

## **SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges established the Career and College Promise program effective January 1, 2012. Career and College Promise provides seamless dual enrollment educational opportunities for eligible North Carolina high school students in order to accelerate completion of college certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees that lead to college transfer or provide entry-level job skills. Career and College Promise provides three pathways to help advance eligible students' post-high school success: 1) Core 44 College Transfer Pathway leading to a minimum of 30 hours of college transfer credit; 2) Career Technical Education Pathway leading to an entry-level job credential, certificate, or diploma; and 3) Cooperative Innovative High School Programs Pathway wherein students begin earning college credits as high school freshmen.

### **Career and College Promise Pathways**

#### **Core 44 College Transfer Pathway (CT)**

The Career and College Promise Core 44 College Transfer Pathway requires the completion of at least 30 semester hours of transfer courses, including English and mathematics. Students who complete a Core 44 College Transfer Pathway will be able to transfer all of their credits to any UNC institution and many of North Carolina's independent colleges and universities. The student must demonstrate college readiness on an assessment or placement test in English, reading, and mathematics to be eligible. Currently COA offers four College Transfer Pathways: Business and Economics, Engineering and Mathematics, Life and Health Sciences, and Humanities and Social Science.

#### **Career Technical Education Pathway (CTE)**

The Career and College Promise Career Technical Education Pathway leads to an entry-level job credential, certificate, or diploma aligned with a high school Career and Technical Education cluster. College Career Technical Education courses may be used to provide partial or full fulfillment of a four-unit career cluster. Currently COA offers the following CTE pathways: Culinary Technology, Automotive Systems Technology, Electrical/Electronics Technology, Welding Technology, and Computer Engineering Technology.

#### **Cooperative Innovative High School Programs Pathway (CIHSP)**

Cooperative Innovative High School Programs enroll 100 or fewer students per grade level and provide opportunities for students to complete an associate degree program or earn up to two years of college credit within five years. Students begin earning college credits as a high school freshman. College of The Albemarle is partnering with J.P. Knapp Early College High School in Currituck County.

## Eligibility and Admission Requirements

- **College Transfer Pathway**
  - Student must be a junior or senior
  - Student must have a 3.0 GPA
  - Student must be making progress toward high school graduation
  - Student must meet course prerequisites and admission requirements
  - Student must be recommended by the high school principal or his/her designee
  - To maintain eligibility student must:
    - Continue to make progress toward high school graduation
    - Maintain a 2.0 GPA on college course work
  
- **Career Technical Education Pathway**
  - Student must be a junior or senior
  - Student must have a 3.0 GPA OR the recommendation of the high school principal or his/her designee
  - Student must be making progress toward high school graduation
  - Student must meet course prerequisites and admission requirements
  - Student must pursue one of the 16 high school Career and Technical Education clusters
  - To maintain eligibility student must:
    - Continue to make progress toward high school graduation
    - Maintain a 2.0 GPA on college course work
  
- **Cooperative Innovative High School Programs Pathway**
  - Student must be in grades 9-12
  - Special emphasis and preference given to first-generation college students
  - Student must meet eligibility requirements established by the Currituck County Board of Education and College of The Albemarle
  - Program only available at J.P. Knapp Early College High School in Currituck.

## Placement and Assessment Requirements

- College Transfer student must demonstrate college readiness on an approved assessment or placement test in English, reading, and mathematics
- Career Technical Education students must demonstrate college readiness through career pathway prerequisites
- High school students may use their PLAN, PSAT, ACT or SAT assessment scores or may take the ASSET or COMPASS at their nearest COA campus location

## Articulated Credit

Articulation is a systematic, seamless transition process from secondary to postsecondary education that maximizes use of resources and minimizes content duplication. Students will make a seamless transition of identified courses from secondary to postsecondary education.

Articulated credit and Advanced Placement credit (AP) is granted in specific courses by College of The Albemarle to students who have satisfactorily completed equivalent high school courses with the grade and conditions as specified in the statewide agreement and the Local Articulation/Advanced Placement Credit Agreement.

## Benefits of High School Students Taking Community College Courses

- Enhances the motivation and achievement of high school students
- Readiness skills for success at the next educational level
- Builds credits toward a college certificate, diploma, or associate's degree at the same time that they are earning high school credits for high school graduation thereby accelerating completion of a diploma, associate degree, or four-year degree
- Earn college transfer credits toward core 44 hours of college credit that will transfer seamlessly to any of the 16 universities within the UNC System as well as participating independent colleges and universities (student must complete all 44 hours to ensure credit is transferable)
- Reduced cost for a two- or four-year degree; students save up to \$400 per college course in which they receive credit and/or placement, depending on which college they choose to attend at the end of their high school career
- Career Technical Education students earn an entry-level job credential, certificate, or diploma in a technical career
- Cooperative Innovative High School students complete a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit in five years or less; earn high school and college level credits at an accelerated rate; and gain support and preparation for college and university success.

## Application Procedures and Enrollment Process

- Complete an [online COA application](#)
- Notify Coordinator, Secondary Education when application is submitted
- Student ID number is assigned once application is submitted and student is notified
- Create e-mail account on Campus Cruiser and complete Online Preparedness Exam/Moodle orientation course and pass a skills test with a score of 90% or better
- Send high school transcript to Coordinator, Secondary Education. The high school will document eligibility criteria (high school GPA and PLAN or other assessment scores) on the student's transcript. A home school or non-public high school student must submit a transcript and official test scores from an approved assessment test.
- If needed, take placement assessment

- Complete COA Secondary Education Approval Form

### **Tuition, Fees, & Textbooks**

Tuition and fees are currently waived. Students must purchase their textbooks. High schools may opt to purchase textbooks.

For more information on any of College of The Albemarle's  
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