

Jump-Start Your College Education

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You can get an early start on college by taking courses for college credit while you're still in high school. Jump-starting college in this way can save you time and money, help you become more familiar with college-level work, and give you a chance to explore career interests in more depth. Connecticut offers a variety of ways for high school students to earn college credit, and nearly all colleges and universities offer orientation and preparation programs to ease your transition to campus life. This pamphlet summarizes many of these opportunities.

To learn more, visit the web links listed below or contact the Education & Employment Information Center (EEIC), a statewide clearinghouse operated by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. To help you start planning *early* for college, visit www.college.gov and www.KnowHow2GoConnecticut.org.

Earn College Credit in High School

www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html – Advanced Placement (AP) offers 37 courses and exams across 22 subject areas. Eligible high school students take courses followed by end-of-year exams. Students may apply AP courses toward college requirements based on college acceptance policies.

www.ibo.org – The International Baccalaureate program (IB) is a comprehensive curriculum leading to credits that may be applied toward college degrees based on college acceptance policies. Three Connecticut high schools offer IB classes and diplomas:

- www.cibanet.org – The Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, East Hartford
- www.groton.k12.ct.us/schools/fh/IB/ibhome.htm – Robert Fitch Senior High School
- bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/components/docmgr/default.php?sectiondetailid=9186&sc_id=1199389431 – Warren Harding High School, Bridgeport

College Credit Programs for High School Students

Public Colleges and Universities

University of Connecticut

UConn's Early College Experience – enables high school students to take UConn courses at their high school campuses. Forty courses are offered at \$25 per college credit.

www.ece.uconn.edu

UConn Mentor Connection – a summer residential program at UConn-Storrs for talented high school juniors and seniors conducted by the Neag School of Education's Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development. Students focus on a subject area of interest where college credit may be earned.

www.gifted.uconn.edu/mentor

Connecticut State University

Eastern – the Windham High Incentive Program (WHIP) allows junior and senior high school students in participating districts who are in the top 30% of their class to take a maximum of 6 credits in any one semester, including summer. For more information, call or visit the Academic Advisement Center, Wood Support Services Building, Room 201, (860)465-5197.

Community Colleges of Connecticut

All Community Colleges – the High School Partnership and dual enrollment programs in math, science and technology are available to high school juniors and seniors based on agreements with local high schools. There is no cost to students or to high schools beyond expenses for books and transportation. High school juniors and seniors are recommended by their high school principals. For more information, contact your guidance counselor or your nearest community college admissions office.

www.commnet.edu/admissions/offices.asp.

All Community Colleges – College Career Pathways (formerly called Tech Prep) awards college-level credit courses at high schools.

www.commnet.edu/services/tech_prep.asp

Asnuntuck – Connections and College in Manufacturing Technologies offer two ways for earning college credit while in high school.

www.acc.commnet.edu/ManufacturingTechnologyCenter/CollegeConnections.htm

Capital – Met Life Academy, a year-long, tuition-free college preparatory program, offers student success and career exploration courses for college credit. A 6-week summer bridge program, Connecticut Access and Success, provides academic, transfer and financial aid counseling, and referral and mentoring services to students starting Capital in the fall.

www.ccc.commnet.edu/conncas.htm.

Gateway – Summer Transitions is for high school students preparing for college, and a Taste of College is available to seniors during the summer with 6 college credits awarded for completion. A College Corner, offered at three area high schools, provides developmental courses and placement testing. For more information, call Wendy Samberg at (203)285-2108 or Kristine DeForge at (203)285-2279.

Housatonic – the Middle College High School offers math courses for college credit for Bridgeport High School students during their senior year at no cost. For more information, call Cheryl Shane, High School Outreach Coordinator, at (203)332-5176.

