TRITON COLLEGE
DUAL CREDIT

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&
Get There
So what is dual credit?

- Dual Credit is an early college credit program that gives high school students the opportunity to earn both college and high school credit for specific classes taken at Triton College or their high school.

- Unlike Advanced Placement (AP) courses, credits are awarded based on completing the courses successfully and not solely on passing a final exam.

- The credits earned in the program go towards your high school graduation requirements and may be used towards earning a technical certificate, an Associate’s degree, or transferred to a four year Bachelor’s degree program.
Dual Credit at High School

- The college and high school work together to align course curriculum at the high school to meet the learning objectives, content, and standards of a Triton College credited course.
- Courses are taught by high school faculty who are qualified to teach at both the high school and college level
- No tuition or fees!

Dual Credit at Triton

- Through the Des Plaines Valley Region EFE; the high schools agree to award credit for certain Triton courses
- Taught at Triton's campus or online; only Triton Faculty
- All courses are within a Program of Study, creating a pathway from high school completion to a degree or certificate at Triton or transfer
- Tuition, fees, and textbooks are charged; many high school districts will sponsor most if not all applicable fees
What are the benefits?

SAVE TIME
Students earn high school and college credit for the same course if completed with a "C" grade or higher!

SAVE MONEY
On average students save over $350 in college tuition per dual credit course.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT
Access the same support services as traditional Triton students including the library, computer labs, and tutoring.

DISCOVER YOUR PATH
A wide variety of courses available within in-demand career pathways such as Automotive, Engineering, Education, Culinary Arts, & More
Things to Consider.

- Dual Credit classes are typically more challenging and rigorous than most high school classes; often taught at a faster pace.
- You will need to meet all college prerequisites by term deadline for registration; not just high school requirements.
- All Dual Credit grades become part of your permanent college transcript which could affect your financial aide packages if unsuccessful in dual credit course.
- Held to the same expectations as traditional college students; Triton Campus Dual Credit Students follow college schedule for holidays and breaks.
- While lots of dual credit courses are transferable to other colleges, not all are. If you intend on transferring your college credit earned through dual credit, be sure to check the transfer policies and agreements of your prospective colleges.
The Registration Process.

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 by the high school.
*Triton Campus Courses: Set up an appointment with the Office of Dual Credit and bring Enrollment Verification Form.
Not interested in the high school credit? Want to take summer courses for early college credit at Triton?

**Dual Enrollment**

- College courses taken on the college campus or online by high school students while still enrolled in high school and give college credits
- Due to summer scheduling and less staff availability for co-support from high school and college, the college does not offer a summer schedule of dual credit courses
- No pre-existing agreement to award high school credits
- High school credit may still be awarded but left to the discretion of high school
- Slightly different registration process; student goes through Admissions Department
- Great option to get a jump start on general education and transfer courses at affordable local tuition rates
You Started here with Dual Credit, now time to Get There....

Interested in earning one of the 150+ Degrees and Certificates offered at Triton College?

- Transition to become a traditional college student by completing the Academic Program Change form.
- Follow up with the College Admissions Department for next steps and registration.

Transferring Credits to another College?

- Check with the receiving college for transfer policies and registration requirements.
- You will need to request your official Triton transcript to be sent to that institution and not just your high school transcript. Please refer to our Records Department website requests and information.
THANK YOU.

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