



Peninsula High School Dual Credit Options

Why earn Dual Credit?

- It saves you time and money! One course at community colleges and universities can cost between \$500-\$3,000, depending where you attend.
- It demonstrates rigor on your high school transcript. This is great as the college application process can be competitive!
- Studies have shown that students who earn college credit while they are in high school are more likely to finish a college degree once they graduate.

College Credit Options at *Peninsula High School:*

- College in the High School (*Central Washington University and University of Washington*)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Dual Credit Coursework
- Running Start Program

College in the High School

- Classes are *on campus* at Peninsula High School
- Courses offered through *Central Washington University* and *University of Washington* (students will have a *CWU/UW* transcript upon successful completion)
- Rigorous college level course content
- Please refer to course catalog for current offerings

Advanced Placement Courses

- Classes are *on campus* at Peninsula High School
- Students complete the year-long advanced level course. In May, the student can take the Advanced Placement Exam.
- Students earn a score of 1 to 5 on the AP Exam
- University credit is generally granted for test score of 3 and above. Each university has their own standard
- Fees for each exam is \$94 (College Board provides a fee reduction per exam for students with financial need)
- Please refer to course catalog for current AP course offerings

CTE Dual Credit

- Takes place on the high school campus
- Courses offered through local community colleges
- Students must earn a “B” or better in the course
- Students need to register online for dual credit
- There is no cost
- Course offerings at PHS: Marketing I-IV, Digital Photo 2, Skilled Trades, Architecture & Design 1-2, Computer Science, Graphic Design, Manufacturing Tech 1-2, and Teacher Academy

Running Start

- Take classes on the community college campus
- Attend TCC/OC full or part-time
- Receive credit for high school and college
- Take classes at any TCC campus (Main-Tacoma, Gig Harbor satellite, or online) or OC campus
- Enroll in college level courses (100 and above)
- College level tuition is **FREE** within the allowed credit load!
- Students pay for college textbooks (\$0-\$300 per class), transportation, and parking fees. ORCA bus card available for \$10 per quarter.
- Financial assistance may be available for students who meet the low income criteria.

Running Start Schedule

- Courses are available Fall, Winter and Spring quarters
- Each quarter lasts 10 weeks
- Full-time course load = 15 credits (usually 3 classes)
- Part-time course load: One TCC/OC class with four high school classes, *OR* Two TCC/OC classes with 2-3 high school classes
- Students balance their credit load, so they are in a schedule between the high school and college
- Students can begin the program any quarter; however, it can be difficult to start mid-year as colleges are on the *quarter* system and high schools are on *semesters*.

How to qualify for Running Start

- Be enrolled in a public high school
- Meet Junior/Senior credit requirement according to your high school (no min GPA to enter, but *must* maintain academic standard in college course)
- Qualify for college level English:
 - Accuplacer Testing at college level English
 - SBA Score of 3/4 for English and/or Math (Math also requires a B or better in Algebra 2 and only qualifies for ***Math 107/146***)
 - SAT Reading score of 470 qualifies for college level English and a 550 qualifies for ***Math 107 and 146***
 - ACT score of 19 for English
 - AP English Language and Composition score of 3 or higher

Accuplacer Test

- All TCC/OC student take the Accuplacer test
- The test cost is apx \$18 (waivers available for low income students)
- Students have *three* chances to test
- Drop-in testing at the TCC/Tacoma Campus, for dates and times call (253) 566-5158
- Or, by appointment at TCC/Gig Harbor campus, call (253) 460-2424 to schedule an appointment
- Accuplacer Prep Workshops available for free! Online prep is also available!

Accuplacer Schedule

ACCUPlacer TESTING AT GIG HARBOR CAMPUS

WHAT: ACCUPlacer TESTING AT GIG HARBOR CAMPUS

WHEN: February to June!!!!

February 18th - Tuesday, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

March 5th, Thursday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

March 17th, Tuesday, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

April 2nd, Thursday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

April 16th, Thursday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

April 27th, Monday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

May 14th, Thursday, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

May 25th, Thursday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

June 11th, Thursday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

February 25th, Tuesday, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

March 9th, Monday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

March 27th, Thursday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

April 9th, Thursday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

April 23rd, Thursday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

May 7th, Thursday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

May 21st, Thursday, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

June 4th, Thursday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

June 18th, Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

WHERE: GIG HARBOR CAMPUS, TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DETAILS:

- 1) STUDENT MUST HAVE APPLIED TO TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HAVE RECEIVED A TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ID NUMBER (CTC LINKID).
- 2) STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE: PHONE: 53.480.2424.
- 3) PAYMENT MUST BE EITHER CASH OR CHECK FOR \$18.00. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE THE DAY OF TESTING AT THE FRONT DESK. In addition, an e-mail reminder is sent to the student three days prior to the chosen test date. On this reminder is a link for on-line payment. Credit card payment is strongly encouraged.
- 4) DAY OF TESTING: STUDENT MUST CHECK IN AT THE FRONT DESK 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TEST TIME.
- 5) NO DROP IN'S. STUDENT MUST HAVE SCHEDULED THE TEST PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE.

For additional information, please call the Front Desk: 253.480.2424.

How does a student complete AA/AS degree at the same time as their high school diploma?

- Start at the beginning of your Junior year
- Must attend Running Start *full-time*
- Must be at college level Math
- Complete 90 credits of requirements

Steps to Participate in Running Start

- Complete the TCC Admissions Application: <https://www.tacomacc.edu/costs-admission/admission-process/> , or for OC Admissions Application: <https://www.olympic.edu/current-students/running-start>
- Complete online application. Please make sure to select Running Start when applying. Or, complete paper application. Workshops and admission deadlines are located in the links provided.
- You should receive an email or letter within a few days. For TCC, they will provide you with a student ID#. Once you have your ID #, you can take the Accuplacer

Steps to Participate in Running Start (cont'd)

- If you qualify, you will receive an enrollment packet to complete with your parent and high school counselor (please check with your HS counselor on when quarterly enrollment days are scheduled...drop-ins are not recommended)
- Return your completed enrollment packet to the Running Start office to schedule an orientation appointment
- Register for classes following orientation

Making the Right Decision for you!

- Are you ready for the independence of being on a college campus?
- Are you confident seeking out extra support and resources on your own?
- Parents will not have access to student attendance and grades through Running Start. You must be self-motivated and have good attendance!
- Social network is different to high school
- Which course offerings will suit your needs?
- Program cost and transportation
- Be in the know with your future educational goals! Which dual credit programs will your future college/tech/trade programs accept?

Questions about Running Start?

- For TCC Running Start:
 - General information (253) 566-6061, or email runstart@tacomacc.edu
 - Or, contact Christy Perotti (253) 566-5320, or email cperotti@tacomacc.edu
- For OC Running Start:
 - General information (360) 475-7646, or email RunningStart@olympic.edu

Questions about AP or College in the High School?

- Contact your High School Counselor for more information