ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT STUDENT HANDBOOK

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What is Advanced College Credit (ACC)?

Advanced College Credit (ACC) is a program involving a partnership between Clackamas Community College (CCC) and local high schools. ACC classes are college courses taken at high school and taught by an approved high school instructor. ACC high school instructors must meet qualifying criteria to offer the course for college credit. College credits earned are posted to a college transcript, just as if the class had been taken at the college and may apply to certificates and degrees at CCC or may be transferred to another college or university.

ACC allows students to get an early start toward earning a college certificate or degree, saving time and money! The program is an opportunity that requires planning, follow-through, and attention to deadlines. Students taking ACC courses and participating in the ACC program earn college credit and are also introduced to college practices and procedures, making them more prepared for college in their future.

Benefits of participating in ACC:

- Research by Northwest Regional Labs shows that students who earn college credit in high school are more likely to attend college after high school and also more likely to complete a college degree.
- ACC Students have access to CCC student services on campus and online, such as:
 - A dedicated advisor for high school students earning college credit
 - o Free tutoring assistance on campus and online
 - o Library Resources such as online databases and materials and assistance with research
 - Student admission rates for CCC sporting events and theatre productions ... and more!
- Save money on college tuition and fees ACC cost only \$10 per credit rather than \$130 per credit (plus fees and books) at CCC and much higher rates at other college or universities.
- Complete a degree faster, have flexibility to study abroad, or take lighter term if needed.
- Enter college with higher status with some college credits already completed. Students with previous college credit may be able to register earlier than or have better housing options.
- Exposure to college level courses and college registration practices and policies will better prepare students for expectations at CCC or another college or university.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

In ACC classes, students can earn high school and college credit. Because of this, students are held to conduct policies for the high school and Clackamas Community College. Please refer to the High School Student Handbook and the CCC Student Handbook. Campus policies are subject to change. Please visit www.clackamas.edu/student-rights for up-to-date information and latest CCC Student Handbook.

ACC Program Advice

As a participant in the ACC program, high school students will be considered CCC students once they apply to CCC and register for ACC classes. CCC students have access to CCC student records, the online registration and payment systems, and a CCC student email through myClackamas as well as access to student computer labs, tutoring services, and library resources for any ACC classes registered for in the current term. A complete list of tutoring resources and how to access them can be found online at http://www.clackamas.edu/academics/academic-support/tutoring-services.

Students in the ACC program start a college transcript that will follow them throughout life. A college transcript is a formal document that records all courses and grades taken at a particular college or university. An official transcript from an institution is used to provide evidence to other colleges, universities and/or employers of the certificates or degrees earned, coursework taken and grades earned. The credit posted to a CCC transcript may be reviewed by colleges and universities in the future and can make the difference between being accepted or receiving a scholarship. It is very important that ACC students monitor their CCC transcript and only register for college credit through the ACC program if anticipate earning a C or higher. It is highly recommended for ACC students to meet with a CCC advisor to begin discussing future degree and career paths to help guide course taking behavior in high school and beyond.

Students should keep all ACC course syllabi. Not only does the syllabus outline the course content and act as a great reference for assignments and course due dates, it also specifies the learning objectives of the college curriculum. Having a course syllabus can help get credits accepted at another college if there are any questions about the course content.

FERPA Privacy Policy

FERPA stands for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of education records as a student. Under FERPA, CCC cannot release the following information, without the student's permission:

- Financial records (accounts, financial aid, etc.)
- Grades and GPA information
- Class schedules, times, locations
- Personally identifying information such as student email address, ID numbers, SSN, and birth dates

CCC staff cannot release student information to parents or guardians without signed permission from students. Students may release information by submitting an online <u>FERPA release form</u>. This allows the person/people specified on the form to communicate with CCC on the student's behalf.

