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## Dual Enrollment

High school students in the Bristol Community College service area may enroll in one college course each semester at no cost. Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program (CDEP) courses are funded through a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Tuition and fees for other dual enrollment courses, including Career Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) free courses are being waived by Bristol Community College.

Students who wish to take additional courses will be charged tuition and fees. However, the college and others have provided funding for scholarships. Applications are available at high schools or at BCC.

*Students below the age of 16 at the time of registration must comply with the College Underage Policy. This applies to dual enrollment courses and any other BCC courses.*

Students are responsible for the cost of course texts, materials and lab fees.

High school students are eligible to participate in the program if they meet the following criteria, as established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Bristol Community College.

The students must:

- Be enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in a Massachusetts public secondary school or non-public school, including home school.
- Meet all course prerequisites per the policies of the participating campus.
- Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or demonstrate their potential for academic success through submission of evidence of steadily improving high school grades, high class rank, special talent, strong grades in the field of the CDEP course, strong recommendations, College Placement Testing results etc.

*Although not a requirement for participation, the institutions of higher education are required to focus efforts on enrolling qualified students with particular emphasis on first-generation college students and students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields.*

Students who meet eligibility guidelines are not guaranteed participation. Participation is at the discretion of the participating institution of higher education and subject to capacity constraints.

A student with a high school diploma is not eligible to participate. This includes students who graduate in the spring of a given year and wish to enroll in a CDEP course held in the summer or any subsequent term. Participating students may enroll in credit-bearing, college-level courses that are:

- Listed in the participating institution's course catalog.
- Taught by college faculty.
- Taking place on campus, online, or at a high school.
- No less than three college credits;
- Within a discipline that qualifies under the *MassTransfer* Block, part of the curriculum of approved associate degrees linked baccalaureate programs under *MassTransfer*; or in computer science, technology or engineering.

**Students are not eligible for free courses in the following areas:**

- Remedial/developmental courses (including ESL courses).
- Non-credit courses.
- Physical education, fitness, or recreation courses.
- Courses that award fewer than three credit hours.
- First-year orientation or similar courses.

***Students must maintain a BCC GPA of at least 3.0 to continue to participate in dual enrollment.***

**Please Note:**

Students who are interested in taking ineligible Dual Enrollment courses and/or who do not meet the required GPA are responsible for the tuition and fees charged for the courses. They may be eligible for partial scholarship funding. Applications are available at BCC and at area high school guidance offices.

High school students who do not have the required GPA to participate in the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Program but who have demonstrated exceptional ability in a certain subject or who have greatly improved their academic performance may be eligible to participate but must apply for a waiver.

To request a waiver, a student must submit a letter written by the student that demonstrates his or her potential for academic success and a recommendation from a high school official. Supporting materials may also be submitted and can include evidence of steadily improving high school grades, high class rank, special talent, strong grades in the field of study, strong recommendations, College Placement Testing results, etc. Approval by the BCC Office of Academic Affairs is required.

Some scholarship assistance is available for students who are taking additional dual enrollment courses, who are in need of developmental courses, or who do not meet the required GPA. Forms are available from high school guidance offices, CVTE offices, and at Bristol Community College.

**For More Information and Application Materials, Contact Your Guidance Office or BCC.**

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