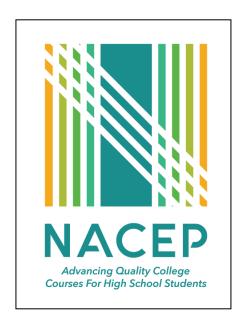


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Concurrent Enrollment High School Partners Handbook 2024-2025



Welcome!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Alexandria Technical & Community College (ATCC) as a part of our Concurrent Enrollment Program. You will be contributing to an institution with a long history of innovation and excellence within a student-centered learning environment, which is dedicated to providing an accessible, affordable, and supportive setting for all students.

It is our hope that your association with the Alexandria Technical & Community College staff, faculty, and students will be a valuable experience. We also encourage you to take part in the numerous opportunities for professional development at the college.

This handbook will provide you with an introduction to ATCC's Concurrent Enrollment Program, information about roles and responsibilities of High School Instructors and pertinent policies, procedures and practices of our Concurrent Enrollment Program. Many of these policies, procedures, and practices are mandated by the Minnesota Legislature, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and Alexandria Technical and Community College.

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Our Mission

Alexandria Technical and Community College's Concurrent Enrollment (CE) program provides high school students the opportunity to earn college credit with rigorous academic courses taught by highly qualified high school instructors in a familiar high school environment. The CE program serves to enhance the partnerships of area high school students with the college and be a model for a quality foundation of academic excellence.

Accreditation

Alexandria Technical & Community College has been a member of the <u>National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships</u> (NACEP) since 2012. NACEP works to ensure that college courses offered in high schools are as rigorous as courses offered on the sponsoring college campus. As the sole accrediting body for concurrent enrollment partnerships, NACEP helps these programs adhere to the highest standards so students experience a seamless transition to college and instructors benefit from meaningful, ongoing professional development.



Concurrent enrollment provides high school students the opportunity to take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school instructors. It is a low-cost, scalable model for bringing college courses to students in their high schools. Students gain exposure to the academic challenges of college while in their high school environment, earning transcripted college credit. Concurrent enrollment also facilitates close collaboration between high school instructors and college faculty liaisons that fosters alignment of secondary and postsecondary curriculum. Sometimes called "dual credit," "dual enrollment," or "college in the high school," concurrent enrollment partnerships differ from other models of dual enrollment because high school instructors instruct the college courses.

NACEP plays a large role in our concurrent enrollment program. We need to be compliant with the program standards with adequate and substantial data to show program growth and improvement. A school that has earned NACEP accreditation has demonstrated compliance with standards related to instructors, curriculum, student services, student assessment, and program evaluation. Having met these standards, colleges and universities can guarantee that the courses taught at partner high schools are of the same quality as courses taught on campus.

Alexandria Technical & Community College received NACEP accreditation in April 2018 and will be due for reaccreditation in 2026.

Program Benefits

Concurrent Enrollment Students

- Earn dual college and high school credit for CEP courses take at the high school.
- Receive ATCC credit for free, potentially saving thousands in college costs.
- Develop college-level learning skills.
- Take rigorous courses and explore content at a deeper level.
- Receive ATCC credit immediately after successfully completing the course. Unlike AP, there is no need to test out of the course.
- Get a jump start on post-secondary studies allowing for greater flexibility in college.
- Access services offered to ATCC students, such as college email, learning resources, and campus facilities.

Concurrent Enrollment High School Instructors

- Teach rigorous college courses to high-ability high school students.
- Network with colleagues in their discipline throughout the region.
- Develop relationships with ATCC faculty liaisons in their discipline.
- Receive valuable professional development opportunities.

Concurrent Enrollment High Schools

- Keep top-performing students who remain with their peers and act as class leaders.
- Retain MDE per-pupil funding.
- Gain reputation as an educational leader in the community.

