

# 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](https://ccv.edu/applyEC)) by May 1 for priority consideration, but no later than August 6, 2025. We encourage interested students to apply early. You'll have a better chance of being accepted, and it will be easier to gather application materials before the school year ends. 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
- **Short Answer Responses:** After submitting your application, complete the required short answer questions on your Application Status page. Each question requires a brief response, and together, they help us understand your readiness for Early College.

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

Additional steps 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.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### Early College Assurances Web Links

- **Curriculum Standards:**  
[catalog.ccv.edu](https://catalog.ccv.edu)
- **Student Standards:**  
[ccv.edu/learn-about-ccv/policies-procedures](https://ccv.edu/learn-about-ccv/policies-procedures)

## QUESTIONS?

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**LEARN MORE BY VISITING:**  
**[GOTOCOLLEGEVT.ORG](https://gotocollegevt.org)**

# 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.

## **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 12 credits (typically 4 classes). EC students can also take online classes.

## **How much should I expect to pay for fees and textbooks?**

As an Early College student, you will be responsible for a \$100 administrative fee each semester, as well as any course-specific fees that range from \$0-\$125 (most CCV courses do not have any fees). We recommend you budget \$1,000 per semester for textbooks. CCV offers several funding options to help cover textbooks.

## **Can I apply for Financial Aid in Early College?**

Yes! You should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility for the Vermont State Grant (\$1,000) and the ACT 77 textbook stipend (\$150), which are offered through Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC). Visit [ccv.edu/finaid](https://ccv.edu/finaid) for information on how to apply.

## **Can I participate in activities at my high school?**

Yes. Although EC students take only CCV classes during their senior year, most high schools still allow students to participate in high school activities including athletics, clubs, and graduation.

## **Is there an orientation for Early College students?**

Yes. All EC students will be expected to attend an orientation at their CCV academic center or online.

## **I'm a Vermont home school student. Am I eligible to apply?**

Yes, you are eligible. You must have an approved Home Study plan filed with the Vermont Agency of Education. A parent or guardian must sign the Early College Assurance Form, and your reference must be completed by someone other than a parent, guardian, or family member.

## **How often should Early College students meet with an academic advisor and why is it important?**

Your academic advisor is your advocate and direct support line at CCV. A good advising relationship is critical to academic success, and you should meet with your advisor as often as needed, but at least once per semester.

## **Does CCV have tutors available?**

All CCV students have 24/7 access to CCV's online, on-demand tutoring with Tutor.com. In addition, CCV academic centers have Learning and Career Centers where students can receive tutoring and other support.

## **What if Early College students have an IEP or 504 plan in high school?**

CCV supports students with documented disabilities through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you have a documented disability, please speak with your advisor to discuss an accommodation plan.

## **Is it true that I can continue at CCV after Early College and earn a FREE associate degree?**

Yes! Students from the high school classes of 2024-26 who complete at least 20 successful credits (C- or above) in CCV's Early College Program are eligible for the Free Degree Promise, which pays tuition, fees and a \$500-\$1,000 per semester stipend. For details visit [ccv.edu/freedegree](https://ccv.edu/freedegree).

## **Can I transfer to other schools after completing Early College or my associate degree?**

Yes! Early College or Free Degree Promise students will work closely with their CCV advisor, school counselors (for Early College) and intended transfer school to plan coursework and a transfer pathway.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:**  
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