



Early College

Who is Eligible?

- Students who are able to complete all high school advanced diploma requirements by the end of the first semester of their senior year.
- Students who successfully place into TNCC's English 111 & 112 through the TNCC placement test and successfully complete both courses with a grade of C or better during the first semester of their senior year.

Why Early College?

- Earn transferable college credit while still in high school at reduced college tuition rates
- Reduces the amount of time needed to earn a college or university degree
- Students participate in an exciting program during their senior year that will allow them to start college early with academic support

What is Early College?

The Early College Program is a partnership between Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) and Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC).

The program is designed for high school seniors who plan to attend a college or university after they graduate from high school. Seniors in this program may earn up to 19 semester hours of college credit prior to high school graduation.

The courses offered in this program are part of the Commonwealth College Course Collaborative (CCCC). Public colleges and universities have agreed to accept credit for these courses as part of the college's general education program.

What is the Cost?

- NNPS will pay for the student's first semester classes. Students are responsible for all fees and half of the TNCC tuition second semester. NNPS will pay the remaining balance of tuition second semester. (Reduced rates available for students that qualify.)
- NNPS will purchase textbooks for Early College courses and loan them to students. Textbooks will be distributed to students prior to the start of classes and collected at the end of the semester. Students who fail to return textbooks will be required to pay the full cost of the textbooks prior to their high school graduation date.

What are the On-Campus Requirements?

Students must maintain a "C" or better in the Early College Program.

Courses

Listed below is a sampling of the college courses offered through the Early College Program. Additional courses are available through the NNPS and TNCC agreement for program participants.

- English 111 & 112
- General Biology I 101 & 102
- US History 121 & 122
- Introduction to Psychology 200
- Principles of Economics 201 & 202
- Chemistry 111
- General Physics 201
- Sociology 200
- Math 163 (Pre-Calculus)
- Math 173 (Calculus)



Are you College-Ready?

- ✓ 1st Semester of Senior Year
Complete high school graduation requirements
- ✓ 2nd Semester of Senior Year
Attend TNCC as a full-time student
- ✓ June of Senior Year
Graduate from high school with an advanced diploma and up to 19 college credits!

What are the Benefits?

- Increases College-Readiness
- Supports transition to college
- Provides opportunity to earn up to 19 transferable college credits
- Families only pay ½ of tuition second semester
- Textbooks are provided by NNPS
- Transportation is provided by NNPS
- Students may participate in all high school activities while being a college student
- Ongoing support and tutoring provided



What does the Early College Program students' senior year look like?

Semester 1

All classes are taken at the student's high school during the first semester. All students must take English 111 & 112.

Course	Periods	College Credit
English 111-112 / English 12H	2	6
Honors Government 1 & 2	2	
Biology II (Marine Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Zoology)	2	
Elective	1	
Total	7	6

Semester 2

All second semester classes are taken at TNCC. Classes listed below are shown as an example. Students can choose from a selection of classes totaling up to 13 credits. All students will take SDV100 College Success.

Course	College Credit
Sociology 200	3
Economics 201	3
Public Speaking	3
Math 163 (Pre-Calculus)	3
SDV100 College Success	1
Total	13



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