Getting Started

High School Partner Instructor Credentialing

All instructors teaching an ATCC Concurrent Enrollment course are approved through an application process similar to what our on-campus faculty go through. Instructors in the program must meet the Higher Learning Commission's requirement of having the same minimum credentialing requirements of ATCC's on campus instructors by September 2025. Any partner instructors that are provisionally approved will not be allowed to teach past that point if they have not met the credentialing requirement.

Specifics on the credentialing requirement for each field

Any substitute teacher that will be in place for longer than 3 weeks must be approved by ATCC and meet the minimum credentialing requirements. Student teachers are not allowed to teach content in ATCC Concurrent Enrollment courses.

Application Process

- 1. Interested high school counselor or high school administrator reaches out to ATCC Director of K-12 Initiatives to express interest in getting high school instructor credentials reviewed.
- 2. Director of K-12 Initiatives provides <u>Concurrent Enrollment Instructor application</u> to High School Instructor/administrator.
- 3. High School Instructor completes the Concurrent Enrollment Instructor application and attaches copies of all transcripts and a resume (if needed) to the Director of K-12 Initiatives. Upon receipt, the application will be reviewed by Dean of Educational Services. Once a decision is reached, the Director of K-12 Initiatives will notify the instructor and administration of the approval and provide next steps of instructor afflication process to ATCC.

Training and Orientation

Once approved to teach, the high school partner instructor will be given access to an ATCC Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course that contains a mandatory online orientation and the information and forms they need to be successful. To access this course, the high school partner instructor will first need to activate their StarID (see next page).

A high school partner instructor will be paired with an ATCC faculty member, in their discipline, who will be their liaison. The faculty liaison will be great resource and support for the instructor throughout the semester/year. All high school instructors are required to participate in orientation prior to the start of the school year. The high school partner instructor and their liaison will make arrangements to meet one-on-one for discipline specific training. Prior to this training, instructors are asked to complete the online orientation found in the Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course. At the end of the orientation, they will be asked to complete a short quiz to verify completion.

StarID

StarID is your universal Minnesota State user ID. It is used to access MyATCC, college email, and Brightspace.

If you have never activated your StarID, you have forgotten your password, or your password has expired:

- At the ATCC website (alextech.edu) click on MyATCC found on the right side of the screen
- Click on StarID Self Serve
- At the StarID Self Serve site, click on Activate my StarID or Reset my Password
- Select "I know my State employee number (8 digits)"

- Enter your State Employee number (ATCC Tech ID). If you don't know your number, please contact the PSEO Department at either 320-762-4545 or pseo@alextech.edu
- o Under College/University, select Alexandria Technical and Community College
- o Enter your Social Security Number
- Create a password
 - Must be changed at least every 180 days
 - Must be between 8 and 128 characters long
 - Use an uppercase, lowercase, number, and special character (examples include: !@#\$%&*)
 - Password may not have been used before
 - Password may not contain your first name or last name

Brightspace

From the ATCC main page <u>alextech.edu</u> choose MyATCC and look below for the Brightspace icon. Login with your StarID and password. The Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course is always available under the tab "All" or "No Semester".

Your college course(s) that you are teaching will appear in Brightspace at least 3 weeks before the start of the term. The college will need to receive the course information from your high school (course name, days, times, etc.) and the initial class lists.

Just a reminder that students often change their high school schedules and could still be added to the class the first five days of the term. Once they are registered, it will take a few minutes before their names will appear on your class list in Brightspace.

Brightspace contact information: April Adickes – aprila@alextech.edu or 320-762-4424

New High School Instructor Checklist

This checklist provides a list of items new instructors are required to complete before their course begins. Please find the **New High School Instructor Checklist** in the Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course.

Important Policies

While you are teaching the concurrent enrollment courses, all high school policies and expectations are in place for the students in your class. In addition, all ATCC academic policies are in place.

Because these courses allow students to earn college credit, and because of NACEP accreditation standards, there are specific guidelines and policy requirements that you need to remember when teaching these courses. Please take time to review the following policies, as they may be different than the policies and expectations in place with the high school. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your faculty liaison or the Director of K-12 Initiatives.

