

Dual Credit, what can it mean for your student?

One of the biggest challenges for students transitioning to college is knowing how to be a college student. PCC Dual Credit gives them an opportunity to learn how to do that in a safe environment. They learn how to get admitted to the college, how to register for classes, check their college email, use online resources or even go to a campus. They also learn that there are real deadlines that must be met and assignments must be completed right the first time.

As a parent or guardian, you get to support them through this learning experience. Help them master using the online tools and resources, meet deadlines, and take personal responsibility. These lessons are as important as content. Students usually drop out of college because the cultural change is too daunting, not because the work is that much harder.

What is FERPA?

Once anyone enrolls in college they are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The student's record belongs to the student regardless of age. As a parent you do not automatically have any rights to access student records. If your student would like to release permission for you to view records they will have to complete a consent form and submit it to PCC. Your student can find that form online at pcc.edu/resources/student-records/documents/consent.pdf

It is a violation of federal law for you to log onto any college account other than your own. Help your student learn to manage their college work independently!

For more information, check out our website at pcc.edu/dualcredit

Email us at dualcredit@pcc.edu

Call us at (971) 722-7737

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What is the purpose of PCC Dual Credit?

Portland Community College's Dual Credit Program:

- Gives high school students the opportunity to earn college credit in the familiar environment of their own high school setting.
- Helps develop college success behaviors such as registering for college, meeting deadlines, and locating resources.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at: pcc.edu/dualcredit.

Who can participate?

Any high school student can participate in PCC Dual Credit as long as they are enrolled in an approved PCC Dual Credit course at their high school.

How does my student find out about Dual Credit?

Your student should contact their teacher or counselor to see if their course is eligible for PCC Dual Credit. You can also check our website: pcc.edu/dualcredit

How does my student take PCC Dual Credit?

- First, your student needs to enroll as a Dual Credit student at PCC. They need to complete the free online PCC Admissions Application and select PCC High School Dual Credit as type of student. Your student's Dual Credit instructor has detailed directions on how to complete the application or they may access our website at: pcc.edu/dualcredit, under Resources for Students and Families.
- Second, your student needs to log into the MyPCC system and set up their password and self-help password recovery. That allows them to access everything for registering, checking grades and maintaining their student status. They can do that at: my.pcc.edu.
- Third, your student must register for the specific Dual Credit course taught by their instructor. The registration process is also noted on our website and in the Student Handbook.
- Your student has to complete the course curriculum as approved by the college. Grades earned in the college class may be different from those earned in the high school class.

Why should my student participate?

PCC Dual Credit provides an opportunity to experience college while in high school and helps your child learn what it takes to be successful, such as registering for classes, checking their grades, & accessing resources.

- PCC Dual Credit provides access to college resources such as the library, tutoring, and the learning center.
- The college credit your student earns may count toward a bachelor's degree, associate of applied science or a one-year certificate at public colleges and universities in Oregon. Transcripts are free.
- Your student can earn college credit for courses they are already taking for their high school diploma. This prevents students from having to take the same or very similar classes in college in the future.

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If you have a disability that requires academic adjustments and services, please contact Disability Services as soon as possible for information regarding eligibility and deadlines to receive services. Some accommodations require several weeks to put into place. Call 971-722-4341 or by Video Phone at 503-928-5875.