What is Running Start?

- A student choice
- Tuition-free college classes for high school juniors and seniors
- Earn high school and college credit
- Vocational or academic classes
- Flexible and challenging
Who is Eligible?

Students who:

• Are classified as a junior or senior
• Are under age 21 at the beginning of the school year
• Not a high school graduate
• Qualify for college level classes
  • Limited access options
• Have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or above
  • Appeal process available
Why Olympic College

- Dedicated Running Start Team to support you
- Personalized Advising Appointments
- Transfer workshops
- Commitment to diversity and equity
- Student leadership opportunities on campus
Benefits

• Save money
• Save time to complete degree
• Diverse and challenging learning environment
• Flexible class schedule
• Wide variety of classes available
• Earn high school credits faster
Considerations

- Classes cover more material in depth at a faster rate
- Transportation is not provided
- Different social interactions
- Adult learning environment
- High school and college schedules differ
- Free/Reduced Priced meals are not available
- FERPA
Successful Running Start Students

• Attend classes prepared
• Check their OC student email
• Are proactive and self-motivated
• Get to know their instructors & classmates
• Utilize Campus Resources
• Have good time management skills
• Know what high school requirements they need
Schedule Options

- Delivery (face to face, online, hybrid)
- Schedule (day, evening, weekend, 1-5x/week)
- Locations (Bremerton, Poulsbo, Shelton)
- Enrollment
  - Full-time (up to 15 credits)
  - Part-time (less than 15 credits)
  - 2 years (juniors)
  - 1 year (seniors)
  - Can adjust status as needed
Credits and Equivalency

- A full-time RS student can earn 9 HS credits per year
- HS counselors work with students to relay which OC classes are equivalent to specific HS requirements
- 5 college credits = 1 high school credit
- In general:

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*College credit eligibility is based on actual minutes enrolled at the high school
A closer look at credits

Each semester class grants .5 credit

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Each 5 credit college class earns 1 high school credit
Running Start Costs & Funding

• Tuition is free for up to 15 credits per quarter (fall, winter, spring)
  • College-level courses numbered 100 and above

• Students/families need to plan to pay for:
  • Fees
  • Textbooks and supplies
  • Transportation

• Assistance is available for low-income families
  • Running Start Tuition and Fee Waiver
  • Running Start Textbook Lending Library
Application Steps

1. Complete an Olympic College Application for Admission from the website.
ENGL 101 eligible?

- Cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher **AND**
- B or higher in English (reg or honors) this year or
- SBAC score of 3 or 4, or
- SAT English score of 460, or
- ACT English Score of 19+, or
- PSAT cumulative GPA x200+English score > 1100

*If not, then you should take the Accuplacer.*
Eligible for College Math?

Algebra II
  B or better – Math 107, 141, 146, or 147
  C or better – Math 98, 99, 107, or 146
Pre-Calculus (no trig)
  C or better Math 142 or 148
Pre-Calculus (with trig)
  C or better: Math 151 or 210
Accuplacer Testing

Schedule the Accuplacer assessment online
   $22 Fee (each session)
3 Test Subjects:
   Reading Comprehension
   Sentence Skills
   Math (Arithmetic, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics, Advanced Algebra & Functions)

Test Tips:
   Utilize test prep sites
   Take all subjects
   Review don’t cram
   Consider waiting to test
Application Steps

3. Set up your ctcLink Account

4. Activate your Olympic College Student Account

5. Apply to the Running Start Program
Running Start application

- Apply online.
- Upload
  - High school transcript (and appeal letter if GPA is below 2.5)
  - Student & Parent Agreement form
  - Accuplacer scores or Smarter Balanced Assessment Scores, if needed

Applying to Olympic College as a Running Start Student is a two-step process. First, apply to Olympic College, then complete the Running Start application.

Running Start Application Opens:
- January 19, for Spring 2023
- April 1st, for Fall 2023
2022 Timeline

- **Fall 2022 applications**
  - Running Start application opens – April 1
  - Priority due date – May 1
  - Accepted until September 14
Dual Credit Options

- Dual-credit programs allow high school students to earn both high school and college credits in the same course, at the same time.

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