



Dual Credit Program

ABOUT DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

Dual credit programs allow eligible students in high school to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards:

- the Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree or a Certificate of Apprenticeship

High school students taking dual credit courses benefit from the supervision and support of their college instructor and the dual credit teacher at their school. Students also have access to a variety of college supports and services.

The Ministry of Education approves all dual credit programs.

BENEFITS OF DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

Participating in dual credit programs helps students to:

- complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- make a successful transition to college or an apprenticeship program
- increase their awareness of the various college and apprenticeship pathways available to them
- gain greater insight into education and career planning decisions

ELIGIBILITY

Students may be eligible if they are:

- at risk of not graduating from high school 17 – 20 years of age
 - enrolled in a Specialist High Skills Major
 - enrolled in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
 - returning to high school to get their diploma
 - interested in exploring career pathways, including apprenticeships
 - looking for help with the transition to college or an apprenticeship program

TYPES OF DUAL CREDITS

There are two categories of dual credits:

- college-delivered dual credit courses
- team-taught dual credit courses

COLLEGE-DELIVERED DUAL CREDIT COURSES

These dual credit courses are college courses that are delivered by participating publicly funded Ontario colleges. Students can earn up to four optional high school credits by completing college-delivered courses.

TEAM-TAUGHT DUAL CREDIT COURSES

These courses are delivered jointly by college instructors and high school teachers. Students taking this type of dual credit course learn material from the secondary curriculum and college or apprenticeship curriculum. Paired high school and college courses must have significant content overlap.

There is no limit on the number of compulsory or optional high school credits that students can earn through team-taught dual credit courses.