

COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. What is a dual credit program?

Dual credits offer Grade 12 students the opportunity to experience college while earning secondary credits as well. Students enrolled in these credits will attend Conestoga College full time and be registered as a college student. The emphasis is on the trades and assisting students to make the transition to college in order for them to continue their education, apprenticeship or employment.

2. What subjects are offered at Conestoga College as a dual credit?

- Automotive Service Technician (OYAUTO)
- Cook (OYCOOK)
- Early Childhood Education / (Child Development Practitioner) (OYECED)
- Truck and Coach Technician (OYTRUC)
- Welding (OYMETL)

Program availability will vary based on enrollment and continued funding.

3. How many credits can I earn?

Students can earn a total of 4 credits in any of the College Dual Credit Programs listed above. To be specific, it is 2 Cooperative Education/ OYAP credits and 2 college credits. All 4 credits count towards earning your Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

4. Do I still have a high school teacher?

Yes. Your teacher is a Board assigned high school co-op teacher who will monitor your progress throughout the program. In addition you will have college teachers who evaluate your progress at the college level.

5. Is it much harder than regular high school?

No, the courses are college credits but they are designed for a high school audience. The courses are designed to ease high school students into a college level program. By the end of the program, a successful student in the Dual Credit Program will have met the college requirements in their course work.

6. What is a passing mark for the Dual credit program?

Students must maintain a **60% average in each course** in order to earn each credit that will be applied to their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

7. When do I take it?

Students can take the dual credit program in their last year of high school.

8. Does it cost me anything?

The program is entirely funded; all books, tuition and transportation costs are covered by the school board.

9. Why would I consider this program?

This is a good fit for students who are:

- interested in the trades
- highly motivated
- willing to travel by bus or car from their home school to the college campus
- open to complete their high school credits in a different format
- wanting to get a jumpstart on what comes next in their education, a program on a college campus

You must be in your last year of high school and on course to graduate.

10. Is there anything I could do before the Dual Credit Program to help me prepare?

It is recommended that you take Cooperative Education and your compulsory Grade 12 English credit before you start the Dual Credit Program. You may do so either in Semester 1 of your last year OR in your Grade 11 year OR by taking English in summer school. It gets your compulsory English course done and allows you an opportunity to try a placement in the field of your interest, before you commit to the Dual Credit Program. This is a recommendation only not a requirement.

11. How do I sign up?

If interested in the Dual Credit Program, you may sign up by selecting one of the following course codes during PHS Course Selection time on MYWAY:

- OYAUTO = Automotive Service Technician
- OYCOOK = Cook
- OYECED = Early Childhood Education / (Child Development Practitioner)
- OYTRUC = Truck and Coach Technician
- OYMETL = Welding

Your guidance counsellor will call you down to discuss this option for your grade 12 year. Your counsellor will forward your name to the Dual Credit Program Coordinator and then you will meet with a dual credit teacher for an interview to determine if you are a good fit for the program.

12. When does the Dual Credit Program run?

The College Dual Credit Programs run in Semester 2 only. The other courses you chose at course selection time will be grouped into Semester 1.

13. When do I find out if I have been accepted to the Dual Credit Program?

If you submitted a course request in February 2015 for the Dual Credit Program you will know by the end of June 2015 if you have been accepted.

14. I just found out about the Dual Credit Program being offered in Semester 2, is it too late to apply?

If you did not submit a course request in February 2015 for the Dual Credit Program running Feb - June 2016, you may still ask your guidance counsellor if there is still room available in the program, up until Mid-November. No further applications will be taken after November.