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WHAT IS THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE EARLY ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (EEP)?

The EEP is a concurrent enrollment program that offers college credit from Rhode Island College to high school students. Concurrent enrollment means that the student earns both high school credit and college credit for certain designated courses at their respective high schools. Begun in 1980, RIC's EEP has awarded credits to thousands of students. Nearly 50 high schools in RI and nearby MA offer EEP courses which enrolled over 2600 students in the fall of 2015).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

EEP is designed for highly motivated high school students, typically juniors and seniors, who seek a rigorous academic challenge and want to get a head start on college. To be eligible for an EEP course(s), students must have a 3.0 minimum GPA or recommendation of school counselor or teacher.

ADVANTAGES OF TAKING EEP COURSES

- Provide rigorous academic challenge to high school students in their own supportive high school environment
- Focus student learning on critical thinking and writing skills
- Earn college credit based on the grade *earned* in the course, not on a standardized test
- Get a head start on college and reduce college expenses

WHO ACCEPTS RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE EEP COURSES?

The grade the student earns in an EEP course becomes part of an official Rhode Island College transcript. Students may use the credits at RIC or transfer them to a large number of colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Credits may transfer as specific course equivalents, electives and/or exemption from required courses. No matter how the credit is applied, it reduces the number of credits a student needs to graduate and lessens the financial burden on families.

HOW DO STUDENTS REGISTER FOR EEP COURSES AND WHAT IS THE COST?

Students may select an EEP course(s) as part of their high school schedule with approval of their school counselor and/or teacher. Each fall, the EEP associate directors visit the high schools to explain the benefits of the EEP and the registration process for college credit. Students then have the option to decide whether or not to formally register for EEP credit by the deadline set by the high school (usually two weeks following the presentation). Late or retroactive registrations will not be accepted. Students must keep in mind that all EEP courses are taught as college-level work whether or not they have enrolled for college credit. Once registered for EEP credit, the student may not withdraw unless he/she is also withdrawing from the high school class or moves out of the district. The grade the student earns is posted on an official Rhode Island College transcript.

Students pay a significantly reduced fee for EEP courses, over \$1000 less than if taking the same course on campus. Students pay a \$15 registration fee and \$60/credit (courses are typically three or four-credit). Governor Raimondo's Prepare RI Dual Enrollment Fund provides funding for every qualifying student (those attending a RI public high school) to take college courses as part of their high school requirements at no cost to the student.

The Prepare RI Dual Enrollment Fund for the 2016-17 school year has been approved as part of Governor Raimondo's budget.

WHAT KINDS OF CLASSES ARE OFFERED?

High schools enter into a partnership with RIC by identifying and offering certain college-preparatory courses for EEP credit, which may include AP or honors courses. The courses offered vary by high school depending on the high school's offerings and the availability of teachers who are or may be approved as EEP Instructors. A list of all courses offered (as of fall 2014) can be found at <http://www.ric.edu/eep/courses.php>.

WHAT ABOUT DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES (senior year on campus or taking a course on campus)?

Dual enrollment currently includes the same funding described above. Courses not covered by the Prepare RI Dual Enrollment Fund will be at the college's regular tuition rate.

SENIOR YEAR ON CAMPUS: For over 25 years, the Admissions Office has offered the option of Early Admission to students with superior academic records who may qualify for admission to the college direct from their junior year of high school. Eligible students should apply to the college in the spring of their junior year. Contact the director of admissions for more information at 401-456-8234.

TAKING A COURSE ON CAMPUS WHILE STILL ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL: Students wishing to take a course on campus are considered nondegree students. Registration is done online, and is open to nondegree students in late August for fall or early January for spring on a space-available basis. To learn more, visit www.ric.edu/dualenrollment.

PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS 2015-2016 (as of 1-20-16)

Attleboro (MA)	LaSalle Academy	The Greene School
Barrington	Lincoln	Tiverton
Bishop Hendricken	Middletown	Toll Gate
Blackstone Academy Charter School	Mount Hope	Tolman
Burrillville	Mt. Pleasant	Warwick Vets
Central	Narragansett	West Warwick
Central Falls	New Bedford (MA)	Woonsocket
Chariho	North Attleboro (MA)	
Classical	North Kingstown	
Coventry	North Providence	
Cranston Area Career & Technical Center	North Smithfield	
Cranston East	Pilgrim	
Cranston West	Ponaganset	
Cumberland	Portsmouth	
East Greenwich	Rogers	
East Providence	St. Mary/Bay View	
E-Cubed Academy	St. Raphael Academy	
Exeter West Greenwich	Scituate	
Foxborough (MA)	Seekonk (MA)	
Franklin (MA)	Shea	
Johnston	Smithfield	
	South Kingston	