Student Roles and Responsibilities

ACC Students will:

- Read and follow the information provided in the ACC Student Handbook, including the rules of student conduct at the high school and at the college for ACC classes. The ACC Student Handbook is available at www.clackamas.edu/academics/academic-offerings/high-school-connections/high-schoolregistration. The CCC Student Handbook can be found at www.clackamas.edu/student-rights.
- 2. Apply for a CCC Student ID number and maintain CCC student account with accurate contact information. All CCC students must have a CCC student account before registering for classes. This ID number becomes the permanent CCC ID number for ACC and for any future registration or business with the college.
- 3. Keep track of CCC Student ID number, username/CCC email address, and password. This information is needed to log into myClackamas for registration, payment, grades, transcripts, etc.
- Meet course prerequisites for ACC courses, as posted at <u>www.clackamas.edu/acc/register</u>.
- 5. Register for college credits that apply toward degrees/certificates that align with future goals. Understand grades and credits earned through ACC courses can impact future financial aid and scholarship eligibility. Connect with a college advisor, hsconnections@clackamas.edu or 503-594-3252, for more information.
- 6. Meet registration, drop, and payment deadlines, as posted at www.clackamas.edu/acc/register. It is the student's responsibility to know this information from reading the ACC Student Handbook. Registration assistance is available at <a href="https://hscarter.ncbi.nlm.ncb
 - a. Register for college credits accurately and within registration periods. Students must currently be taking the course to register. Registering for a previous term/year is not allowed.
 - b. Drop college course(s) by the drop deadlines for each term to prevent a class and/or low grade from posting to the college transcript.
 - c. Pay the \$10 per credit fee for ACC courses upon registration or by payment deadline. Students may qualify for a fee waiver and ask their high school counselor to be added to the ACC fee waiver list each year they qualify.
 - d. Holds will be placed on student accounts for unpaid balances, preventing further registration until paid in full.
- 7. If accommodations are needed, notify the ACC high school instructor and high school counselor, who will work with the CCC Disability Resource Center to determine reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations in teaching and/or assessment aligned with college policy may be available to students with a documented disability. All students must meet the student learning outcomes and the rigor of assessments for the course in order to be eligible for college credit.
- 8. Understand how to access CCC student services (e.g., advising, tutoring, library, etc.) as needed. This information is available in the ACC Student Handbook.
- 9. Check CCC grades at the end of each term to verify grades are accurate. Notify the ACC high school instructor and the ACC team right away, if an error is found.
- 10. Order official CCC transcripts if transferring credits to another college/university, www.clackamas.edu/transcripts.

Financial Aid Implications

The college credits earned through ACC will be considered within a student's future financial aid award at CCC and other institutions. We recommend only having grades of A, B and possibly C post to a transcript when students are still in high school. All credits earned will also be counted toward a student's Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards and will be counted when determining pace toward degree completion and grade point average. CCC's financial aid and scholarship requirements can be found online at http://www.clackamas.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financial-aid-scholarships.

Because of the future financial aid implications, it is important to register for ACC courses that will apply toward a degree or certificate program and to be very intentional about the courses and grades posting to college transcripts. Contact the High School Connections advisor at hsconnections@clackamas.edu with any questions.

ACC and Oregon Promise

ACC students will still be eligible for Oregon Promise as long as they have not already earned 90 college credits in high school. College credits earned while a student is enrolled in high school will be included in the student's total credits and cumulative GPA at a community college. All of the following types of credits count toward the Oregon Promise 90 credit limit:

- College credits you take while in high school or as part of a high school completion program
- College credits you take during summer term (Oregon Promise does not pay for summer courses)
- College credits you take at another college or university while dual-enrolled at another college
- College credits for courses you withdraw from or fail
- Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credits transcripted by your college.
- Any other college credits you attempt or complete prior to and during your time as an Oregon Promise recipient

ACC and Oregon Promise can benefit students; saving time and money. Taking ACC classes in high school that apply toward a student's certificate or degree will allow students to take additional courses after high school with Oregon Promise funding and will save time in college by not having to repeat course material already learned; ultimately accelerating the path to degree or certificate completion.

