

NHTI'S EARLY COLLEGE FAQ

How do I qualify for Early College?

You have to be at least 16 years old and receive approval from your high school counselor. The age requirement may be waived if your parent/guardian and counselor believe you are ready for the NHTI course. If you have been home-schooled, you'll have to provide documentation that supports your capability to do college-level work. We reserve the right to request that home-schooled students take the Accuplacer assessment to help determine course placement.

How much will it cost?

Great news: The cost of taking an Early College course at NHTI is 50% the N.H. resident tuition rate – which means you'll pay \$107.50 per credit! You're responsible for paying for your own books and/or materials and your own transportation to NHTI.

Can I get financial aid or have a payment plan for books or materials?

Unfortunately, as a high school student, you're not yet eligible for federal financial aid, and there's no option for a payment plan. However, if you're seeking to take STEM courses, you may be eligible for the governor's STEM Scholarship, which allows students from 60+ participating N.H. high schools to receive a scholarship to cover the tuition costs of up to two CCSNH dual enrollment program courses per academic year; dual enrollment programs include Early College, Project Lead the Way, Running Start and E-Start courses. Check with your counselor to see if your high school is participating in this program.

How is Early College different from Running Start?

Both programs provide opportunities to earn college credits at a discounted tuition rate. Running Start courses are taught by high school instructors at high schools; Early College courses are taught by college professors on the NHTI campus, providing access to NHTI labs and equipment. Early College Students will take courses alongside NHTI college students.

Which courses at NHTI are available through Early College?

While the Early College program at NHTI is focused on providing students the opportunity to complete general education core classes that are typically required for first-year students, students may also begin exploring some major-specific courses where appropriate. Some courses will have course prerequisites that would need to be satisfied prior to registration while others may be restricted only to students enrolled in specific degree programs (ie, allied health care courses), so be sure to review the course descriptions on the NHTI website to see about any registration requirements.

How do I register for the college course(s)?

Work with your high school counselor to complete the [Permission to Enroll form](#) and [Early College course registration form](#). If you are under 18, you'll also need your parent/guardian to sign off on both forms. This permission form, along with your registration form and registration fee, is due no later than two weeks prior to the start of Fall or Spring semester. We recommend you register sooner for the best possible selection of courses, as many popular courses fill up quickly.

If I'm in Early College, does this mean I'm a college student?

Sure does! Once you've registered for a college course, you're a college student and may enjoy the rights and privileges associated with this status. Among other things, you get a student ID, and access to NHTI student support services and the library. When your course is completed, you may request an official transcript by contacting the NHTI Registrar's Office.

What happens to my Early College record if I attend NHTI after I graduate from high school?

Well, that would be great news! Should you decide to enroll into a degree or certificate program at NHTI, you'll have to officially apply for admission and submit your high school transcripts. Your Early College record is part of your official NHTI transcript. As long as you successfully complete the course and it's required of the degree program in which you enroll, you will already have completed a course toward your degree!

What if I cannot complete the class?

This sometimes happens. Visit the Registrar and fill out an official drop form. **Don't just stop attending!** The consequence of disappearing from a class without doing an official drop is an "F" on your transcript, which will permanently remain on your transcripts and affect your GPA. Be sure to review the Registration Policies and Drop Deadlines on the NHTI site. If you are having challenges in your class and think you may need to withdraw, talk with your instructor and Mark Bograd, our coordinator of high school outreach and advisor to the Early College program.

Will Early College credits count toward my high school graduation requirements?

That's up to your high school. It's important to talk to your school counselor to make sure you have what you need to graduate. This is an opportunity to gain experience on a college campus and an avenue for motivated students to accelerate their timeline toward a college degree.

Is there a difference in Early College options across N.H. community colleges?

Yes – what NHTI offers could be different from another N.H. community college. CCSNH allows each college to consider community needs and respond accordingly.