Student Enrollment

Students who take your course must meet ATCC admissions requirements. We will work with your Guidance Office to obtain required admissions documentation. Should a student not meet enrollment criteria, the high school will be notified in time to find an alternative course.

Please Note: If you have a mixed class with a combination of students earning college credit and students earning high school credit only, the students earning high school credit only need to complete and return a High School Credit Only & Brightspace Access Request Form which can be found in the Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course. High school credit only students will not appear in Brightspace without completion of the form.

Classroom Attendance

We ask that you adhere to your high school's attendance policy when conducting your course. It is not uncommon, on the college level, to not accept late work because of an absence. If you choose to not accept late work, or will accept it but points will be deducted, please note your policy in the syllabus.

Textbooks

Since the high school provides books for the students to use and return at the end of the term, your textbooks may need to be updated. If your course needs more current textbooks, speak to your faculty liaison for book information.

Grading

ATCC recognizes that you are the final authority in evaluating student performance in your courses and assigning grades within ATCC grading policies. You are responsible for providing students with a clear statement of course grading guidelines and procedures and to fairly and consistently apply such guidelines and procedures when grading student work. In addition, a student has a right to receive an explanation from you of any grade received.

High school instructors are required to have the same grading criteria as their faculty liaison's course that is taught at ATCC. While the grading scale can be different, i.e., the high school instructor may use a +/- scale, while the liaison uses a straight percentage (90%, 80%, etc.) scale, how the grade is achieved and weighted should be identical. The campus and CEP courses should use the same assessment strategies. For example, if an on-campus course final grade is based on a midterm extended essay, three short papers, and a final exam, then the CEP course should be similarly determined (not by eight tests and two final exams, all multiple choice).

It is not uncommon for a high school course to require an extra project or assignment as part of their curriculum. Therefore, we require that the ATCC faculty liaison's assessment criteria be the minimum criteria used for the course. Before the school year begins and during the site visit, liaisons are asked to visit with their high school instructors about grading of course materials. Faculty liaisons are asked to review graded work during the site visit to ensure that the grades earned by the student were not awarded based solely on effort.

When the course is complete, final grades are submitted through eServices grade entry no later than 5 calendar days after course completion.

www.alextech.edu/myatcc log into eServices Grade Entry instructions

Please contact ATCC's Registrar Office at records@alextech.edu or 320-762-4650 with any questions.

The grade received in a CEP course is recorded on both the high school and college transcript. The grade becomes part of the permanent college academic record.

The following system will be used to determine a student's ATCC grade point average (GPA):

Α	4 grade points per credit	D 1 grade point per credi
В	3 grade points per credit	F No grade points
C	2 grade noints per credit	

Grades will be posted on the ATCC transcript as soon as they are received. Students can view their final grade online by going to www.alextech.edu/MyATCC and choosing eServices. Once they log-in to e-Services, they would choose Academic Records, Select Term, and Get Grades.

Grade Appeals

Students have the right to ask instructors for an explanation of any grade received. Students may submit a formal grade appeal when they believe that a final grade is unfair, arbitrary, or capricious. However, the student bears the burden of proving that there are sufficient grounds for changing a grade. The appeal process will meet the usual criteria of due process for both students and faculty. The formal grade appeal process must be initiated within six weeks of the semester ending.

The specifics of the grade appeal policy and procedure can be found on the college website at alextech.edu/policies-procedures/grade-appeal Students are expected to work directly with the instructor to resolve any grading questions or issues before submitting a formal appeal.

Incompletes

The mark of "I" (incomplete) is a temporary grade that is assigned only in exceptional circumstances. The decision to award an incomplete is that of the instructor. Policy states that incomplete grades are approved under two conditions:

- 1. when a leave of absence is in effect or
- 2. when a student and an instructor have a mutually agreed upon plan of completion.

