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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Beginning in the fall of 2018, high school students can earn college credit through the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) and the Start College Now Program. These programs were formerly combined to make the Youth Options Program.

Early College Credit Program (ECCP)

A student selected for ECCP may be permitted to enroll in a UW System institution; or an alternative private, non-profit institution of higher education (IHE) in Wisconsin to take one or more courses for which the student may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both. Under ECCP, the costs of the courses are shared among the IHE, the school district, the state, and in some cases the student's family.

How to Apply for the Early College Credit Program:

- Talk with your high school counselor to see if it's a good fit for you. They will help you consider how the class aligns with your academic plans and whether you meet the prerequisite for taking a college level class.
- Request information from UW System campuses where you would like to take classes.
- Obtain an ECCP participation form from your high school counselor or download it from the link below.
- Submit your completed form by **March 1** for fall semester or **October 1** for spring semester to your school counselor.
- Apply to the campus where you would like to take classes (meet all deadlines and their campus specific requirements).
- Submit high school transcripts along with any prerequisite documentation (AP Scores).
- Enroll in your class(es).

Admissions Offices will Consider the Following:

- Rank in class
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ACT or SAT Scores
- Rigor of your high school courses
- Letters of Recommendation

UW System ECCP Participation Form

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/UW-System-Early-College-Credit-Program-and-High-School-Special-Form-2018.pdf>



Start College Now

Start College Now will allow high school students the opportunity to take college courses at any Wisconsin Technical Colleges either full- or part-time. The process is very similar to the previous Youth Options program. You are eligible if you go to a public high school and have completed 10th grade with good academic standing, met any course prerequisites, have written approval from your parent or guardian, and have no history of disciplinary problems.

To Apply You will need:

- A completed application form signed by the school board.
- A completed Wisconsin Technical College Application
- A letter from the school board stating which classes, books, and fees are the school district's tuition responsibility.

The program opens the door to greater learning opportunities for those who are motivated to get started on their career path and who are ready to try a new learning environment. If you are interested you must complete the application form and submit applications to your school counselor by **March 1** for fall semester or **October 1** for spring semester. Forms are available in the School Counselor's office. See your School Counselor for more information.

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Start College Now Application:

https://www.witc.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/Start%20College%20Now%20-%20Application_0.pdf

Chippewa Valley Technical College Start College Now Application:

<https://www.cvtc.edu/cvtc/media/insider/documents/Start-College-Now-Application.pdf>

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Sincerely,

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