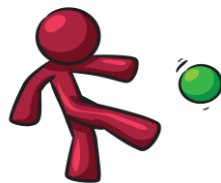




Kick Start Your College Education While Still in High School



POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

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PSEO

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that offers high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors the opportunity to take college-level courses. The credits earned may apply towards both high school graduation and college degree requirements. Tuition and textbooks for college level courses are at no cost for students in the PSEO program. This program was developed by the Minnesota legislature in 1985 to provide rigorous academic challenges to eligible students.

Eligibility

Sophomore students enrolled in a Minnesota school district who have attained a meets or exceeds standards score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) in reading, and meet any other course prerequisites or course enrollment standards established by the college, may enroll in one (1) career or technical education course. If the student receives a grade of C or better in the course, the student shall be allowed to take additional career or technical courses in subsequent terms.

Junior and senior students need ACCUPLACER, ACT, and/or MCA scores. These test scores along with the high school transcript and student's career goals will be used to determine acceptance to the PSEO program.

Options

PSEO students have an opportunity to work toward completing:

- Individual courses
- 40 credit MN Transfer Curriculum package
- 60 credit Liberal Arts and Sciences AA degree
- Many other certificate, diploma, AAS, AS, and Transfer Pathways programs



Students have the opportunity to work toward the completion of the first two years of a Bachelor's degree or, depending upon high school graduation requirements, enroll in many programs at ATCC. The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum is a 40-credit package that transfers to all colleges within the Minnesota State system.

To see a list of course options for the MN Transfer Curriculum, go to www.alextech.edu/MNTC

Advantages

The advantages of participating in PSEO at ATCC include:

- Assistance and advising with career and educational planning
- Option to earn a college degree and a high school diploma at the same time
- One-on-one guidance with course selection and registration each semester based on individual needs
- Flexibility to choose to be part-time (with as little as one college class) or a full-time college student
- Take classes on campus, online, or both

Considerations

Attending college is an important life decision and should be considered carefully. PSEO students have the same rights and responsibilities as all college students and must be able to:

- Take full responsibility for managing time and assignments
- Determine what to learn and know how to study with fewer instructions
- Handle multiple deadlines without reminders
- Take initiative to seek help when needed



Students who try to work more than 20 hours per week may have difficulty keeping up with the faster pace of college. Students can expect to spend two hours outside of class in preparation for every one hour of classroom lecture. Social maturity is also important in handling the academic challenge of college. PSEO students' grades become part of their permanent college record. Their academic performance in college may impact their future eligibility for financial aid as well as their high school graduation.

High school and college calendars will differ. If a college class is scheduled, students need to be there. PSEO students can still participate in high school extra-curricular activities, so college course sections should be chosen wisely to limit any conflicts during the semester. Attendance is critical for success. Students must be committed to be in class.

The decision to participate in Post-Secondary Enrollment Options at any college is an important one. Ask questions and be informed to make the best choice!

Applying

Complete the PSEO application packet materials. These forms are available for printing online at www.alextech.edu/PSEO. Plan ahead and apply early as students need to notify their district by May 30 of their intent to enroll during the following school year.

Return the completed application forms along with a copy of high school/home school transcript to:

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