If the instructor agrees to grant an incomplete, the following conditions must be met:

- 1. the student must be making satisfactory progress and cannot be on probation, unless there are mitigating circumstances,
- 2. 75% of the coursework must be completed at the time of the request,
- 3. the earned grade for the completed coursework must be at a passing level, and
- 4. the completion plan should identify the unfinished work and set up a completion timeline, which is a date no later than the end of the first half of the next semester.

To receive an incomplete grade, students will need to complete paperwork which can be requested from the Director of K-12 Initiatives. It will need to be signed by both the student and the instructor. Any incompletes remaining on the student's record based on the above timeline will be changed to F's.

If a grade of an "I" is given in a course that is a pre-requisite for the next course in sequence (i.e., ENGL 1410 is a pre-requisite for ENGL 1420), the student will not be eligible to take the next course in sequence until the terms of the incomplete are met. Students who are pre-registered for the next course in sequence will be dropped. If the incomplete terms are completed and there is still time to register for the course, the student can be re-enrolled.

FERPA: Data Privacy—Release of Information

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 is a federal law that protects the privacy of a college student's educational record including: progress in a course, grades, tuition, etc. Parents may not have access unless the student has provided authorization that specifically identifies what information may be released to the parent(s).

The college may release information that is protected by FERPA if it is determined that it is "necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals." Factors considered in making this assessment are: the severity of the threat, the need for the information, the time required to deal with the emergency, and the ability of those involved to deal with the emergency.

Educational records of students who are receiving services from more than one Minnesota State institution are available to officials of the multiple institutions within the Minnesota State system. Disclosure of student records to other institutions under different circumstances may require the student's written consent.

Students may request to review their records and have the right to request a hearing to correct any inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information by submitting the request in writing to the Registrar's Office.



Authorization to Release Student Information

I hereby authorize Alexandria Technical & Community College, including concurrent enrollment faculty, to discuss or share the education records described below about me to (list names of parents, guardians, others)

	Name	Relationship	Security Verification**	
			you create that will be easy to remember for the as this will be used when they request information.	
	The specific i	records covered by this release are (select with o	checkmark):	
	Regis	tration (add/drop/withdrawal)		
	Grade	es		
	Class	room Attendance/Academic Progress/Perform	ance/Behavior	
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I am givi	ng this consen	t freely and voluntarily. I understand the consec	quences of my giving this consent.	
Name Pi	rinted		Star ID	
Signatur	re		Date	

Once completed, this form needs to be provided to ATCC. It can be emailed to pseo@alextech.edu

The Syllabus

In a college course the syllabus and course outline are the foundation on which the course is built. The syllabus contains information about your assignments, classroom expectations, important policies, and a link to the course outline. The course outline contains the established college-approved learning outcomes. Course outlines can be found at alextech.edu/courseoutline. The outline allows students to see in advance what they will be able to demonstrate upon successfully completing the course. Every assignment and activity should be tied to these learning outcomes.

Please submit an electronic copy of your syllabus to your faculty liaison annually. Your approved syllabus should be handed out the first day of class and included in your Brightspace course. Encourage students to keep a copy of your syllabus as they may need to use it as a resource to secure transfer of credits to their next college.

Syllabus Standards

Per NACEP standards, both the college and high school syllabus should include the following components:

- Teacher name and contact information
- College name
- Course number and title*
- Number of credits*
- Course description*
- Major content/Learning outcomes* (learning outcomes highlighted)

- Use of instructional media and resources (bibliographical info about textbooks, software)
- Student expectations (conduct, academic dishonesty, confidentiality, support services, etc.)
- Evaluation technique (how the grade will be determined)
- Attendance/late work acceptance policy

Per NACEP requirements, the high school should update their course catalog and website information to the same course description used on campus.

A syllabus template and sample syllabus can be found in the Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course.

Please refer to the following ATCC policies when addressing these items on your syllabus.

