



Pathways 2 Success

Dual Credit Programs Supporting HB 5 Requirements



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High School Partnerships

Austin Community College is the Number 1 destination for area high school students and the Number 1 source of transfer students to the region's top universities.

ACC's High School Partnerships provide opportunities for high school students to earn college credit before graduation and make a successful transition into college.

ACC serves thirty school districts with more than 60 high schools, in addition to numerous charter schools and private schools. By combining support activities and educational preparation in the high schools, ACC helps students follow a clear path to their future.

Programs

Austin Community College's High School Partnerships are designed to reach widely across the ACC service area and to support all students in their college access and success. Partnership programs include:

- Early College High Schools and other Degree Seeking Pathways
- Dual Credit for Academic and Career and Technical Education Courses
- Articulated Credit (credit-in-escrow) for Certain Career and Technical Education Courses
- College Preparatory Courses (HB5) for High School Seniors
- College Connection for High School Seniors

Support Activities

Austin Community College's High School Partnerships provide activities that support the transition to college. Activities offered at the high schools include:

- Application assistance
- Advising information to prepare students for ACC advising
- Assessment preparation materials
- Financial Aid information sessions and FAFSA workshops
- Parent nights
- Advisor "Office Hours" at high school campuses
- Campus tours

Credit Programs for High School Students



Transferable College Credit Pathways

Dual Credit

ACC's Dual Credit program allows eligible high school juniors and seniors residing in the ACC service area to take up to two college courses per semester. To qualify for the program, students must have successfully completed their sophomore year in a public school, private school, charter school, or home school and passed the appropriate sections of the state approved college readiness assessment (TSI) test administered by ACC or submitted acceptable exemption scores on the ACT, PLAN, SAT, or PSAT test. Students can earn college credit by taking ACC classes at their high schools, at any ACC campus, or other ACC location. Distance Learning courses also are available. In addition to college credit, students may earn credit toward their high school graduation requirements by completing dual credit courses.

The Dual Credit program is administered by the ACC Dual Credit department. For more information, contact Mison Zuñiga at (512) 223-7060, mzuniga@austincc.edu.

Career and Technical Education

ACC's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program allows eligible 9-12th grade high school students residing in the ACC Community College District service area to take technical courses for college credit towards a stackable workforce certificate. Students can earn career and technical college credit by taking classes approved for transferable ACC credit at their high schools, at any ACC campus, or other ACC location. Distance Learning courses also are available. In addition to college credit, students may earn credit toward their high school graduation requirements by completing career and technical education courses.

The Career and Technical Education program is administered by the ACC Instructional Department. For more information, contact Mike Midgley at (512) 223-7579, midgley@austincc.edu.

Degree-Bearing Pathways

Early College High Schools

Early College High Schools are designated schools in the ACC service area that allow students to work towards earning their associate degree or up to 60 hours of college credit, beginning as early as the 9th grade. Students must meet the same TSI, SAT, or ACT scores as any traditional ACC student to enroll in courses and complete the college application process as well as an application process designated by their high school. Students take almost all of their college courses on ACC campuses, generally in cohorts, but alongside some traditional students. They meet regularly with ACC staff who help guide and manage their degree paths to maximize dual high school credit and transferable college credit earnings.

The Early College High School program is administered by the ACC Early College High School department. For more information, contact Dr. Melissa Biegert at (512) 223-7686, melissa.biegert@austincc.edu.

Degree-Bearing Pathways for Individual Students

(Replaces existing Pre-Junior Enrollment Admissions option, beginning in Fall 2015)

High school students who are not enrolled in a designated Early College High School may work towards earning their associate degree or up to 60 hours of college credit prior to graduating from high school by applying for admission under ACC's Degree-Bearing Pathway for Individual Students. Students must meet the same TSI, SAT, or ACT scores as any traditional ACC student to enroll in courses and complete a special college application process to ensure that they possess the maturity and have the parental support to succeed in college work prior to high school graduation. Students take all of their college courses on ACC campuses or through Distance Learning. They meet regularly with ACC staff who help guide and manage their degree path. It is the sole responsibility of the students to work out any issues pertaining to scheduling, application of dual credit, and reimbursement of costs for courses with their high school administration.

The Degree-Bearing Pathway for Individual Students is administered by the ACC Early College High School department. For more information, contact Dr. Melissa Biegert at (512) 223-7686, melissa.biegert@austincc.edu.

