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Which Program is Right For You?

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High School-Based College Credit

• Take HCC courses¹, taught by college-qualified HCPSS faculty.
• Earn college credit and meet high school graduation requirements.
• Access all of HCC’s campus-based resources.

WHO? All HCPSS high school students.
WHERE? Classes are taught at all high schools and vary by location.

HCC Campus-Based College Credit

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STRUCTURED PROGRAMS

Get on the fast track for advanced education by making the commitment to an Early College program starting in ninth or 10th grade. These programs combine high school-based and HCC campus-based dual credit for a structured pathway to high school graduation.

Early College

³0 & 60 Credit Option

• Choose from associate degree track programs in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), cybersecurity, computer science, criminal justice, entrepreneurship, general studies, secondary teaching, public health or health sciences.
• Graduate from high school with 30 college credits or more.
• Complete your associate degree at HCC within one year of high school graduation, or transfer credits to another higher education institution.
• Access all of HCC’s campus-based resources.

WHO? Rising ninth or 10th grade students who can commit to an accelerated program of study.
WHERE? Visit www.hcpss.org/jumpstart for most up-to-date information.

1 Prerequisites may be required for enrollment in some courses.
2 Semester start dates for HCC campus-based courses may differ from HCPSS start dates. Students enrolled in HCC campus-based classes will follow the HCC calendar, with fall semester beginning earlier than HCPSS.
3 Transferability of credits may vary depending on the course and the college or university.