Academic Honesty/Dishonesty

It is the policy of Alexandria Technical & Community College to protect individual academic work and to ensure academic integrity across the college. All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for work submitted under their name. If, by a preponderance of the evidence, an academic act of dishonesty has occurred, discipline by faculty may include a written warning explicitly detailing the offense, a failing grade for that assignment/quiz/test etc., or a failing grade for the course. Academic Affairs may further sanction the student by removal from the course and expulsion from the college. Cheating, or any action that gives the appearance of impropriety, is a serious offense that undermines the legitimate learning process. Definitions of cheating can be found at alextech.edu/academic-honesty-dishonesty

^{*} Standard verbatim wording from the course outline must be used. Course descriptions and outlines can be found at <u>alextech.edu/courseoutline</u> and selecting the discipline. Ensure that a link to the course outline is included in the syllabus.

Student Code of Conduct

Alexandria Technical and Community College is committed to the creation and maintenance of an academic community that fosters the intellectual, personal, social, and ethical development of its students. The college expects that each student will obey the laws enacted by federal, state, and local governments. In addition, there are certain rules and regulations governing student conduct that have been established by the ATCC and the Minnesota State Board. Disciplinary offenses can be found at alexatech.edu/student-code-conduct

Student Services and Resources

Alexandria Technical and Community College – <u>College Services</u> are also available to Concurrent Enrollment students.

Support Services

A student enrolled in an Alexandria Technical & Community College course may qualify for accommodations if they have a documented disability. The must request their accommodations through the Director of Support Services at ATCC. Though the accommodations granted may be similar to what they ad in regular high school courses, the process to grant the accommodations in ATCC courses is different. The student needs to self-identify and request accommodations from the college.

This request should be done in advance of the courses so that all accommodations and resources are ready for the student on the first day of classes. Any accommodations granted after the start of the class will start immediately upon approval and will not apply retroactively.

More information can be found on the Support Services page here: https://www.alextech.edu/college-services/support-services

Faculty Liaison Site Visits

Alexandria Technical & Community College assigns a faculty liaison for each concurrent enrollment course. The college liaison is expected to work with the high school instructor to ensure consistency of course content delivery and to be a resource for the high school instructor. NACEP accreditation standards mandate that faculty liaisons conduct site visits to ensure that courses offered through the Concurrent Enrollment Program are the same as the courses offered at the college.

The NACEP policy was written with the intention of a site visit happening during the time that the course is being offered. We recognize that observing a class session does not always provide enough information to accurately indicate that the course matches the rigor of the same course taught on campus. Therefore, in addition to observing the course, the visit should also look at the following:

- Discussion on how the semester is progressing.
- Review activities, assignments, and projects you have planned during the semester.
- View any graded material such as exams and papers.
- Discuss your goals while teaching this course for the rest of the semester.

If your faculty liaison is not able to observe the course hour in person, please consider the following options:

- Record the course for your liaison to view.
- Link in through Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, Skype, FaceTime, or other conferencing apps

If your liaison is not able to view your class in session, they are still required to visit you by one of the means mentioned above during the semester.

This is not an evaluation. This visit is to make sure that the course is meeting ATCC's standards as well as to provide you with constructive feedback.

College Resources

Brightspace

All faculty and students are provided access to Brightspace, our online learning platform. Since you and your students are a part of the college, you too will have access.

Brightspace is a great tool for you to house electronic copies of handouts, the syllabus, grading rubric, etc. Should a student misplace any of these items, they will be able to download them from the site. You can also set it up so students can see their grades/progress. You and your faculty liaison may use Brightspace as a way to access and share resources and course materials.

Using Brightspace allows students to feel connected to ATCC without setting foot on campus and brings the college atmosphere to your class. It is a great opportunity for students to become familiar with this college platform while they are still in high school as it is used throughout the entire MN State College System.

High School Instructor To Do List

The *High School Instructor To Do List* is found in the Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course and is intended to help guide and remind you of your responsibilities before, during, and after the term.

Library

As an instructor, you have access to the Alexandria Technical & Community College library. The library is designed and supplied with education in mind. It provides a quiet place to study, a facility to conduct research, and resources to help your students with their various class projects.

