



Dual Credit Courses

Questions | Answers

Dual credit courses are high school or college courses taken by high school students for which students are awarded both high school and college credit. Waukesha County Technical College is excited to work in partnership with area high schools to offer these opportunities.



Advanced Standing Credit

What is advanced standing credit?

Advanced standing recognizes the skills you attained in high school courses by allowing you to earn college credit for certain high school classes.

How does this opportunity benefit me?

When you successfully complete an advanced standing course with a grade of B or higher you will receive credit for that high school course upon enrollment at the technical college, and those credits will be applied toward your technical college degree. You will receive these technical college credits at no cost to you, making your post-secondary education more cost effective.

Will I complete a program more quickly?

It might be possible to do so. An even greater opportunity is that you will have time to take additional courses during your technical college career that will enrich your professional and personal life. If you choose not to take additional courses, you will have additional time in your schedule for study or work-related activities.

How will I know if I qualify?

Advanced standing credit is available to students in 11th and 12th grade, with the exception of students enrolled in high school Project Lead the Way courses.

When you satisfactorily complete a class that is covered by an advanced standing agreement between WCTC and your high school, WCTC reviews the recommendation of your high school teacher, and if you qualify, issues an Advanced Standing Certificate to you. When you later enroll in a WCTC program, just present the Advanced Standing Certificate to your WCTC advisor, and you will be awarded the credits you have earned at no cost to you or your school district.

Will I benefit if I don't attend WCTC?

The Advanced Standing Certificate helps to keep all of your options open. You may choose to attend another technical college within the Wisconsin Technical College System. Other colleges within the system will honor your Advanced Standing Certificate if they offer a course similar in content to the WCTC course for which the certificate was earned. Advanced standing credit may be applied

up to two years from the completion date of the high school course. Students seeking advanced standing credit beyond the two year period must initiate and follow the WCTC Credit for Prior Learning review process.

What if I decide to earn a four-year degree?

Technical colleges throughout the state are continuously developing transfer agreements with both private and public four-year institutions. These agreements allow technical college associate degree graduates to receive credits toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree at participating institutions.

How do I learn about opportunities at my school?

The best place is to start with your high school counselor. Your counselor has information about specific courses and about programs available through WCTC as well as other colleges within the system. Your counselor or faculty advisor can help you plan your education to take the best advantage of all opportunities.

Does your high school offer Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses?

Advanced standing credit is available to high school PLTW students in 9th through 12th grade. Achieve a B or better in your PLTW course to earn the following advanced standing credit:

Introduction to Engineering Design

- 2 out of 4 credits for Tech Drafting/CAD (10-606-115)*

Principles of Engineering

- 2 out of 4 credits for Tech Drafting/CAD (10-606-115)*

**Students earn 2 of 4 credits for their high school PLTW class. Upon enrolling at WCTC, students will pay for remaining two credits and must sit through entire Tech Drafting/CAD college class.*

PLTW Digital Electronics

- 2 out of 2 credits for Digital Electronics I (10-605-118)*

***Students will receive 2 WCTC credits toward one of the above courses, depending on the program they enter at WCTC, and will not have to take the course upon enrolling at WCTC.*



Transcripted Credit

What is transcripted credit?

Transcripted credit is a dual credit option that allows high school students to earn high school and college credit for certain college classes. Transcripted credit classes are WCTC courses taught by certified high school teachers at the high school.

Transcripted credit classes are a great opportunity for high school students to experience college level courses and possibly get a jump start on college.

How does this opportunity benefit me?

Transcripted credit classes provide high school students with the opportunity to take WCTC courses at their high school at no cost to the student or their school district.

Students who successfully complete a transcripted credit class earn both WCTC credit and high school credit.

We encourage students to plan carefully and consider the benefits and responsibilities of this commitment. The greatest value can be achieved if students select courses that relate directly to their college career aspirations.

Will I complete a program more quickly?

It might be possible to do so. An even greater opportunity is that you will have time to take additional courses during your technical college career that will enrich your professional and personal life. If you choose not to take additional courses, you will have additional time in your schedule for study or work-related activities.

How will I know if I qualify?

Transcripted credit courses are open to students in 9th through 12th grade (some grade level restrictions may apply).

Each student must complete a WCTC Transcripted Credit Student Enrollment form, supplied by their high school teacher, at the beginning of the class to earn the college credit(s).

Your high school teacher will submit your final grade to WCTC; which will be posted to your official college transcript. Students earning grades of A through C- on the WCTC grading scale will earn college credit.

Will I benefit if I don't attend WCTC?

The transcripted credit you earn helps to keep all of your options open. If you choose to attend another technical college within the Wisconsin Technical College System you may request an official WCTC transcript to present. Other colleges within the system will honor your transcripted credit if they offer the same course or a course similar to the WCTC course for which the transcripted credit was earned.

What if I decide to earn a four-year degree?

Technical colleges throughout the state are continuously developing transfer agreements with both private and public four-year institutions. These agreements allow technical college associate degree graduates to receive credits toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree at participating institutions.

How do I learn about opportunities at my school?

School districts select the transcripted credit courses they are able to offer so high school students should check with their high school counselor or look in their school's course offering guide for current transcripted credit course offerings.

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