Support Services for Dual Credit Pathways

House Bill 5 College Preparatory Course Partnerships

With the introduction of House Bill 5, Austin Community College partners with school districts to assist in the development of and delivery of College Preparatory Courses for 12th year high school students. The College Preparatory Courses are designed to assist high school students with attaining College Readiness Status so they may enroll directly into college-credit courses when they transition to college. ACC's support includes professional development for faculty, course outcomes, TSI-Assessment preparation for students, and acceptance of successful completion of the College Preparatory Courses as a College Readiness measurement.

The House Bill 5 College Preparatory Course Partnerships are facilitated by the ACC College Connection Program office. For more information, contact Dr. Melissa Curtis at (512) 223-5158, melissa.curtis@austincc.edu.

College Connection Program

Now in its 11th year of implementation, the College Connection Program provides college access services to high school students, including admissions application assistance, TSI Assessment preparation assistance, pre-advising for students preparing to transition to ACC after high school, and Financial Aid information sessions and FAFSA completion workshops. The College Connection Program offers scholarships to entering students and provides mentors to students once they transition to ACC.

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House Bill 5

House Bill 5 (HB5) was enacted by the Texas Legislature during the 83rd session (2013). This bill made significant changes to the State's graduation requirements, moving from the current "4x4" graduation plans to a 22-credit Foundation High School Program. HB5 encourages students to earn endorsements in specific areas of study by completing four additional credits. The endorsements created are:

- Public Services
- Business & Industry
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math
- Arts & Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

These endorsements represent career pathways selected by students. Austin Community College's dual credit pathways function to link a student's endorsement selection to corresponding certificates and degrees offered at the college. ACC's High School Partnerships provide student services for high school students that support their dual credit participation and subsequent attainment of post-secondary certificates or degrees.

Degree Pathways

HB5 Endorsement: Business and Industry

Career Pathway	Industry Certifications in High Schools	ACC Certifications	ACC Associate Degree
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources			
Environmental Science	Office Proficiency & Assessment / OSHA	Erosion and Sediment Control	Environmental Science
			Land Surveying and Technology
		Geographic Information Systems	Geographic Information Systems
Horticulture	High School Floral / OSHA		
Ag Mechanics & Welding	National Center for Construction Education and Research Core / OSHA 10 hr.	Welding Technology Specializations	Welding Technology
Veterinary/Animal Science	Office Proficiency & Assessment / OSHA /Veterinary Assistant		Veterinary Technology
Architecture & Construction			
Architecture	Certified Solidworks Associate / Certified Solidworks Professional / LabView I / LabView II / Auto CAD Certified User / Autodesk Inventor Certified User / OSHA	Architectural and Engineering Computer Aided Design Specializations,	Architectural and Engineering CAD

Construction Technology	CPR w/AED & First Aid / National Center for Construction Education and Research Core / National Center for Construction Education and Research Carpentry / OSHA 10 hr. / OSHA 30 hr.	Building Construction Technology	Construction Management, Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications			
Commercial Photography	Adobe Certified Associate InDesign / Lightroom	Photographic Technology	Photography
Graphic Design & Illustration	Adobe Certified Associate Illustrator / Adobe Certified Associate InDesign / Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop/Lightroom/ Adobe Certified Associate Flash	Visual Communication Specializations	Visual Communication
Animation & Video Game Design	Adobe Certified Associate Flash		
Audio Video Production	Adobe Certified Associate Flash / Adobe Certified Expert / Media Composer User / Premier Professional		
Business Management & Administration			
Business Management	Adobe Photoshop/ Microsoft Office Specialist / Office Proficiency & Assessment	Administrative Management, Office Administration, Paralegal, Management Specialties Leadership, Small Business Management	Paralegal, Office Administration, Management, International Business

Finance			
Finance	Office Proficiency & Assessment / OSHA/ EverFi /Microsoft Office Specialist	Accounting Clerk	Accounting
Hospitality and Tourism			
Culinary Arts	American Association of Family Consumer Sciences - Pre-Professional Certification in Culinary Arts / Food Handlers	Culinary and Pastry Arts	Culinary Arts
Hospitality Service	American Hotel & Lodging / Food Handler / Office Proficiency & Assessment / Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission/Food Handlers	Hospitality, Meeting Planning, and Travel and Tourism	Hospitality Management
Information Technology			
Computer Maintenance	A+ / OSHA / Cisco Level 1 / STRATA / Test Out PC Pro	Computer Information Technology Specializations	Computer Information Technology
Computer Programming	Adobe Certified Associate Dreamweaver / Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop / Sun Certified Java Associate		
Web Development	Adobe Certified Associate Dreamweaver / Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop / Office Proficiency & Assessment/Sun Certified Java Associate/ Internet and Computing Core 3/ Flash		Visual Communication

