

# Post Secondary Enrollment Option Program (PSEOP)

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# PSEOP/College Credit Plus (CCP)?

- Same basic program; different name
- Name change is pending legislative approval

# What is the Post Secondary Enrollment Option Program-College Credit Plus?

- The PSEOP/CCP has been established to permit high school students in grades nine through twelve to earn college and/or high school graduation credit through successful completion of college courses.

# What is the purpose of the program?

- The program is intended to provide qualified high school students academic opportunities and exposure to options beyond the high school classroom.

# What are the options?

- Under option “A” the student and their parents will pay for the cost of tuition, textbooks, materials, and fees. At the time of enrollment, the student may choose to receive college credit or both high school and college credit.

## What are the options?(cont.)

- Under option “B” the student receives both high school and college credit. The student’s tuition and books will be subsidized by direct payment to the college out of the school district’s state foundation funds.

# How do I enter the program?

- Important Note: All school districts vary slightly in their procedures for Post Secondary Enrollment. The procedures outlined in the following screens are general for most schools but can and do vary among school districts.

# The Steps

- You must attend an information session about the PSEOP program.
- Notify your high school counselor by March 30<sup>th</sup> of your intent to participate.
- Declaring intent to participate does not obligate you to participate but you must declare your intent no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- If you choose not to participate after March 30<sup>th</sup> , you must notify your district immediately.



# The Steps (cont.)

- The school district provides counseling to students and parents.
- The student and parent are required to sign a form indicating that appropriate counseling was provided and all responsibilities for participation are understood.

# PSEOP/CCP State Guideline

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to education records at all levels of education. At the point of becoming a college student, FERPA rights become those of the student.
- Under the rules of PSEOP/CCP, the college reserves the right to communicate student record information with the appropriate official(s) of the home high school.

# Common Questions

- Q. Do I have to attend college full time or may I attend part time?
- A. You may attend either full time or part time.

# Common Questions

- Q. How is the credit evaluated and transferred?
- A. 5.0 Semester hrs. = 1 high school credit

# Common Questions

- Q. How many credits can I take?
- A. The number of college credits granted cannot exceed the number of Carnegie Units that can be awarded in a regular high school year.
- Ex. If a student can receive 6 Carnegie units in an academic yr, they can't take more than 30 semester hrs. at the college or university.

Units taken at high school (based on a 6 period day)	Credit hours available at a semester college or university
0	30
1	25
2	20
3	15
4	10
5	5
6	0

# Common Questions

- Q. Under Option “B” can I take online classes? (Distance learning or correspondence?)
- A. Yes. As long as they are provided by an Ohio Post-Secondary institution.

# Common Questions

- Q. Can I take college level courses in the summer and have the cost covered through PSEOP/CCP?
- A. Students in public schools that do not operate on a 12 month calendar, are not eligible for summer courses through PSEOP.



# Common Questions

- Q. What happens if I fail a class or do not complete the course?
- A. Under Option “B” you or your parent will be required to pay the cost of the course. (You will owe your school as SSCC has already received subsidy from the state)

# Common Questions

- Q. Can I still be involved in athletic and extracurricular programs at the high school?
- A. Yes, but be advised, your schedule at the college will vary semester to semester. \*To remain eligible, you must have received passing grades in a minimum of 5 one-credit high school courses or 13 credit hrs. at a post-secondary institution.

# Common Questions

- Q. Who owns the textbooks that are provided for students under Option “B”?
- A. The books belong to the institution. If the institution does not want the book then the public school can claim them. Please check the institution’s policy.

# Potential Risks

- College course offerings do not mirror the high school offerings.
- Scheduling required courses is not guaranteed.
- Students will have increased responsibility for learning.

# Potential Risks (cont.)

- Potential for social discomfort as some students may not adjust to the new environment.
- If a student fails or withdraws from a college course, they will lose the credit and they will be responsible for the cost of the course, under Option “B”.

# Potential Risks (cont.)

- Scope and content of the college courses may differ from high school courses. This could affect ability to pass required state tests needed for graduation.
- Increased time spent on academics, including online courses.

# Potential Risks (cont.)

- Student may have reduced time for participating in high school activities (athletics, music, band, etc.)
- Travel time to and from post-secondary institution must be considered.

# Potential Risks (cont.)

- If a male student turns 18 during his senior year while participating in PSEOP/CCP, he must be certain to sign up for Selective Service. If the student fails to sign up, he will be charged out-of-state tuition. PSEOP pays in-state tuition; the student would have to pay the difference.



# Program Advantages

- An opportunity to take courses not offered at the high school.
- Increased course selection.
- Students may take classes that academically challenge them or that cover areas of particular interest to them.

# Program Advantages (cont.)

- Under Option “B”, students have the opportunity to earn college credit at no cost.
- Students have a chance to experience college-level work and college life prior to making a final decision about post-secondary education.

# How do I begin?

- Once you have gone through the steps at your home high school, you now need to consider the college requirements. Remember, every college has somewhat different requirements.
- Inquire with the college of your choice for specific admission requirements.

# Southern State Community College PSEOP/CCP Guidelines

- Counseling with high school counselors.
- Complete the SSCC College Credit Plus application and applicable documentation; submit it to the Records Office.

*Fall 2014 deadline is June 1, 2014.*

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

- Guidelines pertain to all students participating in PSEOP/CCP program whether the student is on a SSCC campus or taking the course at their high school.

## SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

- Once SSCC receives the application, students will be contacted to schedule a time to take the SSCC Placement Assessment. *Students may take the assessment one time per academic year, for acceptance into the program.*

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

All Post-Secondary applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Take SSCC Placement Assessment and score into English 1101 or math 1141
- Have an ACT English score of at least 18 or a math score of at least 22.

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

## Freshman – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Admission Criteria

- Provide official transcripts that reflect a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale.
- Upon admission as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, student's records will be reevaluated at the completion of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year to consider passage of the OGT (if required for graduation). Students must have successfully passed all parts of the OGT to continue in the PSEOP.



# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

## Sophomore – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Admission Criteria

- Provide official high school transcripts that reflect a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale.
- Upon admission as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader, student's records will be reevaluated at the completion of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year to consider passage of the OGT (if required for graduation). Students must have successfully passed all parts of the OGT to continue in the PSEOP.

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

## **Junior & Senior - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Admission Criteria**

- Provide official high school transcripts that reflect a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale.
- Provide documentation that all parts of OGT have been successfully passed (if required for high school graduation).

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

- All Post-Secondary applicants will receive written notification of acceptance or denial.
- Upon acceptance, the applicant will receive information regarding a mandatory orientation. Students taking courses only at their high school will not be required to attend the orientation.

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

- First time PSEOP/CCP students taking courses on a SSCC campus, must meet with a PSEOP/CCP advisor at SSCC to register for their first semester classes.
- It is suggested that students meet with an advisor prior to registration for each semester, but not required to do so after the first semester.

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

- PSEOP/CCP students will not be permitted to repeat courses and have those courses subsidized through the state program without written consent from the student's local school district.

# SSCC PSEOP/CCP Guidelines (cont.)

- Students enrolling in the program will be expected and required to perform at the same level as their college classmates. PSEOP/CCP students are subject to the same policies and procedures, academic practices and grading standards as all other SSCC students.

# Questions?

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