



Elgin
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New: Accelerate College Dual Credit Program

What is Accelerate College?

Accelerate College is a new full-time dual credit program being offered at Elgin Community College. Qualified high school seniors will be able to enroll at ECC full-time and earn high school and college credit simultaneously.

Program Advantages:

- ✓ Save money - tuition is paid by the school district.
- ✓ Students can get a head start on college and earn up to one year's worth of college credits.
- ✓ Build confidence and self-esteem.

Program Qualifications:

- ✓ Currently junior year of high school at the time of application.
- ✓ Minimum cumulative high school of 3.0 GPA (unweighted).
- ✓ Score college-ready based on ECC placement tests or ECC determined cut scores on ACT or SAT in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- ✓ Good attendance record.

Is Accelerate College a Good Option for You?

- ✓ Students and their families should decide if Accelerate College is a good fit.
- ✓ Students need the maturity and good time management skills to complete assignments and plan ahead for exams, projects, and papers.
- ✓ School districts pay tuition but families may be responsible for textbook and supply costs.
- ✓ Reliable transportation is also an important consideration. (Accelerate College students are not eligible for financial aid).

Points to Consider:

- ✓ If you are involved with extra-curricular high school activities, check to be sure they will coordinate with your college class schedule.
- ✓ ECC's academic calendar may be different from your high school calendar.
- ✓ The grades you earn will be part of a permanent college transcript.

How to Get Started:

- 1.) Speak with your high school counselor to determine if the program is available in your district and if the program is right for you.
- 2.) Complete a Dual Credit application form and the course selection checklist and turn it in to the counselor in your high school who coordinates dual credit enrollments.
- 3.) You will receive a letter from Elgin Community College acknowledging your application has been processed. Follow the directions in that letter to complete placement testing.

**Questions: Contact the Early College Credit Office at Elgin Community College:
(847) 214-7208**