As students are getting a jump start on their college credits, the campus library can also provide them with an opportunity to feel comfortable using a campus library. If students are required to do any sort of research, you may find that the ATCC library provides them with more resources than those found at the high school.

Online access is available through the ATCC website at <u>alextech.edu/college-services/library</u> Our library site can also link you to our partner libraries and databases, providing students and instructors access to a broad range of information.

Professional Development

NACEP standards require that Alexandria Technical & Community College provide opportunities for continued professional development for our concurrent enrollment instructors. It is the expectation that high school instructors will be in attendance and sign in for required professional development opportunities, regardless of how many colleges or universities the instructor works with for concurrent enrollment.

Alexandria Technical & Community College's professional development includes:

- Ongoing Communication between the Faculty Liaison and the High School Instructor: Regular,
 ongoing conversation is the foundation for a good instructor/liaison relationship. This communication
 provides necessary feedback but is also rich in development for both the liaison and the instructor.
 There is no requirement for a specific number of phone calls or e-mails though a good best practice is
 to check in once every few weeks.
- **Team Meetings:** In addition to the college's annual Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Committee Meeting, various additional meetings are held which may include high school administration (superintendent, principal, counselor, etc.), high school instructors, faculty liaisons, college administration, and Director of K-12 Initiatives. These meetings are an opportunity to communicate about how the partnership is progressing, discuss successes and challenges, and share information.
- Discipline Specific Professional Development: Per NACEP standards, Concurrent Enrollment instructors participate in college provided annual discipline- specific professional development and ongoing collegial interaction to further enhance instructors/ pedagogy and breadth of knowledge in the discipline. Because we have multiple partnerships on different academic schedules, ATCC faculty liaisons will work together with high school partner instructor/s to participate in a discipline specific professional development opportunity. You will find an *Annual Discipline Specific Professional Development Reporting Form* in the Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace course. This form needs to be completed and submitted to your faculty liaison by April 30 each year.

Alternative Professional Development

If you are unable to attend the concurrent enrollment professional development session, you are expected to contact your faculty liaison along with the Director of K-12 Initiatives. An alternative professional development session will need to be discussed to meet the NACEP requirement of attendance.

It is at the discretion of ATCC's Concurrent Enrollment Program to discontinue an instructor from the program if he/she repeatedly does not attend required trainings, professional development opportunities, or fails to comply with policies and/or expectations.

Course Evaluations / Surveys

About one month before your course ends, you will receive an email from the Concurrent Enrollment Office with a course evaluation link to provide to your students. NACEP Standard E1 requires evaluations to be completed for each course.

These course evaluations are identical to evaluations we use on campus and are not used to evaluate you as an instructor The data helps us better understand student perceptions and expectations of the course. The Concurrent Enrollment Instructors will receive a summary report of the course evaluations after they have been compiled. The Dean of Educational Services will also receive copies of the course evaluation results, as does the Concurrent Enrollment Office. If any concerns arise from the evaluations, the Dean of Educational Services will meet with the faculty liaison and a meeting will occur to resolve the issue.

The ATCC Concurrent Enrollment Program strives to get the highest response rates for the courses that are delivered through the program. To do this, Concurrent Enrollment Instructors are asked to set aside 5-10 minutes of their class time to allow their students to complete the course evaluation. The Concurrent Enrollment Office will send reminder emails to instructors for student participation.

Student Surveys

Concurrent enrollment alumni are surveyed the year after they graduate high school and three years after they graduate high school (1-year and 4-year surveys). These surveys are emailed to students in the spring. This data helps us determine the effectiveness of our courses, transferability of classes, and overall experience with concurrent enrollment.

Instructors/Counselors/Principals Surveys

The Concurrent Enrollment Office is committed to continual improvement. As such, we will administer surveys every four years to instructors, counselors, and principals about the experience with the concurrent enrollment program.

We appreciate our responses to these surveys as they help guide our program into the future and meet the needs of our students and partners.



