

## Quick guide to opportunities in Adams 12 Five Star Schools to earn free/low cost college credit and career certifications

Program Name	What is it?	Benefits/Things to Know/Things to Consider
<b><u>Concurrent Enrollment (CE)</u></b> (9th-12th grade)	Earn HS credit toward graduation AND college credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students take college courses at their high school, college campus or FutureForward Campus</li> <li>• No state test required to earn credit</li> <li>• Must complete the class with a C or better to earn college credit</li> </ul>
<b><u>FutureForward Courses</u></b> (9th-12th grade)	Many CTE courses are also CE courses that earn HS credit toward graduation AND college credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may be eligible to earn an Industry Certification in addition to college credit</li> </ul>
<b><u>Dual Enrollment</u></b> (9th-12th grade)	Earn HS credit toward graduation AND college credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students take college courses at their high school or FutureForward Campus</li> <li>• Families pay reduced tuition</li> </ul>
<b><u>Advanced Placement Courses</u></b> (9th-12th grade)	Earn HS credit toward graduation AND college credit through a nationally recognized program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential to boost G.P.A. (weighted coursework)</li> <li>• Potential to test out of college courses</li> <li>• Many colleges and universities grant credit and placement for qualifying AP scores</li> </ul>
<b><u>Five Star College Now</u></b> (11th-12th grade)	Take a free college class taught by a college instructor in a real time, remote format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses are Guaranteed Transfer</li> <li>• Courses are introductory college level</li> <li>• Classes meet after school</li> </ul>
<b><u>P-TEACH - Pathways to Teaching</u></b> (9th-12th)	Earn free college credit while working toward becoming a teacher.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid apprenticeship opportunities</li> <li>• Classes will be taken through CU Denver and may transfer to other institutions</li> </ul>
<b><u>ASCENT</u></b> (post HS - 5th year)	Free college tuition and/or books and fees in Colorado for one year at all Community Colleges and some universities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully complete at least 9 credits of college coursework before graduation</li> <li>• Have a 2.0 G.P.A.</li> <li>• On time four year graduate</li> <li>• Limited slots available</li> </ul>
<b><u>TREP: Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation</u></b> (post HS - 5th & 6th year)	Free college in Colorado for two years for those who want to become teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must complete one course during 12th grade within the educator pathway list of classes</li> <li>• Have a 2.0 G.P.A.</li> <li>• On time four year graduate</li> </ul>
<b><u>Path4ward</u></b> (post HS - 3 or 3.5 year early graduates)	Educational stipend to use after high school for 3 or 3.5 year early graduates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must have been Free and Reduced Lunch qualified at any point between grades eight through twelve OR be Pell-grant eligible</li> </ul>

<b>Path4ward</b> (continued)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must enroll in a program that begins within eighteen months of their graduation date</li> </ul>
<b>Care Forward</b>	Students who enroll in a healthcare certificate program will have tuition, fees and course materials covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible healthcare programs can be found on community college websites</li> <li>• Costs covered while funding is available</li> </ul>

[List of CE, DE and Industry Certifications at every Adams 12 Five Star school](#)

**Definitions**

**Concurrent Enrollment (CE)**

- A college course offered at no tuition cost to students or families
- Credit toward high school graduation and college credit can be earned at the same time
- College credit applies to a postsecondary CTE program or a degree
- Fees and textbooks may be the expense of the family/student depending on where the course is taken
- A Course might be at a student’s high school and taught by the high school instructor or a class might be offered at a community college and taught by a community college instructor depending on program options

**Dual Enrollment (DE)**

- Courses offered through university extended studies departments (e.g. CU Succeed and CU Boulder High School ACCESS program)
- Students are charged tuition in order to be registered in the college course

**Guaranteed Transfer (GT Courses)**

- Guaranteed transfer credits will always transfer and apply to GT Pathways requirements in AA, AS, and most bachelor’s degree programs at every public CO college and university

**Industry Certifications**

- Credentials recognized by business and industry at the local, state or national level earned through an assessment, an examination or a license that is administered and recognized by an industry third-party or governing board.
- Allow students to demonstrate mastery of knowledge and/or skills.
- Can increase job prospects, marketability to employers and employability, as well as options for postsecondary education.

Questions? Email [CareerandCollegeReady@adams12.org](mailto:CareerandCollegeReady@adams12.org) or talk to your high school counselor.