



Shawnee State
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Annual Information Session

for Public School Families & Students

2025-2026 School Year

CollegeCredit
PLUS



What is College Credit Plus?

College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual credit program

- The program is for Ohio residents in grades 7-12
- Students can earn high school and college credit at the same time.
- Students enroll in college courses and adhere to the requirements of the college
- Courses held at the high school, on a college campus, or online. Participate Fall, Spring, and/or Summer.





How Can Students Participate?

Step 1: Eligibility

A student is eligible for the College Credit Plus program if the student meets any of the following criteria:

- Obtains a remediation-free score on one of the standard assessment exams (ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer)
- Has a cumulative unweighted high school grade point average of at least 3.00

SSU's CCP Eligibility Requirements

Students grades 7-12 are eligible for SSU's CCP program if they meet any of the following criteria:

1. Obtain a remediation-free score on one of the state-approved placement exams: ACT, SAT or Accuplacer
2. Have a cumulative, unweighted High School grade point average of at least 3.0
 - Students without a current high school GPA at the time of applying (typically students in grades 7-9) can only be admitted to SSU's CCP program based on their placement test scores. We will not admit students based on a junior high GPA.

SSU's CCP Testing Requirements

- SSU prefers the ACT; however, if you have not taken the ACT, you may take the Accuplacer. **Accuplacer testing for CCP eligibility will begin January 2025.**
 - SSU will accept Accuplacer scores from other institutions; however, the scores must be sent to our Admissions Office from the institution in which you took the Accuplacer.
- Students currently in SSU's CCP program **DO NOT** have to retest each year unless they are trying to become eligible in an area in which they previously were not.



How Can Students Participate?

Step 2: College Admission

- Students must apply for CCP admission.
- Admission is reviewed per the requirements of the college or university; contact the college to find specific information
- College applications include the permission slip for mature content and a questionnaire about emotional maturity
- Colleges have the final decision on student admission

SSU's Application Process

Applications: <https://www.shawnee.edu/areas-study/college-credit-plus>

- **New CCP Student Application:** for students who have never taken College Credit Plus coursework through Shawnee State University.
- **Returner CCP Student Application:** for students who are currently a Shawnee State University College Credit Plus student and need to reapply for the 2025-2026 school year.

Application Deadlines:

- **Summer/Fall: April 1, 2025**
- **Spring: November 1, 2025** *Spring application will be available August 2025.*



How Can Students Participate?

Step 3: Course Registration

- The college will discuss course options with the student, based on assessment scores, prerequisites, and other requirements
- School counselors can help students understand graduation requirements and CCP course substitutions
- High schools and colleges develop 15 and 30 credit hour pathways to help you determine your plan

Course Eligibility Rules

Students must complete their first 15 credits in Level I courses, which include:

- Transferable courses.
- Courses in IT, Computer Science, Anatomy & Physiology, foreign language.
- Courses that are part of a technical certificate.
- Courses that are part of a 15- or 30-credit pathway.
- Courses in study skills, academic or career success.



Course Eligibility Rules

Non-allowable courses include:

- Private applied courses with one-on-one instruction (such as music lessons)
- Courses with high fees
- Study abroad courses
- Physical education courses
- Pass/Fail graded courses
- Remedial courses
- Religious courses

How Many Classes Can Students Take?

Students may be enrolled in up to 30 credits per year, which includes high school courses:

- Calculation: $30 - (\text{HS units} \times 3) = \text{max CCP credit hours}$
- The maximum number of college credits a student can complete while participating in the program is 120
- If a student enrolls in more than 30 credits for the year, they can:
 - Drop the course prior to the no-fault withdrawal date
 - Pay for the entire course at the college's standard rates (Option A)



Additional Considerations

Grades

- The final grades earned in the college course are the same grades that will be on the high school transcript
- CCP course grades will be factored into the high school and college GPAs

Grade Weighting

- High schools must weight all advanced standing courses in a subject area consistently (CCP, AP, IB, Honors)

Additional Considerations

Selective Service

- Male students who are at least 18 years of age and Ohio residents are required to be registered with the Selective Service System
- Students are required to provide their Selective Service number to the college or university within 30 days of their 18th birthday
- Failure submit the Selective Service number will result in the student not being considered a College Credit Plus participant for that semester or term
 - The student will be responsible for any tuition, textbooks, or fees associated with the course(s)

What are differences between high school & college?

	High School	College
Study Time	Required homework ranges between 1-3 hours per day	2-3 hours of studying/reading for each hour of class
Knowledge Acquisition	Information provided mostly in class, assignments to follow what was covered	Out-of-class work in advance of in-class discussion
Tests	Given weekly or at the end of each unit	Less frequent and cover more material



What are differences between high school & college?

