

If you are a Junior next year considering Running Start or a Senior who was not in Running Start as a Junior, please do complete the Wilson Course registration process (Course selection sheet and enter your courses in HAC) **requesting 6 full classes**, and then in the early Spring complete the following steps to get enrolled in the Running Start Program. **Your courses at Wilson and TCC will be revised during step 3 below to the appropriate allocation as you need between Wilson and TCC.**

If you are a Senior next year already in Running Start, only request the courses you need at Wilson on the Course selection sheet and then enter only those courses in HAC.

Enrollment Process for Running Start:

The following enrollment steps are specific to Tacoma Community College – this is the college that almost of our Running Start Students from Wilson High School attend. If you are interested in Pierce or Highline Community Colleges, please refer to their Running Start Enrollment steps found on their web Pages.

For all student considering Running Start it is important to have a conversation with your counselor before you decide to do Running Start as there are many things to take into account when deciding if Running Start is the right choice for you. Things you should process with your counselor include: Junior or Senior level standing and grade performance, college readiness, future goals, financial obligations, and transportation capabilities. In general, what your performance is in High School is the performance that a student will see in College Courses. It is not the case that we see students struggling in High School, who then do well in Running Start. **Students who have habits that allow them to be successful in high school, do well in Running Start.** If you are inconsistent with you study habits and grades, please do not consider Running Start, stay at you high school and focus on consistent grades and study habits that produce solid results and show academic strength and stability, and then transfer to Running Start and enjoy the full benefit of good grades that are contributing to your college degrees!

Running Start Enrollment steps – Tacoma Community College

STEP 1: APPLY

Complete an online Application for Admission to Tacoma Community College. **Select “Running Start” for the Admit Type.**

STEP 2: QUALIFY

After you have received your TCC Student ID#, you must show that you qualify for Running Start.

The Accuplacer assessment is NO LONGER AVAILABLE or required for admission. there are a number of other ways you can qualify for the Running Start program:

- A grade of "B-" or better in your first semester of sophomore (10th grade) English
- A grade of "B-" or better in your first semester of junior (11th grade) English
- an ACT score of 19 or higher
- SAT scores with a Reading/Writing average of 460 or above
- 10th grade Smarter Balance Assessment scores (SBAC) of level 3 or 4
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Please email a copy of your score or transcript along with: your full name, and TCC Student ID# to runstart@tacomacc.edu .

Math placement is not a requirement for acceptance into the Running Start program. However, depending on which classes, or which degree you are interested in, a math placement will need to be on file. Testing is done [by taking the ALEKS Math Placement Assessment](#). We strongly encourage students to study for the test by utilizing the free resources found on [the Khan Academy website](#).

STEP 3: RUNNING START APPLICATION PACKET

Once you've emailed us your qualifications, then we will send you the Running Start Application Packet. Please follow the step-by-step directions on the packet carefully, and make sure to include all the requested materials.

The Application Packet will include a document that you must fill out with your High School Counselor – it is called the Quarterly Enrollment Verification Form. Filling out this form with your counselor will define what your High School and college class loads will be. It can range for few classes at the College and most classes at the High School, to, no classes at the High School and all classes at the College. As you fill out the QRVF your counselor will revise your requested courses at the high school to meet the needs and expectations of your course choices at the Community College.

When you have completed all the Running Start Enrollment Packet forms returning the completed and signed paperwork to the Running Start office at runstart@tacomacc.edu

STEP 4: ORIENTATION

When we've received all of your documents from the Application Packet, we will then schedule you for a Running Start New Student Orientation session.

STEP 5: REGISTER FOR CLASSES

After completing the orientation, you will then be eligible to register for classes.

If after having thoroughly read the preceding information you have further questions about Running Start, please feel free to contact your counselor.