Manufacturing			
Metal Manufacturing		Welding Technology Specializations	Welding, Electronics
Marketing			
		Fashion Marketing, Marketing	Marketing
Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics			
Automotive Technology	Automotive Service Excellence / OSHA	Automotive Technology and Outdoor Powered Equipment	Automotive Technology
Collision Repair & Refinishing	Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair/ OSHA	Auto Body Collision Repair and Refinishing	Auto Body Repair

HB 5 Endorsement: Public Service

Career Pathway	Industry Certifications in High Schools	ACC Certifications	ACC Associate Degree
Education and Training			
Education	American Association of Family Consumer Sciences - Pre-Professional Education Fundamentals & Pre-Professional Early Childhood Education/ CPR w/AED & First Aid / Office Proficiency & Assessment		Teacher Education
	CPR w/AED & First Aid	Fitness Specialist	Personal Fitness Trainer
Health Science			
Biomedical		Biotechnology	Biotechnology
Health Science	Certified Nurse Aide / CPR Health Care Provider / Emergency Medical Technician / OSHA / Phlebotomy / Pharmacy Technician	Emergency Medical Services Professions, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Medical Coding Specialist, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy Technician, Surgical Technology, Vocational Nursing	Dental Hygiene, Radiology, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Medical Lab Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Sonography, Surgical Technology
Human Services			
Mental Health	American Association of Family Consumer Sciences - Pre-Professional Family & Community Services / CPR w/AED & First Aid / OSHA	Human Services Specializations	Human Services
Child Care & Guidance		Child Care and Development	Child Care and Development

Cosmetology	Cosmetology Operators License		
Nutrition Science	American Association of Family Consumer Sciences - Pre-Professional Certification Nutrition, Food & Wellness		
Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security			
Law Enforcement	CPR w/AED & First Aid / OSHA / Texas Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security / Office Proficiency & Assessment / Microsoft Office Specialist	Texas Peace Officer Sequence	Criminal Justice
Law Enforcement - Emergency Communications	CPR w/AED & First Aid / Office Proficiency & Assessment / OSHA / Emergency Telecommunicator		
Firefighter	Emergency Medical Technician / Texas Commission on Fire Protection Basic Structural Firefighter	Firefighter	Fire Protection

HB 5 Endorsement: STEM

Career Pathway	Industry Certifications in High Schools	ACC Certifications	ACC Associate Degree
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics			
Computer Science - Project Lead the Way		Computer Information Technology Specializations	Computer Information Technology, Computer Science
Engineering - Project Lead the Way	Autodesk Inventor Certified User	Electronics and Advanced Technologies, Architectural and Engineering Computer Aided Design Specializations, Land Surveying Technology/Geomatics	Electronics and Advanced Technologies, Engineering
Engineering	Certified Solidworks Associate / Certified Solidworks Professional / LabView I / LabView II / Auto CAD Certified User / Autodesk Inventor Certified User / OSHA		Engineering
			Archaeology, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Pre-Med

HB5 Endorsement: Arts, Humanities, and Social/Behavioral Science

Career Pathway	Industry Certifications in High Schools	ACC Certifications	ACC Associate Degree
Arts			
Commercial Photography	Adobe Certified Associate InDesign / Lightroom		Photography
Graphic Design & Illustration	Adobe Certified Associate Illustrator / Adobe Certified Associate InDesign / Adobe Certified Associate Photoshop/Lightroom/ Adobe Certified Associate Flash	Core Curriculum Certificate	Art, Visual Communication, Photography
Animation & Video Game Design	Adobe Certified Associate Flash		Visual Communication
Audio Video Production	Adobe Certified Associate Flash / Adobe Certified Expert / Media Composer User / Premier Professional		Art, Visual Communication
Dance			Dance
Drama			Drama
Music			Music
Communications			
Business & Technical Communications		Core Curriculum Certificate	Business and Technical Communication
English			English
Journalism			Journalism
Creative Writing			Creative Writing
Speech			Speech
Radio-Television-Film			Radio, Television & Film

Interpreter		American Sign Language Interpreter Training	American Sign Language -- Interpreter Training
Languages			
Foreign Languages		Core Curriculum Certificate	Foreign Languages
Social Sciences			
Social Sciences		Core Curriculum Certificate	Psychology
			Social Work
			Sociology
			Economics
			Geography
			Government
			History
			Speech
Social Work			Social Work

HB5 Endorsement: Multidisciplinary

Select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement.

