



All Course Network

Expanding Opportunities

All Course Network Expansion

School Member FAQ

- 1. Are schools allowed to have more than one contact who can access the ACN platform and approve preregistered students?**

Yes, schools need to have a primary contact; however, a second school contact may also obtain login privileges.

- 2. Are students automatically added to the waitlist when they preregister for an ACN course?**

Yes, preregistered students are waitlisted until a seat becomes available on the roster *and* they receive school approval in the platform to take the class.

- 3. Will schools be notified when a student in on a waitlist and is ready for school approval?**

Yes, the new ACN platform will be programmed to distribute notifications of any student actions taken on the platform to students and families, and schools.

- 4. When will the new platform go live on the RIDE website and when will schools receive training?**

The new platform will go live on January 5 and school members will be trained by the platform developer prior to the release on a date to be determined.

- 5. Will students, families and schools be able to browse new courses before the January registration period?**

Yes, all Spring 2021 semester courses, including new and previously occurred courses, will be visible for browsing on December 14, 2020: www.bit.ly/ACN2021

- 6. What are work based learning courses and do they count towards CTE students' work based learning requirements?**

Work based learning opportunities are a critical component of a student's career pathway, and encompass activities that provide students with real-life or simulated work experiences. ACN work-based learning courses adhere to the [Governor's Workforce Board Work Based Learning Guidance](#) and can be applied to meet a student's work-based learning requirements.

- 7. What is the student limit for number of ACN credits and/or ACN contact hours?**

Students may enroll in up to two ACN courses per semester, regardless of number of credits or contact hours. This limit applies to ACN courses only, and is not impacted by other dual and concurrent courses offered through PrepareRI.

- 8. Will ACN expand to offer summer courses?**

Yes, additional ACN courses will be offered in Summer 2021 and subsequent summers.

- 9. Will middle school students who take postsecondary courses through the ACN receive high school credit as well as college credit?**

Postsecondary admissions offices accept high school and postsecondary transcripts only. All students who successfully complete postsecondary ACN courses receive 3 or 4 college credits. RIDE provides schools with the flexibility to determine how to apply ACN credits to student transcripts.

10. RI offers younger students numerous opportunities to complete requirements that demonstrate readiness for postsecondary education. If a middle school student completes a readiness requirement prior to high school, either through their school, PrepareRI or ACN coursework, such as two years of the same world language, this is not reflected on their high school transcript. Doesn't this negatively affect the high school's accountability outcomes? And if meeting requirements prior to high school is not reflected on the high school transcript, how is a student's readiness communicated to postsecondary partners?

RIDE is aware that this issue is becoming increasingly common, and is working with public postsecondary partners in Rhode Island to create policies that a) ensure that readiness requirements met prior to high school are shared with postsecondary institutions, and b) early attainment of readiness does not negatively impact a high school's accountability ratings. RIDE will update this FAQ once these issues have been resolved.