Estimated cost breakdown for students who took WR-121Z as ACC verses taking it at CCC with Oregon Promise:

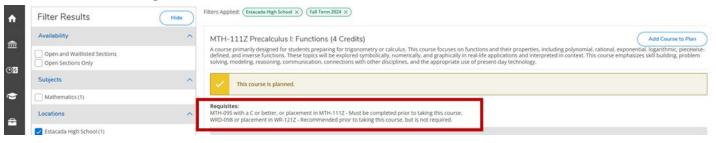
	Cost of WR-121Z through ACC	Cost of WR-121Z at CCC with Oregon Promise*
Tuition	\$0	\$0
Books	\$0	Up to \$16.50 (used book cost)
Fees	\$40, or free for qualifying students	Up to \$71 plus \$30 per term college service fee
TOTAL:	\$40, or free for qualifying students	Up to \$117.50

^{*}Estimated cost based on SU2025 WR-121Z cost at CCC

For more information about Oregon Promise, visit https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx.

Course Requirements and Prerequisites

ACC courses are identical to the course description, student learning outcomes, and assessment/ performance expectations of a CCC on-campus or online course. Many college courses require students to meet prerequisites prior to being able to take the college class. A prerequisite is a specific course or subject that a student must complete **before** they can take another course. To be able to register for some ACC courses, students will have to have completed a similar course in the same or a related subject, at a lower grade level or previous term as determined by the high school. Students should refer to the course catalog at their high school or talk to their high school counselor to determine if there are any prerequisites that must be met in order to enroll in an ACC course. For example, in order to take Spanish 4, students must complete Spanish 3. A list of ACC course prerequisites can be found in Self-Service for each college course.



ACC Registration Dates

2025-26 ACC Registration Dates

	Fall Semester & Trimester	Winter Trimester	Spring Semester & Trimester
EVENT	FALL TRIMESTER / SEMESTER	WINTER TRIMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER SEMESTER
ACC Registration Opens	Oct. 13, 2025	Jan. 12, 2026	April 13, 2026
ACC Registration Closes	Nov. 14, 2025	Feb. 13, 2026	May 15, 2026
Last day to drop ACC courses with a refund You will receive a refund and no grade will show on your CCC transcript	Nov. 21, 2025	Feb. 20, 2026	May 22, 2026
Last day to request 'W' Withdraw grade from instructor After the drop deadline, the instructor determines wheth student may receive a withdraw (W) grade or be held res for a grade.			

It is very important you know when your high school course registers for college credit. Select your high school from the ACC course list page to see the specific registration periods for the course(s) you are taking in high school.

ACC Self-Service Registration Instructions

Follow the steps below to register for your ACC classes in Self-Service. You can also watch a registration video and read the ACC Handbook at www.clackamas.edu/acc/register.

Step 1: Make sure you have a CCC account and know how to access it

If you don't have a Clackamas Community College (CCC) account yet, apply at least one week before registration ends. It usually takes 1–2 days to get your CCC email and login info. If you are unsure if you already have an account with CCC, email hsconnections@clackamas.edu

Step 2: Log in to Self-Service

Go to my.clackamas.edu and log in with your CCC student email and password.

Step 3: Access Self-Service (CCC's Registration System)

In the left menu bar in myClackamas, click "Classes", then "Class Registration" to be taken to Self-Service. In Self-Service, click 'Course Catalog' from the Self-Service options.

Step 4: Search for the classes at your High School

In the Course Catalog, fill in only the Term and Location (select your high school) boxes. Then click Search to see all ACC classes at your high school. IMPORTANT: Leave all other fields BLANK!

Step 5: Add Your Class Sections to your Schedule

Find your course (For example, SPN-101), click "View Available Sections," and find the section with your teacher's name. Click "Add Section to Schedule." **DO NOT CLICK ADD COURSE TO PLAN!** After clicking Add Section to Schedule, a window will pop up with additional section details. Click 'Add Section'

Step 6: Register for your Classes

When all your classes are added, return to the Home screen by clicking the house icon on the left side bar. Click the blue "Register Now" bar on the home page of Self-Service. A window will appear asking for final registration confirmation. Select the courses you want to register for, and click the blue Register button. This will register you for your courses. The registration generates a \$10 per credit balance on your CCC account.

Step 7: Pay your ACC Fee Balance Online

Return to the Self-Service Home Screen by clicking the house icon on the left side bar. In Self-Service, click 'Student Finance' from the Self-Service options. Click on the blue Continue to Payment Center button to be taken to the online Touchnet payment system.

