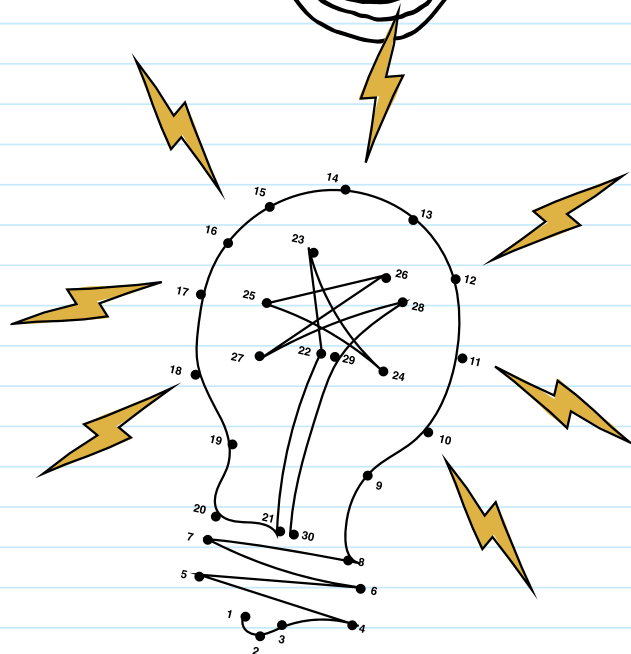


Early College at CCV

If you are a rising Vermont high school senior, you can apply to CCV's Early College (EC) program which allows you to spend your final year of high school at CCV earning college credits that help you graduate and get a jump on your college degree - tuition free (excluding course fees and textbook costs).

Students in this program enroll full time at any of CCV's 12 locations by taking 4 - 5 college level classes (at least 12 credits) during the fall and spring of their senior year of high school for a total of 8 - 10 classes (24 - 30 credits).



Apply to the Early College Program

1. If you have never attended CCV, apply for admission first (<https://apply.ccv.edu/highschool>). You do not need to complete this step if you are a current CCV dual enrollment student. Unsure? Contact Jennifer Barrett (jennifer.barrett@ccv.edu, 802-654-0557)
2. Complete Accuplacer assessments in Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills, Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra at your nearest CCV location. For more info, visit <http://ccv.edu/assessments>. Official SAT or ACT scores may be submitted for review instead. *(If you have already taken the Accuplacer at CCV, you will not be required to complete this step again but may choose to.)*
3. Send the following application materials to Jennifer Barrett (jennifer.barrett@ccv.edu, 802-654-0557) **by August 1, 2017**. Please send all of the documents below in one envelope. Do not open transcripts before sending.
 - the Early College Application Form <<http://ccv.edu/?p=5359>>
 - the Early College assurance form signed by your high school principal *(included with application form)*,
 - the Early College recommendation form completed by a teacher or your school counselor *(included with application form)*
 - an unopened official copy of all your high school transcripts, and
 - an essay using the following prompt: Entering the Early College program at CCV involves withdrawing from your high school and taking a full time schedule of college courses. In an essay of no more than two pages, explain how you know you are ready for this challenge and how you plan to be successful if accepted into the program. Please give specific examples.

Additional steps, including an interview, may be required. Soon after your completed application is received, you will be contacted regarding your status in the Early College program. If accepted, you will work with your school counselor and CCV to enroll in four to five fall semester courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much work should I expect in the Early College program?

The Early College program is a challenging experience. If admitted, you will enroll as a full time student in college level courses. You will be in class for approximately 12 - 15 hours per week. Additionally, you can expect to complete 30 - 40 hours of school work outside of the classroom (homework, studying, papers, readings, projects, etc.). You will be responsible for managing your own time and schedule. We encourage interested students to meet with a CCV academic advisor before applying to discuss this commitment.

Can I be a part-time Early College student or attend for just one semester?

No. All EC students must enroll full-time in 12 - 15 credits (4 - 5 classes) for both the fall and spring semester of their senior year of high school.

How much should I expect to pay for fees?

As an Early College student, you will be responsible for all applicable fees. This will include a \$75 administrative fee each semester, textbooks, as well as any course specific fees that range from \$0 - \$125 (most CCV courses do not have any course specific fees).

How much should I expect to pay for textbooks?

Textbook costs can vary a great deal depending on the courses you are taking. We recommend you budget \$500 - \$1000 per semester for textbooks.

Is additional financial support available for textbooks and fees?

Additional financial support may be available through a Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) grant. To be considered, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as a VSAC Grant application. Eligibility is based on financial need. For more information visit vsac.org.

Can EC students take pre-college level courses?

No. All EC students must be ready to enroll in full-time, college level coursework in English and math.

Can I participate in activities at my high school?

Yes. Although EC students take only CCV classes during their senior year, they are still permitted to participate in high school events including athletics, clubs, and graduation.

Can I enroll in one of CCV's degree programs?

Yes.

Can I transfer to another college after Early College?

Yes. We recommend you work closely with your high school counselor and intended transfer school to plan your EC coursework accordingly.

Is there an Orientation for Early College students?

Yes. All EC students will be expected to attend an orientation at their CCV Academic Center.

I'm a Vermont home school student. Am I eligible to apply? How is the application process different for me?

Yes, you are eligible. The process to apply is nearly identical. Instead of a high school principal, a parent or guardian must sign the Early College Assurance Form. Also, your reference letter must be completed by someone other than a parent, guardian, or other family member.

Does submitting my application early improve my chances of being accepted?

CCV does not have a limited number of spots available and will accept all students who meet our requirements. While applying early does not improve your chances, it does allow for more time to prepare and register for classes. We also advise that you request your high school transcript and have the assurance form and recommendation form filled out by school staff prior to the summer break.

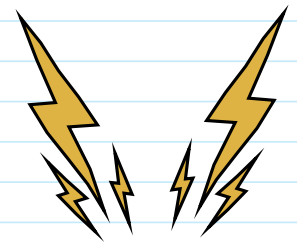
Additional Details

Early College Assurances Web Links

- Curriculum Standards: <http://catalog.ccv.edu>
- Faculty Standards: <http://ccv.edu/learn-about-ccv/employment>
- Student Standards: <http://ccv.edu/learn-about-ccv/policies-procedures/>

Questions?

Contact Jennifer Barrett (jennifer.barrett@ccv.edu)



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