# Dual Enrollment: Program Comparison



**High School Based**

Take select Frederick Community College (FCC) courses at your Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) high school or at the Career and Technology Center (CTC). Earn your high school diploma and college credits from FCC simultaneously.

High school students in this program take FCC courses at their high school during the regular school day. These are college level, credit-bearing courses taught by FCPS teachers. Available courses vary by school; talk to your counselor to see what is offered at your FCPS high school. High School Based courses are completely free for all FCPS students.



**Open Campus**

Take select FCC courses at FCC or online. Earn your high school diploma and college credits from FCC simultaneously.
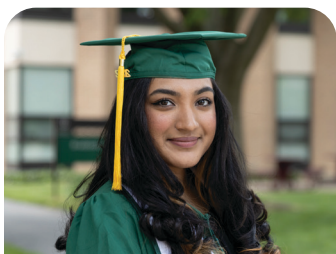
High school students in this program take college courses on the FCC campus or online during the day or in the evening. These are college level, credit-bearing courses. FCPS students participating in Open Campus receive free tuition and fees at FCC for all courses and may obtain required textbooks and materials at the FCC bookstore at no cost.



**Career Pathways**

Take select FCC courses in a specific career track at your 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. FCPS students participating in Career Pathways receive free tuition and fees at FCC for all courses and may obtain required textbooks and materials at the FCC bookstore at no cost.



**Early College**

Take FCC courses at FCC or online. Earn your high school diploma and an FCC associate degree simultaneously.

High school students in the Early College program at FCC will earn an associate degree while still completing high school by attending FCC full-time during their junior and senior years. Similar to traditional full-time undergraduate students, Early College students follow the FCC academic calendar and have the option to take day, evening, online, and weekend courses. Schedules are developed with the Early College coordinator. FCPS students participating in Early College receive free tuition and fees at FCC for all courses and may obtain required textbooks and materials at the FCC bookstore at no cost.

| Program Benefits | High School Based | Open Campus | Career Pathways | Early College |
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| Free tuition and fees | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Broad course offerings | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Classes held at FCC main campus or Monroe Center | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Classes held at the high school | ✓ | | | |
| Classes offered during regular school day | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Experience of a college campus | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Flexible course times | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| No textbook or materials costs | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Online course options | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Opportunity to earn an associate degree by high school graduation | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Opportunity to earn an industry credential or certificate by high school graduation | | | ✓ | |
| Preparation for a job in an in-demand industry | | | ✓ | |

| Program Requirements | High School Based | Open Campus | Career Pathways | Early College |
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| Apply to FCC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Complete FCPS enrollment paperwork | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Follow all FCC policies and procedures | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Follow all FCPS policies and procedures | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Obtain required textbooks/materials | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Schedule courses through high school counseling center | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Schedule courses with FCC advisor or online | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Summer college transition course | | | | ✓ |
| Take ACCUPLACER test or meet exemption requirements | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Travel to FCC main campus or Monroe Center | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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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