



College Now

FAMILY GUIDE

Welcome parents and families!



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear parents and families,

Welcome to COCC's College Now program! COCC partners with local high schools to offer students the option of earning college credit right in the high school classroom. High school teachers that are approved to teach College Now classes provide the same rigor and course outcomes as an on-campus college class. Successful completion of a College Now course will result in COCC credit which are transferable to many community colleges, colleges and universities. College Now is a great way to jump start your high school student's college education, build confidence, save time and money.

Benefits include:

- Courses are taught at your student's high school and fit right into their regular school schedule
- Students earn both high school and college credit (dual credit)
- Affordable (only \$25 per credit)
- Starting college coursework in high school can result in a shortened timeframe to complete a degree or certificate
- Students build confidence in completing college level work
- Students can explore new career areas or interests

We are excited to have your high school student be a part of the COCC College Now program!

Sincerely,

COCC's College Now Team

WHICH COLLEGE NOW COURSES ARE OFFERED AT EACH HIGH SCHOOL?

The College Now program offers transfer course options like math, writing, and history as well as hands-on career and technical education courses like automotive technology, criminal justice, and culinary. To see which College Now courses are available at your student's high school, visit [COCC's College Now website](#) (select high school).

HOW DOES MY STUDENT BECOME A COLLEGE NOW STUDENT?

Have your high school student speak with their counselor about College Now and their schedule. Ideally, these conversations happen during forecasting. Registering for a College Now course happens after the high school class has started and is facilitated by their high school teacher. Only students scheduled into the College Now courses at their high school are able to register. Once the class begins, the high school teacher will provide information on how to register. Registration information is also on [COCC's College Now website](#).

WHAT DOES COLLEGE NOW COST?

College Now courses are \$25 per credit. Most courses are 3 to 4 credits. There are no other fees or books to purchase.

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE NOW COURSES

Payment is due after your high student's registration is processed (1-2 business days). The [deadline to pay is date registration closes](#). You will receive program and payment information if your high school student entered a parent or guardian and their email on the release of information section on the registration form. You can pay online through your high school student's Bobcat Web Account or over the phone by calling a COCC Cashier at 541-383-7229.

REQUESTING STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

Students who choose to register for college credit available via a College Now course at their high school are expected to meet COCC's standards and expectations for the course. As such,

the student must follow COCC's process for pursuing and identifying allowable accommodations at the college level.

If a student has one or more of the following accommodations identified on their IEP or 504 plan, they are welcome to work with their instructor to implement these accommodations, as applicable, without going through COCC's formal accommodations process:

- 1.5x (50%) extra time for testing
- Reduced distraction testing
- Audio books
- Note taking

If a student wishes to pursue accommodations beyond these standard allowances, they will need to submit the [College Now Request for Student Accommodations form](#) available on the [College Now website](#). Once this form has been processed, the student will be connected with COCC's Services for Students with Disabilities team to begin the process. Students who are considering participation in a College Now course, and intend to pursue accommodations, are encouraged to submit the [College Now Request for Student Accommodations form](#) in advance of the academic year to ensure adequate time to complete the process.

Please note the above policy and process is specific to the College Now program. If a student chooses to take COCC courses outside of the College Now program, either while in high school or upon graduation therefrom, the student will need to go through COCC's formal accommodations process to determine any accommodations allowable. This process is outlined on the [Disability Services website](#).

COLLEGE NOW CONSIDERATIONS

Credits with a Purpose

Earning college credits while still in high school is a great opportunity, however, credits should fit into your high school student's future plan of study or major to provide the greatest benefit. Poor grades can impact admission into colleges/universities and future financial aid eligibility. Below you will find additional information on financial aid considerations as well as information on how courses transfer.

Financial Aid Considerations

There may be future financial aid implications for unsatisfactory academic progress (grade of D, F or W) in a College Now class. Unsatisfactory academic progress includes a cumulative college GPA below 2.0 and a cumulative completion rate below 66.67% of calculated credits at the end of each term. When the student applies for federal financial aid, the Financial Aid office at the college evaluates all grades and credits on their transcript. That will include grades and credits attempted in COCC College Now courses.

In addition, students are limited to financial aid eligibility for 150% of the published credit length of a selected academic program. All credits on the student's transcript, including college credits attempted in high school, count toward the 150% limit for their selected program. The limit is approximately 135 credits for a two-year degree. It is also important to note that the Oregon Promise scholarship covers up to 90 credits, including any credits earned in while high school.

PRIVACY AND STUDENT RECORDS

Once your high school student (regardless of age) enrolls in a postsecondary institution such as Central Oregon Community College, they are protected by the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#). This means that COCC must have a release of information on file from your child before COCC can disclose any information such as grades, bills etc. Your child can provide a release of information by completing and signing the "Release of Information" section on the

College Now registration form. Please view [COCC's FERPA Privacy Policy](#) for additional information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please reach out to the [COCC College Now office](#) if you have any questions. We are happy to help!

RESOURCES

- [College Now FAQ](#)
- [COCC's How College Now Courses Transfer webpage](#)
- [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- [Consumer Information](#)
- [College Now Contact Information](#)