	High School	College
Grades	Numerous quizzes, tests, homework assignments, etc.	Fewer tests and few homework assignments
Role of Parents/Guardians	Guardians advocate, involved and work with teachers & counselors	Student has the responsibility; guardians more of a mentor/support
Accommodations	Parents and students work with high school staff to determine what assistance or accommodations can be made for students with IEPs or 504 plans	Students must work directly with college staff to determine accommodations; IEPs and 504 plans may or may not be included in the discussions



What does it mean to be “college-ready” ?

Being “college-ready” is more than just being academically ready

- Consider emotional and social transition and college expectations
- Consider time management & organizational skills
- Regularly checking the course syllabus, due dates, email, and other student accounts is imperative

What are benefits of participating in College Credit Plus?

Students can:

- Earn high school and college credits at the same time
- Get a “head start” on college degrees or certificates utilizing CCP pathways
- Experience college early to understand the expectations of college life, making the transition from high school to college easier
- Save tuition and textbook costs!!



What are the consequences of underperforming?

- If students fails or withdraw after the no-fault deadline, the school district may require students/ families to repay the cost of tuition that the district had paid
 - *If a student is considered “economically disadvantaged,” a school may not seek reimbursement
- The grades that students earn will be on the students’ college transcripts permanently



Underperforming Student Rules

College Credit Plus Probation

- A student will be placed on CCP probation if he or she earns less than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in CCP courses or withdraws from 2 or more courses in one academic term.

Underperforming Student Rules

While on CCP Probation, the student:

- May only enroll in one College Credit Plus course for one college term (semester or quarter)
- May not enroll in a college course in the same subject in which student previously earned D, F, NC grade (or equivalent grade)
- If students on CCP probation do not increase their CCP GPA to a 2.0 or above during the probation term, they will be placed on CCP Dismissal

Underperforming Student Rules

CCP Dismissal

- If a student does not raise their grade during the probation term, they are dismissed from CCP
- While on CCP Dismissal, students may not enroll in any College Credit Plus courses
- A student can request (appeal) to be reinstated in the program

Underperforming Student Rules

Appeals for Underperformance

- **CCP Probation:**
 - A student may appeal to take a course in the same subject in which he or she previously earned a D, F, or received no credit.
- **CCP Dismissal:**
 - Within 5 days of being dismissed, the student may submit an appeal to the secondary school to appeal CCP Dismissal.
- *Each school must have a policy describing the process for appeals.*

Underperforming Student Rules

After HS Graduation

- **Grades earned in CCP will remain on students' college transcripts permanently**
- **If students fail or withdraw often, future financial aid may be also impacted negatively**
 - Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is a requirement for financial aid
 - Standards vary by institution

What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

- At public colleges or universities, there will be no cost to the students/families for tuition, required fees, and books
- At private colleges or universities, students may be charged a small cost per credit hour
- Some optional expenses are the responsibility of the student/ family
(Example: Parking and transportation)

What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

- Students must confirm with the college and the secondary school if the student will take advantage of College Credit Plus using state funds (Option B) or if the student will “self-pay” for the college courses at the standard rate of tuition, fees, and textbooks (Option A)
- Under Option A, students can choose to earn college credit and high school credit OR only college credit (students must inform the school of their choice of credit for courses)

What are the expenses for College Credit Plus?

- Students can choose Option B – all college course tuition, fees, and textbooks will be paid by the state of Ohio (supported by the school’s foundation funds and the college’s funds)
- Under Option B, students will earn college credit and high school credit
- Option B is the “default” or standard option for College Credit Plus

What support services are available for students?

- High school counselors continue to provide assistance to all College Credit Plus students
- College advisors provide course selection assistance
- Colleges must provide the same academic support to College Credit Plus students as they do other students
 - Tutoring, SSU Math Lab, SSU Writing Center, Library Access



What about athletic eligibility?

Student athletes should:

1. Confirm their school is an Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) member
2. Learn the OHSAA requirements
3. **Know that summer term CCP courses cannot be used to bring a student into compliance with the OHSAA requirements for interscholastic athletic participation**

Will course credits transfer?

- Certain general education and technical courses will transfer especially from one Ohio public college to another Ohio public college
- **Students** must check with colleges to confirm transferability
- Students should also visit <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov> for transfer information

What are the deadlines?

Intent to Participate

- April 1: complete and return the form to the school office

Check ACT and SAT testing dates

- Test early to meet college/university admission deadlines (if required)

Semester deadlines

- Apply early if you intend on taking Summer courses as Summer classes usually start in May
- Check with the college for all other semester deadlines

Do you have other questions?

Visit the CCP website for additional resources: <https://highered.ohio.gov/initiatives/accessacceleration/college-credit-plus/ccp>

Follow up with the ODHE CCP Team:
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For additional questions or to apply to CCP

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- SSU CCP Orientation—dates will be in April & May
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