohio public college for scholarships/benefits/or opportunities available to first year college students

* School supplies, parking permits, rec fees, library fines, parking fines, etc. are the student's responsibility

* Be aware of the impact on financial aid

* Students will be responsible for their own transportation

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

* Academic advisors on campus will guide you on course selection, availability, and how it applies to your major (Your MCCTC/Valley STEM counselor will help you choose courses that meet high school graduation requirements)

SCHEDULES

* Start/End dates, holiday, SPRING BREAK and snow days can be different; making one keep track of 2 schedules

* Course availability varies. There is no guarantee of enrollment in college courses during times that work well for your school activity or academic schedule.

ACADEMIC & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

* Expected to follow and be aware of all campus rules, and all dates regarding add/drop/withdrawal

* Activate and monitor university email communication and follow directions/requirements of university for participation

** Course content will NOT change because a minor is in the class*

* Parents must accompany students 14 and under while on campus

* Students may be placed on probation or dismissal from the program

* MCCTC/Valley STEM may seek reimbursement for failed or withdrawn fail courses for the full amount paid on behalf of the student

* Communicate ANY schedule changes to the IHE and MCCTC/Valley STEM. Failure to do so could result in an F on the student's transcript.

TRANSCRIPT & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

* End of Course exams are still required

* You are earning transcribed credit on your high school and college transcript. Transcribed grades may not follow one from university to university; however, the grades WILL be calculated together for graduate school

* If one attends the university (after high school graduation) where college credit has been earned, the GPA will continue

* Not completing or failing a class will be calculated into the GPA, and may result in an inability to meet graduation requirements

* Students must meet graduation requirements

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