Manchester – Project Lead the Way is a summer credit program for high school students considering careers in manufacturing and engineering. Project Lead the Way is hosted by the College of Technology, a curriculum pathway available at all 12 community colleges that offers guaranteed admission to the University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, and several independent universities upon completion of a community college associate degree program in engineering and technology.

www.pltw.org/schoollist-new.asp?toSelect=CT

Norwalk – the College Pathway Initiative allows students to create individual life success plans incorporating challenging high school courses, college-ready academic skills, college credit courses, intensive career exploration, service learning and financial aid coaching. CPI students who work extra hard can enter college with a full semester of college-level courses already completed. For more information, call Lisa Morgan at (203)857-6821, Carol Ball at (203)857-3308, or Gail Stevens at (203)857-7186.

www.ncc.commnet.edu/pdf/cpi.pdf

Norwalk's HEIGHT (Help-Education-Industry-Gain-High-Technology) program enables Greenwich High School students taking courses in business technologies to earn up to 12 NCC credits.

www.ncc.commnet.edu/default.asp?page=/dept/business/BOTHeight.htm

Three Rivers – the Technical Learning Community offers recent high school graduates interested in engineering technology a 3-week summer program to strengthen their English and math skills before starting the fall semester. Project TLC offers math, English and technology credit courses. For more information, call Jodi Calvert, Project TLC Recruiter/Advisor, at (860)885-2611.

www.trcc.commnet.edu/News/projectTLC_jodi.htm

Three Rivers' Partnership with Grasso Technical High School and the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics provides a pathway for students to earn a Three Rivers degree and transfer to Central Connecticut State University. For more information, call Anthony Benoit at (860)885-2386.

Three Rivers' High Jump offers college credit to eligible high school seniors. For more information, contact Diba Khan-Bureau at (860)885-2383 or dkhan-bureau@trcc.commnet.edu; or Matt Liscum at (860)383-5240 or mliscum@trcc.commnet.edu.

Independent Colleges and Universities

Albertus Magnus College – Eligible high school students may earn college credit. For more information, call Admissions at (800)578-9100 or (203)773-8501.

Clemens College – Eligible high school students may earn college credit in culinary arts, safety & sanitation, and management. For more information, contact Jolie Swanson at (800)955-0809 ext. 3108, or at jswanson@clemenscollege.edu

Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts – Pre-college students may participate in a 4-week Summer Academy to earn credit depending on their skill levels. Contact (860)434-5232 ext. 120.

Mitchell College – Thames Academy is one-year, post-graduate/pre-college experience that provides 18 transferrable credits in a highly supportive and structured plan of study. For more information contact ThamesAcademy@mitchell.edu.

www.askadmissions.net/mitchell/aeresults.aspx?Quser=Pre-College+Preparation+Programs&ask=ask

Paier College of Art – The Val Morretti High School Scholarship Program is open to any Connecticut high school junior or senior. High school credit is awarded if approved by the student's guidance counselor. Students accepted by Paier may earn 3 college credits for a beginner course. For more information, call (203)287-3031.

Quinnipiac University – Cheshire and Hamden high school students may earn college credit. For more information, call Linda Broker at (203)582-8496.

Sacred Heart University – The Taste of College program allows qualified high school juniors and seniors to take one college course, that has no prerequisites, and earn college credit. Students must have a B average or better and be in the top 30% of their high school class to participate. For more information, call the Admissions Office at (203)371-7880.

Saint Joseph College – The 4-week Summer Institute sponsored with the Capital Region Education Council allows high school juniors and seniors to earn college credits and experience campus residential life. There is a \$50 registration fee and the \$250 tuition fee is waived for students who participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Application and recommendation forms may be downloaded at www.crec.org/summerinstitutes. For more information, contact the CREC Office of Interdistrict Grants at (860)524-4012 or interdistrictgrants@crec.org.

The Challenge Program offers qualified high school students the opportunity to take one college-level course for credit, tuition-free. See your guidance counselor for more information.

Saint Vincent's College – College Before College permits high school seniors with a B average or better and a recommendation from their guidance counselor to take a class and receive college credit. For more information, call Joseph Marrone at (203)576-5515.

