Early College Credit

Put a cap on the cost of college!

The affordable way to get ahead for college, while still in high school.

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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How do I get started?

Step 1 - Speak with your high school counselor regarding Early College Credit opportunities available through Triton College and select your courses.

Step 2 - Complete the application.

Step 3 - Take the placement exam or submit qualifying placement measures (if specified placement level is a course prerequisite).

Step 4 - Registration.

**High School Campus Courses:** Official rosters of qualified students are submitted to the Office of Dual Credit for registration.

**Triton Campus Courses:** Set up an appointment with the Office of Dual Credit and bring Enrollment Verification Form.

Frequently asked questions:

**When can I start participating in Dual Credit with Triton?**

Typically, high school students can begin earning Early College Credit during their junior year. In some cases, permission is granted by the high school to enroll prior to achieving junior status.

**Which high schools are participating in this program?**

East Leyden High School, West Leyden High School, Oak Park and River Forest High School, Elmwood Park High School, Morton East High School, Morton West High School, Guerin College Prep, Ridgewood High School, Riverside Brookfield High School, Proviso East High School, Proviso West High School and Proviso Math and Science Academy.

**Is Triton’s Dual Credit Program the same as AP (Advanced Placement)?**

There is a difference. AP courses allow students to take college-level courses taught by a high school teacher with the potential for students to earn college credit and/or course placement based on the results of an AP exam. Courses for the Dual Credit Program are actual college classes taught by qualified high school instructors. They provide an opportunity to earn college credit and high school credit simultaneously without a post exam.

**What's the difference between Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment?**

Dual Credit courses are college-level courses that high school students may take either at Triton or their primary high school in which there is a pre-existing agreement to award both high school and college credit upon successful completion. Dual Enrollment courses are college courses taken on the college campus by high school students while still enrolled in high school and give college credits, but there is no pre-existing agreement to award high school credits.

**What's the cost for a Dual Credit student to take a college class?**

Depending on the high school, tuition and/or book costs may be covered by the school. Make sure to contact your high school representative for their billing policies.

**What kind of college perks and support does a Dual Credit student get?**

Students have access to college support services such as the Triton Library, computer labs and printers, the Tutoring and Learning Center, Disability Resource Center, Academic Advising and Triton Job Prep Center.

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**Courses in a variety of subjects including:**

- Automotive Technology
- Engineering
- Early Childhood Education
- Culinary Arts
- Business and Marketing
- And more…

*Availability of courses varies by high school.

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**Is Dual Credit right for you?**

Ask yourself…

- Do I consistently earn good grades?
- Do I have good study habits?
- Can I handle the challenge of a college-level course?

If you answered ‘Yes’ to these questions – Early College Credit may be right for you.