



Summer College Credit Program

High school students earn college credit in high-demand fields over the summer

The Summer College Credit Program (SCCP) supports efforts to better meet industry needs and prepare high school students for college and careers in high demand fields. Authorized in 2018 as part of the Future Ready Iowa Act and supported by a \$600,000 state appropriation, the SCCP has provided over 7,700 students with free

access to college-level coursework over the past seven summers. The SCCP programming promotes participation in high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs which align to regional in-demand occupations, and also leads students directly into Last Dollar Scholarship programs at Iowa's postsecondary educational institutions.

Summer College Credit Program Summary

The Summer College Credit Program has three primary goals:

1. Provide greater access to college-credit coursework in CTE programs at Iowa's community colleges by allowing high school students to enroll during the summer at no cost.
2. Allow students to explore and start on paths to obtain credentials linked to high-demand fields.
3. Maximize the investment made by community colleges, school districts, industry partners and others in modern CTE facilities and equipment through innovative summer programming.

Academic Year 2024-25

**Number of Participating
Community Colleges:**
15 Iowa Community Colleges

**Number of
Programs Approved:**
32 Programs

Total Enrollment:
2,416 Students

Community colleges submit proposals annually to the Iowa Department of Education for approval. In FY24-25, 32 programs were approved through the SCCP. Coursework in each of the approved programs is part of an approved CTE program and aligns with an in-demand occupation as

identified by the State Workforce Board or the respective community college. Course offerings within the top service area, Health, were CNA, pre-nursing courses required for LPN and ADN completion as well as WBL opportunities.

Enrollment has increased each summer from 763 in FY19 to 2,416 in FY25.

Number of Summer College Credit Programs by CTE Service Area



How It Works

Course offerings through the SCCP function like standard concurrent enrollment courses offered during the typical academic year in that the requirements for students, courses, instructors and institutions are the same for both. Courses offered through this program, however, are not eligible for concurrent enrollment supplementary weighting. Instead, the SCCP is supported by a \$600,000 appropriation from the Iowa Legislature. Each community college works directly with school districts to identify and enroll interested students. To enroll, students must be in grades 9-12, which includes students who will be entering the ninth grade in the fall, as well as non-graduated twelfth-grade students. The start date for SCCP courses correspond to each community college's summer term.

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Concurrent Enrollment

The concurrent enrollment program, also known as district-to-community college sharing, promotes rigorous academic and career and technical pursuits by providing opportunities for high school students to enroll in eligible courses at or through community colleges. Students do not pay for tuition or textbooks for concurrent enrollment courses. Through sharing agreements, tuition is charged to each district who has participating students. Enrollment generates supplemental weighting funds that reimburses a portion of the cost back to the district. Iowa is a national leader in concurrent enrollment, providing access to over 54,000 high school students in academic year 2024-25.