



Lorain Preparatory Academy

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"Where dreams and expectations roar"

College Credit Plus Program General Information

Eligibility

In September 2014, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation creating the "College Credit Plus" program. This program gives students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to be enrolled in both high school and college courses at the same time. According to HB 487, any student in grades 7-12 may participate in the College Credit Plus program as long as the student demonstrates academic readiness for college level courses and are willing and able to meet the demands of high school and college requirements jointly. All public secondary schools and all public colleges in Ohio must provide the opportunity for students in grades 7-12 who meet academic eligibility to engage in college coursework. Most of these classes are offered on these college campuses and the student is responsible for transportation to those facilities.

Lorain County Community College is the closest college in proximity to Lorain Preparatory Academy for participation in the College Credit Plus program. Lorain High School offers courses as well through their Titan College program.

Credit and Graduation Requirements

Courses are graded and in accordance with HB 487 must be weighted equivalent with any course within the content area.

Students must meet the course and exit exam requirements specific to high school graduation as well as meet the requirements of the College Credit Plus program. Credits earned through College Credit Plus are transferable to many public and private institutions both in-state and out of state. www.transfer.org and www.ohiomeanssuccess.org are two websites which will help students understand which courses will transfer to future college choices.

High School and College Credit Counseling

Lorain Preparatory Academy will transport students who are interested in early college to LCCC to take the Accuplacer exam on 3/7/2017.

A representative from Titan College will be at LPA to present information and answer student questions on 3/24/2017 at 8:30am.

Enrollment

Students who are interested in participating in the College Credit Plus program must complete the following requirements:

- Complete the Letter of Intent to Participate in College Credit Plus and return it to the school's guidance counselor by April 1, 2017.
- Apply to the University at which you would like to take courses. Lorain County Community College has information on courses you can take on their campus as well as links to the high school based programs in the area at this web address. www.lorainccc.edu/ccp/
- Schedule a meeting with the school's guidance counselor who can help you with setting up a meeting with a guidance counselor at your high school of choice.
- Complete the College Credit Plus Contract and return it to the school guidance counselor. See your guidance counselor for due dates at your high school of choice.

Student Responsibilities

- Students must meet academic eligibility requirements for college level coursework and be willing to meet the demands of participating in both college and high school coursework at the same time.
- Students will need to work with school counselor and early college liaison in choosing courses and following the path set forth for success.
- Students may also seek advisement from campus based support services.
- Students will be expected to follow the rules and regulations of both their high school and the college/university.
- College Credit Plus does not guarantee admission to college after high school. Students should still seek guidance counseling and follow the regular undergraduate admission process for admission into college after high school graduation.

Benefits and Risks

Benefits

- Opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school
- Opportunity for financial support for taking college courses while in high school
- Opportunity to learn about and experience the demands of college prior to making final decisions regarding college after high school.
- Opportunity to study in more depth and with greater choice areas of special interest

Risks

- Greater student responsibility for learning and deadlines
- Increased study time
- Reduced time for extra-curricular activities and employment opportunities
- Possible effect on grade point average
- Possible delay of graduation
- Travel time and costs

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

Any student in the College Credit Plus program is considered an official college student and is subject to rights guaranteed by the federal FERPA. This means that college records are not released to anyone, including parents, without the written consent of the student. Students can sign a consent form to give their parents greater access to grade reports however, college professors will not exchange emails or phone calls with the parents of students enrolled in college courses through the College Credit Plus program. The high school and the college may exchange information.