In the ongoing efforts to combat fraud, maintain a high level of security, and keep your personal information secure, Multi-factor authentication (MFA) will be required for the Touchnet payment system. MFA is one of the most effective ways to ensure the person logging in to your student account is who they say they are. You will be required to identify yourself with a one-time password received via email, SMS, or a mobile app each time you log in this Summer. If you do not have a security profile, you will be prompted to create a profile and enroll in MFA through Touchnet.

Once in the Payment system, click the green 'Make a Payment' button and follow the prompts to enter payment information online.

ACC Cost and Fee Waivers

ACC courses cost \$10 per credit, charged directly to the student after registration has occurred. For example, if a student is taking a 4 credit ACC class, the cost to the student will be \$40. If the student was to take a traditional 4 credit class at CCC, it would cost \$130 per credit plus fees. Every time a student registers for an ACC class, a bill is generated on the student's account. Students have until the end of the ACC registration period each term to pay the ACC balance owed. If a student does not pay, a hold will be placed on the account, preventing further access to transcripts and registration.

A student who meets one or more of the following criteria is eligible to receive an ACC fee waiver and have their ACC fees (\$10 per college credit) waived in full:

- Qualifies for free/reduced meals at their high school if high school does not provide free meals for all students
- All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court
- · Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant
- Families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- The household income falls at or below the limits for the 2025-26 School Year on the <u>Federal Income</u> <u>Eligibility Chart for Free/Reduced Meals</u>. Household income is considered to be any taxable income each household member received before taxes. This includes wages, social security, pension, unemployment, welfare, child support, alimony, and any other cash income.

ACC Fee Waiver definitions and family income eligibility table based on ODE guidelines and definitions for Free/Reduced meal eligibility from https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/Default/Apply. Students may be asked to verify eligibility.

Students are still responsible for registering for their ACC courses within the posted registration deadlines each term. HS counselors and instructors can send a list of eligible students to hsconnections@clackamas.edu by the end of each ACC registration period. Fees for students on a fee waiver will be waived at the end of each term after registration has closed. This waiver is valid for one school year only; students need to request to be placed on the fee waiver list each academic year that they register for college credit and qualify for a waiver.

ACC Drop, Withdraw and Refund Policies

Definitions:

<u>Drop:</u> Dropped courses will not show on a CCC transcript and students will receive a refund back to the original payment method if the course is dropped within the drop deadline. Students can drop courses online in myClackamas until the drop deadline by clicking on 'Registration' and 'Register and Drop Sections'. Select the course(s) to drop and click submit.

<u>Withdraw:</u> Withdrawn courses will appear on a CCC transcript with a grade of "W", but do not affect student's CCC GPA. Students will not earn college credit for W grades. Registered students who missed the ACC drop deadline and are now failing or no longer want college credit, should talk to the ACC high school instructor to request a Withdraw.

Students are responsible to drop ACC classes by the drop deadline if they drop the class at the high school. Drop deadlines and instructions are posted on the ACC website to help prevent an unwanted class or low grade from posting to the college transcript. If the drop deadline is missed, there will be no refund of the ACC fees.

Grading

The grading scale for ACC courses will be listed in the class syllabus provided by the ACC high school instructor. Most ACC classes are graded on a letter scale: A, B, C, D, F, I (Incomplete), W (Withdraw). A few courses may be on a Pass (P) / No Pass (N) scale, but there is a limit to the number of credits with P/N grades that can be transferred, or used toward a certificate or degree. We do not recommend P/N for ACC classes unless it is the only option available for the course. If students need to change a grade option to a Pass/No Pass please email hsconnections@clackamas.edu prior to the registration period closing. An Incomplete can only be granted when 80% of the ACC course curriculum has been completed and the student is able to complete the remaining coursework within one calendar year (or for seniors, prior to graduation from high school). Incomplete grades are posted as an I/F or the grade the student will earn if the work is not completed by the date agreed upon with the ACC high school instructor.

