



Frequently asked questions about early entry (dual enrollment) at NPRC

About NPRC

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) is a local, two-year, open-admission college. NPRC offers associate and certificate degrees and workforce development training opportunities to those within the communities we serve. NPRC students include degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking students. We welcome eligible guest, transfer, and early entry students. Early entry (dual enrollment) students include students in the public and private school sector, homeschool, and cyber school students who have not yet achieved a high school diploma or GED.

Early entry students are charged tuition at the rate of \$60/credit hour. There are no additional fees charged. Students are responsible for the cost of textbooks. Associate degree programs include Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Liberal Studies, Social Sciences, and Early Childhood Education. A 30-credit-hour certificate in General Studies is also offered.

Academic classes are simultaneously delivered at NPRC's 25 instructional locations via live interactive technology. For a complete, updated list of instructional locations available, [visit the most up to date list on the College website.](#)

When are classes offered?

During the fall and spring terms, classes meet once or twice weekly, typically Monday through Thursday, between 8:30am and 11:20am as well as 2:00 pm and 9:20 pm. Fall classes run from mid-August through mid-December; spring classes run from mid-January through mid-May. In June, July, and early August classes meet daily or twice weekly between 12:30 pm and 9:15 pm. Evening and summer classes allow students the ability to balance work and extracurricular schedules while pursuing their educational goals.

Who is eligible for dual enrollment?

Students must have successfully completed their sophomore year of secondary education, have been granted junior standing to be eligible for admission and enrollment, and have made satisfactory progress toward fulfilling applicable school graduation requirements as determined by the school based on credits earned. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 for eligibility and must have the recommendation of the high school principal and/or guidance counselor through a completed early entry form. NPRC staff review transcripts to determine eligibility. To remain in the dual enrollment program, the student must maintain a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5. The student also must earn a minimum grade of C in each completed dual enrollment course.

Enrollment for early entry students is limited to a maximum of six credit hours during the first term, a maximum of 12 credit hours during each subsequent term, and a maximum of 30 credit hours during an academic year. The maximum credit-hour enrollment permitted includes the total of all credit hours of enrollment at all post-secondary institutions of higher learning.



Are there placement standards for courses?

Dual enrollment students are subject to the same standards as all other students as provided by the NPRC Catalog. Courses are identical to those offered to all other students. Please note, certain classes may have required prerequisite coursework that is applicable to all students including early entry students.

Will my credits, degrees, or certificates transfer to a 4-year institution?

NPRC is authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to grant Associate degrees and Certificates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is proudly pursuing accreditation.

Students are strongly recommended to check with their intended college/university for post-graduation enrollment and program requirements to ensure the classes taken with NPRC meet transfer and program expectations at the intended transfer college or university.

What non-credit programs are available?

NPRC offers a variety of non-credit workforce development opportunities such as Commercial Driver's License (CDL), manufacturing technology courses, Child Development Associate (CDA), and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training.

Does NPRC offer opportunities for prior learning credit for high school students?

Eligible students may apply for prior learning credit which may meet requirements in select Associate degree programs. Additionally, eligible students may apply for prior learning credit based upon award of industry recognized credential or exam scores achieved on Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), DSST (formerly DANES Subject Standardized Tests) or International Baccalaureate (IB). For more information, contact admissions@rrcnpa.org or visit the NPRC website.

How can I learn more?

To request more information about opportunities for early entry (dual enrollment) in academic courses or non-credit workforce development, visit DiscoverNPRC.org or email your name, address and phone number to admissions@rrcnpa.org to get you started on your college career!

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