

EARLY COLLEGE AT CCV

If you are a rising Vermont high school senior, CCV's Early College (EC) program allows you to spend your entire senior year at CCV earning college credits, finishing your high school diploma, and getting a jump on your college degree, tuition free! (Students are responsible for all textbook costs and applicable fees.) Students in this program must enroll full-time for both the fall and spring semesters.

APPLY TO THE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

Apply for admission (ccv.edu/applyEC) by May 1 for priority consideration, but no later than August 9, 2023. This step must be completed by all Early College applicants, including current Dual Enrollment, Intro to College & Careers, and Fast Forward students.

THE EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST ITEMS:

- the **Educator Recommendation** form, completed by your school counselor, teacher, CCV advisor, or CCV faculty who has worked with you academically and can speak to your abilities (parents/guardians/family members may not complete this form)
- the **Graduation Requirements** form, completed by your high school counselor, or your parent/guardian/program supervisor if you are a home study student
- the **Principal Assurance** form, requested by the individual completing the Graduation Requirements form and completed by your high school principal, or your parent/guardian/program supervisor if you are a home study student
- official copies of all high school **transcripts** (submitted to CCV directly by your school), and
- an **essay** uploaded to your Application Status page after application submission, 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 one to two pages, explain how you know you are ready for this challenge and how you plan to be successful if accepted into the program.

Complete the free [Accuplacer assessment](#) (or submit official score reports for SAT or ACT).

Additional steps, including an interview, may be required. We will contact you regarding your Early College status shortly after we receive your completed application. If accepted, you will work with your school counselor and a CCV advisor to enroll full-time for the fall semester.

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 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 for both the fall and spring semesters of their senior year of high school.

How many classes should I take each semester?

We recommend you take 5 classes (15-16 credits) each semester in order to get the most out of your Early College year. At a minimum, you must enroll in at least 12 credits (typically 4 classes).

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 \$100 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 - \$1,000 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 activities 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.

Should I apply by the May 1st Priority Deadline?

Yes! If you apply before this deadline, you have a better chance of being accepted. Also, it will be easier to gather your application materials before your high school closes for the summer. You can always change your mind later if you need to.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Early College Assurances Web Links

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

QUESTIONS?

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