CCC uses regular letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F to indicate academic performance—there are no pluses or minuses. At the end of a course, an instructor will post student grades in the college system and it will post to students' CCC Student Transcript. Explanation of CCC Grades awarded:

Grade	Grade Point	Description
Α	4.00	Excellent
В	3.00	Good
С	2.00	Average
D	1.00	Below Average
F	0.00	Fail
I	0.00	Incomplete
Р	0.00	Pass – grade not calculated in GPA but is viewed as a C
N	0.00	No Pass – grade is not calculated in the GPA but is viewed as failing
W	0.00	Withdraw – No credit given. Instructor may award a W, but it is at their
		discretion. Talk with the ACC high school instructor about this option.

If a grade is not accurately posted on the transcript or students wish to dispute an ACC class grade received, contact hsconncetions@clackamas.edu immediately, so the issue can be resolved quickly.

Options for Students Who Missed ACC Registration Deadlines

Students who missed registering for college credit during the ACC registration period may still be able to earn college credit for their classes through the following options:

ACC Late Registration Appeal

Students must register for ACC courses during the term in which they are taking the class and within the designated registration deadlines. However, life circumstances can sometimes prevent meeting these deadlines. For students who miss registration, there may still be options to earn credit. A Late Registration Appeal may be submitted within one week after the registration period closes

Advanced College Credit Late Registration Appeal Instructions

Students who miss the ACC registration deadline may appeal for late registration up to one week after the registration period closes. Appeals are only accepted for current high school courses within the term's appeal deadline. Incomplete appeals will not be reviewed, and submission does not guarantee approval. Students will be notified of the decision by email within about 10 business days and should check their myClackamas email. If approved, High School Connections staff will register students for the approved course(s). Students must pay the \$10 per credit ACC fee or request a fee waiver from their counselor. Unpaid fees or missing waiver requests will result in a hold on the CCC account, blocking registration and transcript access.

Appeal Requirements

- 1.Typed Statement (250–500 words) including:
 - Student & Course Info:
 - Full name, birthday, and CCC ID#
 - High school name
 - College course name(s) and instructor(s)
 - Appeal Questions:
 - O Why did you miss the registration deadline?
 - How does this credit support your college or career goals?
 - O What will you do differently to register on time in the future?
 - Do you understand that you must pay the ACC fee or request a waiver if your appeal is approved?

2.Instructor Approval

Obtain your teacher's signature on your typed statement **or** forward an approval email from the instructor to hsconnections@clackamas.edu.

Students must submit the completed appeal to hsconnections@clackamas.edu by the posted deadlines at www.clackamas.edu/acc/register. Please email hsconnections@clackamas.edu with any questions about the appeal process or ACC registration.

Advanced Placement (AP)

If the ACC class a student did not register for is also an AP class, college credit could still be earned through qualifying AP exam scores. Students must request their official AP scores be sent to CCC (or the college/university they will be attending) through College Board to be added to their college transcript. To view CCC's AP course equivalency grid, visit https://www.clackamas.edu/academics/academics/academics/degrees-and-certificates/other-credit-options For more information on how to take an AP exam or send AP scores to CCC, visit https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/.

Cost: \$99 per exam, financial assistance maybe available by talking to the AP coordinator at the high school.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Students can take CLEP exams administered through the College Board and earn college credits with a qualifying score. Students must request their official CLEP scores be sent to CCC (or the college/university they will be attending) through the College Board to be added to their college transcript. To view CCC's CLEP course equivalency grid, visit

www.clackamas.edu/academics/academic-offerings/degrees-and-certificates/other-credit-options
For more information on how to schedule and take a CLEP exam, visit https://clep.collegeboard.org/.
Cost: \$97 per exam plus potential administration fee (fee varies by administering location).