Career Pathway	Industry Certifications in High Schools	ACC Certifications	ACC Associate Degree
General	Various	Core Curriculum Certificate	Associate of Science -- General Studies
			Associate of Arts -- General Studies

Chronological Framework

8 th Grade	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Early College High School (and other Degree-Seeking Pathways) Information Sessions, Application Events, and Advising	Early College High School and Other Degree-Seeking Pathways	Early College High School and Other Degree-Seeking Pathways	Early College High School and Other Degree-Seeking Pathways	Early College High School and Other Degree-Seeking Pathways
Summer Program Youth Camps	Articulated Credit CTE Courses	Dual Credit Information Sessions, Application Events, and Advising	Dual Credit Information Sessions, Application Events, and Advising	Dual Credit Information Sessions, Application Events, and Advising
TSI Assessment Preparation	Summer Program Youth Camps	Articulated Credit CTE Courses	Dual Credit Classes at High School Campus or ACC Campus	Dual Credit Classes at High School Campus or ACC Campus
	ACC Advisor Office Hours at High School Campus	Parent Nights	Dual Credit CTE Courses*	Dual Credit CTE Courses*
	TSI Assessment Preparation	Campus Tours	Parent Nights	Parent Nights
		Summer Session Dual Credit Classes at High School or ACC	Campus Tours	Campus Tours

*Articulated credit offered for certain courses in place of dual credit.

8 th Grade	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
		Summer Program Youth Camps	Summer Session Dual Credit Classes at High School or ACC	Financial Aid Information Sessions for Families
		ACC Advisor Office Hours at High School Campus	Summer Program Youth Camps	Financial Aid Workshops for Families
		TSI Assessment Preparation	ACC Advisor Office Hours at High School Campus	ApplyTexas (Texas Common App) Application Assistance
			TSI Assessment Preparation	College Pre-Advising at High School Campus
			Summer Bridge Programs for College Readiness	Student Scholarship Applications
				ACC Advisor Office Hours at High School Campus
				TSI Assessment Preparation
				College Preparatory Courses at the High Schools
				Summer Bridge Programs for College Readiness

Dual Credit Faculty Approval Process



The approval process for a Dual Credit Faculty member who teaches a dual credit course is consistent with the standards used to hire a faculty member for the course taught on an ACC campus. Having the credentials to teach college courses is not an assurance of approval into the program. The department chair has the full authority to interview and to make the final decision regarding the approval and dismissal of faculty teaching courses for ACC in the high schools based on credentials, teaching experience, presentation, subject knowledge, and other instructional factors related to the subject matter. A high school teacher who is identified as a prospective Dual Credit Faculty member must be approved by the ACC Department chair in the teaching discipline and by the Office of Human Resources and must meet the same qualifications as ACC faculty.

Approval of High School Instructor as Dual Credit Faculty

The department chair will use the following procedures as part of the approval process:

- The Chair examines candidate's application packet.
- The Chair reviews and confirms that the candidate's academic credentials meet the standards delineated in ACC Administrative Rule 4.03.005 – Faculty Qualifications.
- The Chair will determine whether to schedule an interview for applicant.
- If the applicant is approved for an interview, the Chair may conduct the initial interview with the applicant or may delegate the evaluation, review, and interview to a departmental committee. When a committee is used, the applicant will be asked to meet with the committee for an interview and to demonstrate teaching proficiency. If this option is selected by the Chair, the committee will conclude its activities and submit their recommendation to the Department Chair in a timely fashion.
- The Chair submits the Adjunct Hiring Packet for applicants who receive approval to the Division Dean and to Human Resources for processing of the candidate.

Dual Credit Faculty Approval Process

1. Initial Review – ACC Office of School Relations: The Dual Credit Faculty applicant completes the online ACC Application and submits transcripts to HR. The School District of the applicant notifies the Dual Credit or Early College High School Director, as appropriate, that these documents have been submitted for initial review.

If the applicant does not have the minimum required credentials:

- The applicant will be notified that he/she does not meet the minimum requirement to teach at ACC.

If the applicant has the minimum required credentials:

- The School Relations Office will notify the Department Chair of applicant submission.
- The applicant will be notified that the application and transcript have been forwarded to the department for review.

2. Review – Department Chair and Committee: After the departmental review, the Department Chair will determine whether to schedule an interview.

If the applicant is interviewed and recommended:

- The applicant will be informed that he/she has been recommended and will be added to departmental Eligibility List.
- The Adjunct Hiring Packet will be sent to HR.

If the applicant is not recommended:

- Applicant will be informed that he/she did not receive recommendation from department chair or interview committee.

3. Review – Human Resources Department: After Adjunct Hiring Packet has been submitted to HR by the chair, HR will complete its review.

If cleared by HR:

- New Dual Credit Faculty will be assigned an ACC ID# and email account.
- Faculty member can begin teaching college dual credit courses.

If not cleared by HR:

- Applicant will be informed of the reason.

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