

Cumberland Valley High School
Early College Pathway Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Early College Pathway Program?

This program is designed to give students an opportunity to engage in college level courses while a student at Cumberland Valley. Course completion can lead to 13 – 20 college credits in a school year that would meet the core requirements in a General Studies Program at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), Shippensburg University and many other PA State Universities.

2. When is a student eligible for application for the Early College Pathway Program?

Students become eligible for admission at the end of their sophomore year of high school. Students must meet CV's Advanced College Placement requirement of a **90% cumulative GPA**, have **completed a minimum of 12 credits** and **shown proficiency/advanced on the Algebra I, Biology and Literature Keystone exams by the end of their 10th grade year**. Students must also be **accepted to HACC (application and placement assessment)**.

-Students should see their counselor for a HACC application and to have their name put on a prospective list of students.

-Students should request a traditional schedule of classes for their 11th grade. If accepted into the HACC program, then their schedule will be redesigned.

3. What is the cost per credit for the Early College Pathway Program?

College in the High School courses (CHS) are HACC courses taught by a Cumberland Valley teacher who is an approved adjunct professor for HACC. These courses are **\$50 per credit** plus the cost of textbooks/supplies.

Dual Credit courses are courses taught by HACC professors. HACC has agreed to provide access to these selected courses on the Cumberland Valley Campus. Dual credit courses are **\$100.00 per credit**, plus the cost of textbooks/supplies.

Advanced College Placement are courses taught on a college campus. Students would take college courses either part-time or full-time on a College Campus while remaining a student at Cumberland Valley. These courses vary based on the Dual Credit costs of each institution. (HACC courses on HACC's campus are \$100.00 per credit)

For students pursuing a four year degree at a Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education institution, taking advantage of these offerings could present a current savings of more than \$20,000 to families.

4. Can my student take additional courses and participate in extra-curricular activities at their high school while enrolled in this program?

Yes. Each student's schedule is unique, but this program has intentionally been structured to facilitate access by your student to both additional high school courses of interest and participation in extra-curricular activities.

5. When and where will the Early College Pathway Program courses be offered?

The courses will be offered during a 1st/2nd period block in the mornings at Cumberland Valley or during an 8th/9th period block at the end of the day. Advanced College Placement students would set their own schedule through the institution in which they attend.

6. Can the accrued credits transfer into other universities at the time of high school graduation?

Yes. Students/families should work with the individual universities or colleges to determine which credits will transfer.

7. How do I apply for the program?

- a. Students must apply to HACC **Complete the application, send along a copy of your HS transcripts to ????**
- b. Once accepted, students will be required to take the **Reading, Writing, and Math placement tests.** (480 or above on the Reading portion of the SAT will exempt you from the test.)
- c. Once accepted and courses are selected, student will receive a schedule and invoice from HACC.
- d. **** if a student is already accepted to HACC through a previous College in the High School course, they are not required to reapply but may still need to take the placement tests.***

8. What should I expect of the placement tests?

All placement test are online and will take the average student two (2) hours to complete the three placement tests required for the Early College Placement Program. If you are not proficient on the placement tests, you will not be able to participate in this program.

9. When and where will the placement test be given?

April 20, 2017 – 8:00 am @ Cumberland Valley or contact HACC There are multiple Placement Test sessions during the spring/summer on HACC campus.

10. How will these course grades be reported?

These courses would be recorded in the grading system of the Harrisburg Area Community College and Cumberland Valley's Transcripts.

College in High School Courses (CV teachers) – Course and the course grade will be a part of the student's GPA, Report Card and CV Transcript.

Dual Credit Courses/Advanced College Placement Courses (HACC professors) - While CV accepts the credits earned, the grade is not a part of the student's Cumberland Valley GPA or Class rank. When students apply to college, the student will send a CV and a HACC transcript.

11. How will these courses affect my GPA and Class Rank?

A student's GPA will be affected based on whether the course is Dual Credit or College in the Classroom. A student's GPA will be based on courses taught by CV teachers only.

12. How do I get the required books for the courses?

Students must purchase books through HACC either online or at their bookstore. This information will be shared when you receive your schedule from HACC.

13. Will I be required to take any other courses through CV?

Each course will count as one (1) CV credit and 3 HACC credits. A student would be required to meet CV's present graduation requirements.

*exception is for students not meeting English placement scores. They must take CV's English 11 or 12th grade course. They may retest to take English Composition 101 in the spring of that school year.

14. May I take other courses through HACC?

Yes. Students may wish to individualize their program and add another HACC course. In that case, the student is responsible for the cost of the extra course. The same is true if the student wishes to not take all three cohort courses

15. How will these courses look on my high school transcript?

When students are sending applications to colleges for acceptance, they must also send a high school transcript. As you begin the process, please request HACC sends the university a transcript. When applying to colleges, Cumberland Valley will send a transcript (which will include these courses) and HACC will send a transcript to the requested college/university.

16. What if I hope to get an Athletic Scholarship - are these courses approved by the NCAA clearinghouse?

Yes – all courses offered in year 1 have been approved by the NCAA Clearinghouse BUT if a student is interested in a receiving an Athletic Scholarship – they should consult with interested Higher Education Athletic Office, their coach and/or athletic director to be sure these courses will allow them to get full use of the scholarship opportunities.

17. How do I get more information regarding the Early College Pathway Program?

Contact your school counselor or principal. They can provide more information regarding the program along with next steps for application.

18. Who is the point of contact for HACC if I have questions about the program?

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