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is used to award college credit for demonstrated competency and mastery of previously learned material. It is only recommended that students who are coming to CCC after high school to pursue the CPL process, as CPL credit is likely not transferable to another institution. Students can check if the school they are going to has a similar CPL or challenge process to pursue. Individual CCC departments determine and administer the CPL assessmens. Students must meet specific criteria to be eligible. More information about CCC's CPL process and eligibility criteria can be found at: https://www.clackamas.edu/academics/academic-offerings/degrees-and-certificates/other-credit-options Cost: \$50 flat fee plus ½ cost of the current tuition per credit or \$25 per credit depending on exam type.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

If the ACC class a student missed registering for is also an IB class, college credit could still be earned through qualifying IB exam scores. Students must request their official IB scores be sent to CCC (or the college/university they will be attending) through the IB website to be added to their college transcript. To view CCC's IB course equivalency grid, visit https://www.clackamas.edu/academics/academics/offerings/degrees-and-certificates/other-credit-options For more information on how to take an IB exam or send IB scores to CCC, visit https://www.ibo.org/. Cost: \$119 per exam plus transcript ordering fees, financial assistance maybe available by talking to the IB coordinator at the high school.

Transcripts and Credit Transfer

A college transcript is an official record of the courses taken, grades earned, and credits awarded at a college or university. This document is how credit is transferred from one institution to another and is often requested with employment applications when specific education requirements are needed. It is very important to monitor the college transcript after each term to be sure courses, grades and credits are posted accurately. Mistakes should be reported to ACC staff immediately at hsconnections@clackamas.edu.

When grades have been submitted by the ACC high school instructor, CCC transcripts will be updated. When students are ready to have these classes and credits transfer to a different college or university, they will need to request an official transcript be sent to that college or university. Instructions on how to request an official transcript can be found at www.clackamas.edu/transcripts.

There are many factors that affect how other colleges or universities (both public and private) apply credits earned in high school to a degree or certificate. Students should check with the receiving institution for more details on how college credits earned in high school will apply to degrees or certificates at the college or university.

Intentional Credit or "Credits with a Purpose"

Something for counselors to consider when thinking about registering for college credit in high school is that "more" doesn't always equal "better". The term "intentional credit" or "credit with a purpose", is starting to come into conversations around accelerated credit, because it is important that students choose and register for college courses that will best advance their educational goals.

Three good rules of thumb about earning college credit in high school:

- Check the transferability of the course with the student's perspective colleges/universities. More information on transferability of courses is on page 14.
- Math and writing are the "safest" courses since every college degree (career technical or academic) requires math and writing. Science and language courses are also often beneficial.
- Have questions about credits earned or if they may be beneficial to you? Ask the HS Connections advisor!

Students need to understand that they are building a permanent college transcript, and earning too many college credits that do not fit into their future plans can impact their future financial aid options (for more information on this, see page 5).

Many students in high school aren't certain of their pathway, which can open up the conversation for having the student research possible careers and colleges to get a better idea of what kind of courses would best benefit them. One way to research careers is to use CCC's Career Assessment designed to give students their top three personality traits. The HS Connections Advisor can share careers that match those particular traits and also show what programs CCC offers for those careers.

CCC Student Resources

Clackamas Community College offers a variety of resources to help students succeed both in and out of the classroom. As a high school student taking ACC classes, you have access to all the same college resources as all other students, including tutoring, advising, career services, mental health counseling, basic needs support, and more! A list of all the student resources available can be found on CCC's student resource web page (link to https://www.clackamas.edu/student-resources)

High School Connections Advising Services

CCC's High School Connections advisor provides the following services to students:

- Informing students what college courses and HS Connections programs are available at their school
- Helping students understand how the college credits earned in high school can fit into a CCC degree/certificate or a degree at another four-year college/university
- Creating long-term education plans, integrating the various college courses available to the student
- Registration, advising, and information regarding our summer programs

The High School Connections advisor provides these services in a variety of ways:

- 1. Presentations to classrooms or student groups at the high school or virtual
- 2. One-on-one advising appointments in-person at the high school or at CCC
- 3. Phone or virtual (video/Zoom) advising appointments

For any advising related questions, please reach out to hsconnections@clackamas.edu to schedule an appointment or talk to the HS Connections advisor – it is never too early to start planning for your future!

Students with Disabilities

High schools and colleges operate under different guidelines for students with disabilities. If accommodations are needed, students should notify their ACC high school instructor and high school counselor, who will work with CCC's Disability Resource Center to determine reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations in teaching methods and/or assessment delivery aligned with college policy that does not alter the essential content of a course or program may be available to students with a documented disability. All students must meet the student learning outcomes and the rigor of assessments for the course to be eligible for college credit.