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## Post-Secondary Program Options for High School Students *(2017-2018)*

### 1. Community College of Vermont (CCV) Intro to College Studies (ICS) course

*ICS prepares students for college by helping them set goals, problem-solve, manage time and stress, improve communication skills, take better notes, reduce test anxiety, and plan financially.*

- Free to all Vermont high school students, including the textbook
- Offered every semester throughout Vermont
- Prepares students for success in dual enrollment courses and college
- Ideal for high school sophomores to prepare them for college courses available their junior and senior years
- May be offered in high schools under special arrangement

Questions? Contact [Natalie Searle](#) at CCV or (802) 885-8368

### 2. Vermont Dual Enrollment program

*Allows Vermont residents who are publicly funded high school students access to college credit-bearing courses while receiving high school & college credit.*

Under the Flexible Pathways Initiative (Act 77), Dual Enrollment:

- Offers up to two tuition-free courses (using dual enrollment vouchers) for eligible Vermont students who are juniors or seniors in a high school, CTE Center or the Home Study Program (home study students must have an enrollment notice on file at the Agency of Education to be eligible for vouchers)
- Offers courses at 19 participating colleges/universities in Vermont
- Provides up to 4 credits per course
- Students pay for textbooks and lab and materials fees
- Students must apply and be approved for a voucher through the voucher system at [VT Dual Enrollment](#)

Questions? Contact your high school guidance counselor or [Toni Marra](#), Agency of Education, or (802) 479-1302

### 3. Fast Forward program

*Allows Vermont residents who are enrolled in Career Technical Education (CTE) programs to get high school & college credit for college courses taught by a CTE teacher at the regional CTE centers.*

Fast Forward is funded by Carl D. Perkins for federal and state career and technical education programs of study:

- Technical Center Students ONLY
- Up to two free courses (using Fast Forward tickets) per eligible Vermont student

- This is for concurrent enrollment only (on-site at the Tech Center with the CTE instructor as approved adjunct instructor)
- Courses can be taken through CCV and Vermont Tech ONLY
- Additional courses can be purchased for \$100 per student per course
- Only specific courses are eligible, which are part of targeted programs of study leading to associate degrees at CCV or Vermont Tech

**Questions? Contact your local Career Technical Education Center.**

#### **4. Early College program**

*Students receive a high school diploma and complete a year of college at the same time.*

Through the Flexible Pathways Initiative (Act 77), Early College is available to eligible Vermont high school seniors tuition-free:

- Students must get permission from their high school principal in order to participate
- Students apply for admission to one of 7 colleges offering the Early College program
- Student must enroll in courses full-time for both the fall and spring semesters
- Students pay for textbooks, lab fees, materials fees, and any other costs associated
- Courses must satisfy high school graduation requirements so that students graduate from high school at the end of the spring semester
- Students must un-enroll from high school and re-enroll at the end of spring semester to get their high school diploma

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#### **5. Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST) program offered at Vermont Technical College (VTC)**

*Students receive a high school diploma and complete a year of college through VTC at the same time.*

VAST students have the option to get a diploma from VAST or VAST and their sending school. If they choose to receive the sending school diploma, they would need to re-enroll in their sending school to receive the diploma.

- VAST is an independent, accredited high school exclusively for high school seniors. At VAST, students receive a high school diploma and complete a year of college at the same time.
- Available to Vermont seniors at no charge for tuition (can apply as a junior)
- Students cover the cost of books and any applicable fees. Some students qualify financially for VTC fee waivers and VSAC grants. VSAC also offers loans to VAST parents.
- VAST students who elect to continue their education at Vermont Tech are eligible to receive the VAST Forward tuition scholarship of \$3,000 per year.
- Areas of focus are math and science but all VTC majors are open to VAST students including undeclared.

**Questions? Contact [Steven Airoidi](#) at Vermont Technical College or (802) 728-1337**