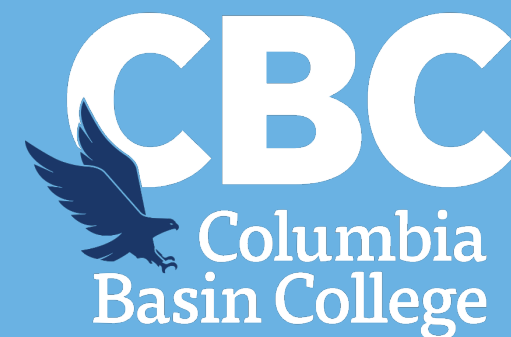


Running Start Information Session

Thank you for joining us!



What is Running Start?

- Running start is a program that allows academically eligible high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit while fulfilling high school graduation requirements
- Students may enroll in both high school and college classes or solely in college classes

Why Running Start?

- Earn their AA -DTA (Associate in Arts & Sciences Transfer Degree)
- Study a variety of subjects not offered in high school
- Participate in advanced level courses
- Transition into a more independent learning environment
- Provides affordable education
- Get a head start for future career and educational opportunities

How does Running Start work?

- Classes are offered Monday through Thursday with no classes on Friday
- One 5 credit class at CBC = a year long 1 credit class at the high school
- A full time course load at CBC is 3 classes or 15 credits
- Students are advised by high school counselor and CBC Completion Coaches
- Transcripts are sent to participating high schools at the end of each quarter

What does it cost?

- Tuition of college -level courses is covered
 - Your student may not place at a college -level in all subject areas
- Students are responsible to pay their quarterly fees and purchase their textbooks and supplies
- Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch at their high school
 - Book assistance available by application

Cost comparison:

One full time quarter at CBC living away from parents		One full time quarter at CBC through Running Start living at home	
Tuition	\$1,400	Tuition	\$0
Fees	\$350 - \$450	Fees	\$350 - \$450 *
Books & supplies	\$300	Books & supplies	\$300 **
Room & board	\$3,390	Room & board	\$0
Total	\$5,540	Total	\$750

*Fee waiver available for eligible students

**Book Assistance program available for eligible students by application

Why choose CBC?

- CBC has been serving Running Start students since 1996
- We offer morning, afternoon, evening and online classes
- 100+ academic programs including professional technical, workforce preparation and transfer degrees
- Associate in Arts & Sciences Transfer Degree (AA -DTA)
 - Attainable in two years as a full time Running Start student
 - Transfers to most Washington State schools and many Oregon and Idaho schools

Important considerations:

- Students need to adjust to a more fast-paced and independent style of learning
 - Students will be viewed as college students and will be held to CBC's standards and expectations
- Nothing is automatic
 - Running Start students are considered responsible adults
 - Ability to communicate well will be critical
- Enrollment into specific courses is not guaranteed even if they are required for high school graduation
- Grades earned will be on an official college transcript

Important considerations:

- Students are responsible for their own transportation
- CBC operates on a quarter system, so some high school holidays, vacation periods and weather closures will differ
- Students are considered responsible adults and are allowed to determine who can receive information about their educational records
 - Students can provide access through the submission of a Release of Information form

Resources available:

- Academic Success Center
- Counseling and Advising - Guided Pathways
- Career Center
- Disability Support Services
- Food Pantry

Student qualifications:

- Students must place college -level in reading, English or math to qualify
- Students can qualify through:
 - CBC's online Directed Self-Placement
 - Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) scores
 - Official college transcript
 - Official AP scores
 - SAT or ACT scores (math placement only)
 - Unofficial high school transcript (math placement only)
- Although college -level placement is only required in one subject area, students will need placement information for all subjects they plan to study

Getting started Today!

1. Qualify for the program
 - If student qualifies, an application will be emailed
2. Complete and submit application via email
3. Acceptance letter will be emailed in **early April** with next steps included
 - Some steps will not be available until May 2022

*For a complete getting started checklist or to get started today, visit:
columbiabasin.edu/rschecklist

Students are encouraged to qualify and apply before or by **early May 2022**.

Getting Started Checklist



1. Qualify

Are you interested in joining the Running Start program? Qualifying is the first step! Take our online Directed Self-Placement (DSP) to see if you place into college level English, reading or math.

[Take the Reading & English DSP](#)

[Take the Math DSP](#)

We want to make sure you're at college level in at least one subject area before entering the program. The easiest way to do this is to complete our online Directed Self-Placement (DSP). You can do this anytime and anywhere you have an internet connection.

We'll be following up with you via email three to five business days after you complete the DSP. Please provide a valid email address that you check regularly. If you qualify for the Running Start program, we'll email you an application.

[Other options to qualify](#)



COVID -19 Policy at CBC

- OO- block Online Only
 - Meet with Completion Coach - not able to take courses face to face or come on campus
- AF-block
 - Student will not be able to register until the vaccination attestation is done

Policy can change from now to fall 2022, for updated information visit our [Vaccination Attestation](#) webpage on the CBC website

Interested in Running Start?

- Connect with us online at:
columbiabasin.edu/runningstart
- Email us at:
runningstart@columbiabasin.edu
- Call us at 509.542.4481

Apply Today!

