

Dual Enrollment: Career Pathways



Take select Frederick Community College (FCC) courses in a specific career track at your Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) high school or at FCC. Earn your high school diploma and an industry certification or credential simultaneously.

High school students in this program explore career options and earn industry certifications or credentials by following a specific career track and taking courses either at their high school, on the FCC campus, or at the FCC Monroe Center. The goal of Career Pathways students is to earn an industry certification or credential either before or shortly after high school graduation. Available career programs vary by school; course locations vary by chosen pathway. Career Pathways students receive free tuition and fees at FCC for all courses. FCPS students participating in Career Pathways may obtain required textbooks and materials at the FCC bookstore at no cost to the student.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Dual Enrollment: Career Pathways?

Career Pathways refers to high school students exploring career options and earning industry certifications or credentials at FCC in a variety of in-demand industries.

What makes this program different from other Dual Enrollment opportunities?

Students in the Career Pathways program will take FCC courses in a specific career track either at their high school, on the FCC main campus, or at the FCC Monroe Center. Career Pathways students will have the goal of earning an industry certification or credential either before or shortly after high school graduation.

How do I enroll in the Career Pathways Dual Enrollment program?

1. Speak with your high school counselor about your plans to take a Continuing Education or Workforce Development (CEWD) course or program.
2. Browse course offerings on the CEWD registration site and confirm the need for placement testing by contacting the Dual Enrollment office at DualEnrollment@frederick.edu.
3. Register for classes using the CEWD Registration Form and send form to DualEnrollment@frederick.edu.
 - a. CHECK the box identifying yourself as a Frederick County high school student.
4. Tuition and fees are free for courses taken during the fall or spring semesters for FCPS students.
5. Obtain textbooks. Students in career pathways may obtain required textbooks and materials at the FCC bookstore at no cost to the student. Students wishing to retain or write in their books and materials may purchase required materials for their own use.
6. Attend class(es).

How much do courses cost for Career Pathways?

Tuition and fees are free for all FCPS students during the fall and spring semesters. Students must pay full tuition prices during the summer semester.

Are the courses taught at my high school or at FCC?

Course location is dependent upon the Career Pathway chosen by the student. Some courses may be taken at the high school, while other courses may take place on the FCC main campus or Monroe Center.

Can I enroll in a Career Pathways program at FCC even if my high school does not offer a CTE completer partnership?

Any FCPS student may enroll in any approved Career Pathways program at FCC as a Dual Enrollment student. Students from high schools without the pathway partnerships may not be eligible to earn high school credit for Career Pathways programs. Please contact your school counselor for more information about high school credits. Current high schools that offer a CTE completer partnership: Frederick High School.

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Frequently Asked Questions (Continued):

What and where is the FCC Monroe Center?

The Monroe Center is an FCC facility that houses offices, classrooms, and labs for Construction and Building Trades, Healthcare and Wellness, and the Hospitality, Culinary & Tourism Institute, including a commercial kitchen and demonstration restaurant. It is located at 200 Monroe Avenue in Frederick, MD.

What FCC career programs are available for Career Pathways?

Some high schools may offer classes that fulfill one or more requirements for FCC short-term training programs. Ask your counselor.

Career Pathways programs may include:

- CNA/GNA Nursing Assistant & Patient Care Technician
- Sterile Processing
- Electrical Certificate or Letter of Recognition
- HVAC Certificate or Letter of Recognition
- Welding Certificate or Letter of Recognition
- Veterinary Assistant
- Hospitality, Culinary & Tourism Institute courses
- Rehabilitation Aide
- Medical Billing & Coding
- IT User Support or Net +
- Certified Logistics Technician
- Manufacturing Technology
- Automotive Technology

What FCC resources are available to students if they are dually enrolled?

A dually enrolled high school student can access all resources available to FCC students (Learning Commons; free tutoring at the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, and STEM Learning Center; online databases; online Writing Center).

Does FCC provide accommodations for FCPS students with an IEP or 504 plan?

Dually enrolled students, including both open campus and high school based students, seeking disability accommodations for FCC courses must request services through the FCC Disability Access Services (DAS) Office. Reasonable accommodations for post-secondary classes are offered to eligible students based on a formal initiation of services request and submission of appropriate disability documentation. Students are required to meet with a disabilities specialist for an intake appointment. This appointment may be scheduled by calling 301.846.2408 or emailing DAS at disabilityservices@frederick.edu. More information about disability services is available at frederick.edu/das.

Contact:

If you have questions about any of our offerings or wish to enroll, please visit frederick.edu/DE, reach out to your school counselor, email us at dualenrollment@frederick.edu, or contact one of our Dual Enrollment staff members. We look forward to hearing from you!

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