

Running Start





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



Running Start students can:

- 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
- Prepare for future career and educational opportunities

How Running Start works:



- Tuition of college-level courses is covered
- 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

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	\$1,621	Tuition	\$0
Fees	\$308	Fees	\$308 *
Books & supplies	\$300	Books & supplies	\$300 *
Room & board	\$3,390	Room & board	\$0
Total	\$5,619	Total	\$608

*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
 - Ability to communicate well will be critical
- 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
- Academic, career and personal counseling
- Resource Center
 - Disability services
- Free bus pass
- Fitness Center
- Food Pantry
- Student activities and various clubs



Next Steps





Student qualifications:

- Students must place into college-level reading AND either college-level math or college-level English to qualify
- Students can qualify through:
 - CBC's placement test
 - SBAC scores
 - Official college transcript
 - Official AP scores
 - Unofficial SAT/ACT scores (math only)
 - Unofficial high school transcripts (math only)

Getting started:



- Place into the program
 - Bring in scores and/or
 - Take the placement test (walk-in or appointment)
 - Testing recommended by early May
- Complete and submit application
- Receive your acceptance letter in the mail (late April)
- Attend a New Student Information Session where you will receive your next steps

Interested in Running Start?

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