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Concurrent Enrollment Roles & Responsibilities

Alexandria Technical & Community College Responsibilities

- Adhere to all <u>Minnesota State</u>, <u>Higher Learning Commission (HLC)</u>, and <u>National Alliance of Concurrent</u> Enrollment Partnership (NACEP) policies and standards.
- Establish and maintain a concurrent enrollment advisory board.
- Secure annual contracts with high schools and ensure accurate billing.
- Provide a comprehensive list of all courses offered with descriptions that are publicly available from the college.
- Provide prerequisite requirements for each college course.
- Provide appropriate registration, withdrawal, and drop/add information.
- If students don't meet high school GPA requirements, facilitate administration of ACCUPLACER testing.
- Maintain appropriate academic records documenting each concurrent enrollment course.
- Provide students access to a handbook which contains information regarding academic and student support services available to all students at ATCC which also outlines academic policies and student responsibilities.
- Make appropriate record adjustments for students in accordance to drop/add and withdrawal policies.
- Ensure the maximum enrollment of a concurrent enrollment section does not exceed the on-campus cap.
- Provide official student transcripts upon receipt of request and fee payment.
- Maintain college course records and award college credit for successfully completed courses.
- Conduct end of term student course evaluations for each section of concurrent enrollment.
- Provide new high school instructors and college CEP faculty liaisons with an orientation and handbook regarding course curriculum, assessment criteria, and administrative responsibilities and procedures prior to teaching or mentoring the course.

College Faculty Liaison Responsibilities

The ATCC faculty liaison's role is to serve as the instructor of record; as such he/she oversees and ensures the integrity of the course as defined by the <u>National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)</u>, ATCC, and the academic department.

- Review Faculty Liaison Handbook
- Meet with new high school instructor(s) prior to the course start to review syllabus, textbook, assignments, assessments, grading, High School Partners Handbook, and to share college course rigor and expectations (Faculty Standard 2).
- Complete & submit the Annual Course Preparation Checklist with high school partner instructors.
- Submit both high school and college shared syllabi for each course section during the first week of the semester (Curriculum Standard 2).
- Make a minimum of two site visits per course for a first-time high school instructor-faculty liaison relationship and one site visit for a repeat relationship. Additional site visits can be made if needed to ensure academic integrity of the course (Curriculum Standard 3).
 - Complete and sign the High School Visit Report for each visit. Once completed, provide a copy of the form to high school instructor, and submit form to the appropriate Concurrent Enrollment Brightspace assignment folder
- Submit at least one shared paired student grading activity or grading-related item (Assessment Standard).

- Ensure High School Instructors complete annual discipline-specific professional development (Faculty Standard 3).
- Discipline Leads/Chairs complete a Statement of Equivalency to affirm NACEP standards are being met.
- Provide opportunities with high school instructors to share best practices.
- Maintain bi-directional communication with high school instructor related to the course, its delivery, student assessment, and grading.
- Notify concurrent enrollment program administration and high school instructors as soon as there are course outline updates, changes in curriculum, and if/when new texts are selected.
- Provide access to supplementary materials and resources approved by the department for use with the specific course being delivered at the high school.
- Be actively involved in student outcome assessments including review of student work.

High School Responsibilities

- Sign annual contract with ATCC and submit payment as per contract.
- Obtain college approval of instructor's eligibility to teach concurrent courses prior to assignment and immediately notify college if there is a change of instructor for any concurrent classes.
- Allow instructors to attend CEP professional development activities as requested.
- In collaboration with the high school guidance office, provide counseling services to students and their parents/guardians before students enroll in ATCC's concurrent enrollment courses. This ensures that the student and their parents/guardians are fully aware of the risks and possible consequences of enrolling in concurrent enrollment courses.
- Collaborate with ATCC to administer ACCUPLACER for students who do not meet minimum high school GPA requirements.
- Provide ATCC a class roster of eligible students for each concurrent enrollment course offered. The roster shall include the full name of each student.
- Ensure all students submit an online College Application and high school transcript to ATCC.
- Concurrent enrollment courses shall not simultaneously enroll concurrent enrollment and non-concurrent enrollment students without proper paperwork being submitted and approved by college administration.
- Assist in student compliance with the drop/add and withdrawal policies.
- Provide all textbooks and other instructional materials/equipment required for the course as determined by the sponsoring academic department and faculty liaison.
- Plan for a smooth transition when replacing a CEP instructor including obtaining CEP approval when a longterm substitute instructor is required.