Trinity College – The Gateways to the Humanities Program, co-sponsored by the Connecticut Humanities Council, is a 24-week program that allows Hartford residents, 17 years of age and older, to take a free course and receive college credit. Books and bus fare are also provided at no cost.
www.trincoll.edu/Academics/adultlearning/humanities

University of New Haven – Sound School students in New Haven may take college-level marine biology classes at the University of New Haven.
www.newhaven.edu/news-archive/7194/

The Science and Engineering Magnet School teaches 6th-8th grade students in math and science to prepare them for high school, and offers an "early college" program to high school students in which they earn high school and college credit.
www.nhps.net/IDM/SEU/About.asp

The Outstanding High School Senior Program helps local seniors in their second semester of high school get an early start on college. Selected students receive a full-tuition scholarship for the spring semester at the University of New Haven and take 12-15 college credits, equal to 4-5 courses. They also receive mentoring and counseling support. See your guidance counselor for more information.

Wesleyan University – The High School Scholars Program is designed for high achieving juniors and seniors from local high schools. Students may receive college credit for taking one tuition-free course a semester. Students enroll based on class availability and the instructor's permission. For more information, see your high school guidance counselor, or call Greg Pyke, Senior Associate Dean of Admission, at (860)685-2979.

Yale University – Eligible New Haven high school juniors and seniors may enroll in Yale College academic courses with a scholarship covering tuition. Students may earn credits which may be applied to the college of their choice after high school graduation. See your guidance counselor for more information.
www.yale.edu/onhsa/youth_programs.htm#academic

Non-Credit Enrichment Programs

Public Colleges and Universities

Connecticut State University

Central – Pre-College and Access Services hosts a 6-week summer instructional program on campus which provides many types of assistance, including academic advising and enrichment, tutoring, career development, computer technology training, college admission information and campus visits, financial aid advice, assistance with college and financial aid applications, SAT preparation and fee waivers, college tracking and follow-up.

www.ccsu.edu/PAS/default.htm

Eastern – STEP/CAP (Summer Transition at Eastern Program/ Contract Admissions Program) starts with a 6-week summer pre-college experience followed by a full year of academic support.

www.easternct.edu/depts/lrng_ctr/programs.html

Southern – SCSU offers a 6-week summer program, after-school tutorial program and a Saturday Academy.

www.southernct.edu/conncap/

Western – the Pre-Collegiate and Access Program includes the ConnCAP/Upward Bound, Excel and Educational Achievement & Access Programs (EAP). The ConnCAP/Upward Bound Program is a year-long college preparatory program for 100 Danbury High School students. The Excel Program helps 30 to 40 Broadview and Rogers Park middle students develop their academic potential.

www.wcsu.edu/pcaap/

Community Colleges of Connecticut

Housatonic – Bridges is a 4-course, college-preparatory series for local high school students and parents. Workshops focus on orientation to college, career planning, financial aid and college placement testing. Students who complete all four components are eligible for scholarships. For more information, call Joyce Gonzalez, Bridges Program Coordinator, at (203)332-5066.

Middlesex – Steps To Success is a free 20-hour course to help students prepare for college. For more information, contact Irod Lee at (860)343-5715 or ilee@mxcc.commnet.edu.

Middlesex – Bridge is an intensive, free 6-week college preparatory program held in Meriden which focuses on strengthening reading, English and study skills. For more information, contact Irod Lee at (860)343-5715 or ilee@mxcc.commnet.edu.

Norwalk – ConnCAP is a 6-week summer program for freshmen and sophomores at Norwalk High School, Brien McMahon High School, J.M. Wright Technical High School and the Academy of Information Technology and Engineering. Students receive tutoring during the school year.

www.ncc.commnet.edu/pdf/cpi.pdf

Quinebaug Valley – Opportunity for Success provides eligible students aged 17-21 extra support in navigating the college process. For more information, contact Robert Kozlowski at (860)412-7224.

www.qvctc.commnet.edu/catalog/cat_admission.asp

Tunxis – offers a year-long CNA course in collaboration with Bristol Hospital for students attending Bristol Eastern and Bristol Central High Schools. Students may earn a CNA license upon completion. For more information, call Cheryl Conaty at (860)255-3670.

Independent Colleges and Universities

Clemens College – The Mentoring Program consists of a 3-hour seminar to explore culinary and hospitality careers. For more information, contact Admissions at (800)955-0809.

