



Thank you for teaming with Central Oregon Community College to offer college level work to your students through College Now. College Now served 1,160 students from 17 high schools during the 2017-2018 school year. This program allows high school students to earn credits through COCC courses articulated at the high schools by high school teachers.

College Now Student Status

College Now is a unique program that doesn't require official admission to the college. To be officially admitted to COCC, a student is required to fill out a COCC application and pay a \$25 application fee.

Helping Students Understand College Now

The Student Guide on the College Now website at <https://www.cocc.edu/departments/college-now/forms/files/student-guide.pdf> explains student expectations, processes, and deadlines.

Credits with a Purpose

The ability to earn college credits while still in high school is a great opportunity for many students, but those credits need to fit into the student's future plan of study or major to provide any benefit. Students who collect credits from a variety of colleges through dual credit and other programs should be sure those credits will transfer to their future community colleges or universities before signing up for the college credit option.

At <https://www.cocc.edu/departments/college-now/transferring-to-four-year-universities.aspx> we have links to each Oregon public university's transfer tool for information on how specific COCC courses will transfer to those institutions. Most private and out-of-state colleges and universities have a similar tool on their website.

FERPA Privacy Policy

FERPA stands for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. FERPA rights begin when a student enrolls at a post-secondary institution, regardless of age. Therefore, a student's educational records are confidential and COCC will not release this information to anyone, including parent(s)/guardian(s) without a student's written consent. Please see the [COCC FERPA policy](#) for additional information.

FERPA is a federal law that provides students the following rights:

1. The right to inspect and review their educational record within 45 days of request
2. The right to request an amendment of their educational records that the student believes to be inaccurate or misleading
3. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures of an institution to comply with FERPA
4. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the educational record, except where FERPA exceptions apply

On the College Now Registration Form, students can release some protected information to their school districts, parents/guardians or other non-COCC entities by completing and signing the "Release of Information" box.

Scholarships

COCC does not offer financial aid for the College Now program, since our rates are already greatly reduced. Some high schools in our area offer scholarships to students who are enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. Other schools provide financial assistance on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, check with your school bookkeeper, principal or district office.



Dropping a Class

If a student decides she isn't going to do well in a class, she can drop the college credit portion of it while still earning the high school class credit.

A class may be dropped with no grade on the transcript any time before the Drop date. The Drop date is approximately 70% of the way through the class. After that, the student may withdraw from the class, resulting in a W on the COCC transcript, until the Withdrawal deadline. The last day to withdraw is typically the Wednesday before the final exam week. See the College Now Calendar for your school for specific dates. In both cases, a drop form *must* be submitted. **There is no refund for dropped College Now classes.**

Financial Aid Implications

There may be future financial aid implications for unsatisfactory academic progress (grade of F or W) in a College Now class. Unsatisfactory academic progress includes a cumulative college GPA below 2.0 and a cumulative completion rate below 66.67% of calculated credits at the end of each term. When the student applies for federal financial aid, the Financial Aid office at the college evaluates all grades and credits on their transcript. That will include grades and credits attempted in College Now classes. An F on a College Now course will lower a student's GPA and could make him ineligible for financial aid.

In addition, students are limited to financial aid eligibility only for 150% of the published credit length of a selected academic program. *All credits on a student's transcript*, including college credits attempted in high school, count toward the 150% limit for the selected program, *regardless of how they were funded*. The limit is approximately 135 credits for a two-year degree. This means if a student earns too many credits that don't apply to her declared major, they could make her ineligible for financial aid as soon as it is clear she cannot graduate within this period.

Student's Rights and Responsibilities

The Student's rights and responsibilities are described at <https://www.cocc.edu/policies/general-procedures-manual/student/student-rights-and-responsibilities.aspx>.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action (EO/AA) Statement

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For more information, go to the College Now webpage at <https://www.cocc.edu/departments/college-now/default.aspx> or call us at 541-504-2930.

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