High School Instructor Responsibilities

- Work with the college faculty liaison from the discipline to prepare the content, assessment, textbook selection, and syllabus for the college course.
- Provide your faculty liaison with a copy of your course syllabus to ensure students are assessed using the same methods as students in on-campus sections.
- Attend annual professional development and discipline specific training.
- Participate in the college's ongoing assessment of student learning.
- Review class lists in Brightspace to ensure accuracy of students registered for the college course.
- Communicate on a regular basis with your faculty liaison through phone, e-mail, in-person, etc.
- Provide the faculty liaison with documentation that ensures each concurrent enrollment course is
 equivalent in content and rigor to the same course offered on campus.
 - This documentation should include copies of quizzes, exams, and completed homework
 assignments that are examples of student A-level work, B-level work, and C-level work. A student's
 grade in a course is to be based on their academic performance on assignments and tests or other

factors as mutually agreed upon by the high school instructor and faculty liaison and as stated in the syllabus. The faculty liaison reserves the right to approve any mid-terms as well as the final examination. If not approved, the faculty liaison must demonstrate that the exam does not evaluate at the college level and/or it is not consistent with course learning objectives.

- Assign final, whole letter grades to each student on the class list according to ATCC course grading standards. Final course grades are submitted via eServices within 5 calendar days of end of course.
- Participate in electronic surveys (end-of-course student surveys and instructor program surveys).
- If on a Faculty Credentialing Plan, meet eligibility criteria by date specified in the plan.
- Be aware that failure to adhere to ATCC policies and expectations may result in instructor discontinuation in the CEP program.

Non-Compliance Policy

As part of ATCC's concurrent Enrollment Program, High School Instructors agree to uphold the rigor of their classes to the same standards of those taught on our campus. Along with teaching a rigorous, college level course in the high school, High School Instructors also agree to attend annual Professional Development Opportunities and remain vigilant in their communications with ATCC representatives. Non-compliance occurs when any of the outlined concurrent enrollment courses content expectations are not adhered to.

If an ATCC Faulty Liaison has significant concerns regarding a concurrent enrollment instructor's adherence to the course content, academic rigor, and/or assessment components, the instructional issues will be address on a case-by base basis with the goal of assisting the concurrent enrollment instructor to correct the concerns.

- 1. The faculty liaison's concerns will be documented in writing in the site visit report and sent to the Dean of Educational Services and Director of K-12 Initiatives. The written document will be kept in the Concurrent Enrollment Instructor application file.
- 2. The Dean of Educational Services will contact the high school administrator to coordinate a meeting with the high school instructor, faculty liaison, and high school administrator to discuss instructional concerns and develop an action plan.
- 3. The faculty liaison will follow up with the concurrent enrollment instructor, either through another meeting or through classroom observation, to determine if the concerns outlined in the action plan have been address and resolved.
- 4. If, after a thorough consultation and careful consideration, the faculty liaison and the Academic Dean determine that the course does not maintain college quality, the instructor will lose his/her status as a concurrent enrollment instructor in that discipline. The high school administration will be informed of the college's decision, and ATCC's Dean of Educational Services along with the Director of K-12 Initiatives will work with the high school to identify another instructor, if appropriate.

Alexandria Technical and Community College's Concurrent Enrollment Program reserves the right to decertify, suspend, or dismiss a High School Instructor at any time for gross misconduct or non-compliance with Alexandria Technical and Community College policies and procedures. Please visit https://www.minnstate.edu/board/procedure/1c0p1.html to access the Employee code of Conduct.

