

Dual Credit at Plattsmouth High School

What is Dual Credit?

The concept of Dual Credit is when a student can take a class at the high school level for credit yet also receive credit for college. It is usually offered when a teacher is accredited through a particular college. There are times when a college professor may be accredited to teach high school but this is rare. Types of Dual Credit can be found in the last three pages of the curriculum guide.

PHS offers a variety of classes that a student can take for Dual Credit:

AP American Government – 3 credits - UNO Dual Credit
AP Biology - 10 credits - UNO Dual Credit
AP Computer Programming – 3 credit - UNO Dual Credit
AP Computer Science Principles – 3 credits – UNO Dual Credit
Certified Nursing Assistant – 6.0 quarter credits – SECC
Cyber Security – 3 credit - UNO Dual Credit
English Composition – 3 credits – SECC
Introduction to Education– 3 credits - UNO Dual Credit
Introduction to Literature – 3 quarter - SECC
Medical Terminology I– 1.5 credit – SECC
Medical Terminology II– 3 credit – SECC
Sports Officiating – 3 credit - UNO

The following institutions are used for Dual Credit and for college credit:

Metropolitan Community College – students can take classes on campus and online as well as enroll in the Career Academies for college credit- Dual Credit depends on if the instructor has a Nebraska teaching certificate.

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture - students can take online classes

Southeast Community College – Dual Credit (teacher certified at PHS) or online classes. Students can also take classes at the SCC Learning Center.

University of Nebraska at Lincoln - Advanced Scholars – **college credit only**

University of Nebraska at Omaha – Dual Credit (teacher certified at PHS) or online classes.

Why take Dual Credit?

Families (the student) can save time and save money. Many college degrees now extend a student's tenure at the college beyond the traditional 4 years that most people assume is required to attain a degree. The student who wishes to decrease time while in college can do so by taking Dual Credit classes in high school. The same can be said for saving money. College tuition is rising each year and has done so in dramatic fashion. Dual credit classes are often much cheaper than what a student will pay when they attend the college of their choice.

How does it work?

Students complete an application and pay reduced tuition when they are billed. If students face a financial dilemma, there is a scholarship offered through the state of Nebraska called the ACE Scholarship. Students can request more information for the ACE Scholarship at <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/ACE>

Things to consider

EVERY college / university is different. Students must consider this when applying. Students should contact the college / university of their choice to see if the credits will transfer in. Departments in colleges are different as well. Students should check with their respective college major's department to see if credits will transfer in. Students should keep their syllabus for transfer related issues just in case.

Transcripts are requested by the student from the specific college where he / she took the dual credit class. The counselor is unable to do so due to FERPA laws.