
Post-Secondary Program Options for High School Students

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 Agency of Education at AOE.DualEnrollment@vermont.gov

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:

Contact Information:

If you have questions about this document or would like additional information please contact:

Flexible Pathways Division at AOE.DualEnrollment@vermont.gov

- 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 senior's 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