Fairfield University – Upward Bound conducts 20 Saturday sessions during the school year in math, science, English, computers, foreign languages, CAPT preparation (for 10th graders) and ACT preparation for high school students from greater Bridgeport. For more information, call (203)254-4027.

Fairfield University – The Talent Search Program sponsors college awareness activities for Bridgeport area middle and high school students. For more information, call (203)254-4000, ext. 2473.

Goodwin College – The Summer Bridge Program helps Greater Hartford high school students prepare for college. For more information, call Anthony Harrington at (860)727-6946.

Goodwin's ConnCap Program enrolls 9th and 10th grade students in an on-campus summer program and school year meetings and workshops. For more information, call Lakisha Grant-Washington at (860)727-6944.

Saint Joseph College – Leadership Bound: Adventure Learning allows junior and senior high school girls to experience campus life while developing leadership skills. There is a \$500 fee. For more information, contact Mike Gessford at (860)231-5749 or mgessford@sjc.edu, or Justin McGlamery at (860)231-5790 or jmcglamery@sjc.edu.

Saint Vincent's College – The E-Mentoring Program provides college student mentors to Stratford public school students preparing for college. For more information, call Diane Christiano, Stratford Board of Education, at (203)385-4281.

Saint Vincent's Outreach Program serves 7th-10th grade students from the Bridgeport area to prepare for careers in health fields. For more information, contact Dr. Susan Capasso at (203)576-5323.

Trinity College – Preview Weekend gives eligible high school students an opportunity to explore the social and academic aspects of Trinity. For more information, call Anthony Berry at (860)297-2177.

Trinity works with Hartford area non-profits and the Hartford Public School System to provide academic mentoring opportunities to children of all ages.

www.trincoll.edu/depts/ocir/program/urban_schools.htm

University of Bridgeport – Talent Search helps young people from the Bridgeport area explore colleges and careers by providing SAT prep, tutoring, academic advising and shadowing experiences. For more information, see your guidance counselor or call (203)576-4287.

Wesleyan University – The Wesleyan-Middletown Public Schools Collaborative helps upper-elementary and middle school students from first-generation-to-college backgrounds achieve a college education. For more information, call Beverly Hunter Daniel, Program Director, at (860)685-3113.

www.wesleyan.edu/ocr/wes-middcollaboration.htm

Yale University – The Yale NH Scholar Program allows Career High School students majoring in health sciences to participate in anatomy/physiology laboratory courses, structured internships and mentorship programs on the medical school campus.

www.med.yale.edu/omca/programs/hppi.htm

Yale's Educational Partnerships and Programs for New Haven Young People consists of many academic, mentoring and recreational programs available to New Haven teachers, families and youth.

www.yale.edu/onhsa/documents/EducationalProgramsBrochure2007.pdf

www.yale.edu/onhsa/youth.htm.

Statewide Academic Prep Programs

STRONG-CT (Science and Technology Reaching Out to New Generations in Connecticut) is a collaboration between University of Connecticut and three community colleges: Manchester, Three Rivers, and Quinebaug. This program targets first-generation, African-American and Latino students interested in math and science. It provides pathways to admission to UConn; and academic support, special programs and research.

www.strongct.uconn.edu/resources.html

The Connecticut State Scholars Program encourages high school students to complete a sequence of rigorous academic courses to prepare them for future education and workplace success.

www.etscholars.org/intro.htm

The Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program helps minority students prepare for careers in science, technology, engineering and math through a variety of activities. CPEP conducts after-school and Saturday programs, summer science camps, field trips to industry and colleges, mentoring and visits from professionals. CPEP serves students in Bloomfield, Bristol, Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Stamford and Waterbury.

www.cpep.org

The Career Pathways Initiative in Nursing and Allied Health & Bridges to Health Careers Initiative is conducted by Connecticut's Community Colleges to encourage students (especially underserved students) to enter high-demand health fields. Medical fields include medical assistant, physical therapist assistant, radiologic technology, registered nurse and respiratory care therapist.

www.commnet.edu/healthcare

Connecticut GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) helps New Haven and Bridgeport students prepare for college, and provides college scholarships for eligible high school seniors.

www.ctdhe.org/OEO/gearup.htm



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