

Bristol Community College has been active in The [Commonwealth](#) Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP) since 2005. High Schools, both public and private, as well as homeschools from all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island have selected BCC for their Dual Enrollment choice. This summer, more than 100 high school students are registered for classes.

### **How CDEP Works at BCC:**

Each school functions as a separate entity. Some schools only allow ~~for~~ students to take one class per semester, while others allow for as many classes as the student wants. Some students take all their classes at BCC and engage in after school activities and clubs by creating a schedule which lets them off campus by 1:45 each day.

The process is simple. The student is recommended by the guidance counselor who helps the student select an appropriate class which would be applicable to high school graduation. Each class must be 3 or 4 credits and part of the Mass Transfer A2B. The student must receive credit for both high school and college on their high school transcript. The final grades are a permanent part of their official college transcript, and applicable to their high school graduation as either an elective or requirement.

Students must have a 2.5 GPA at the high school to be eligible. Once they are in the program they must maintain a 3.0 at the college. Students attend a special Dual Enrollment Orientation which takes place one week before the semester begins.

Throughout the semester students receive email updates, alerts and support from the Academic Counselor for the program.

Students may participate in clubs, forums, lecture, and even use the Fitness Center. They receive a 900 number and a BCC ID. The FERPA also applies to them.

When a student graduates and wishes to apply to Bristol, the Academic Counselor often helps the student navigate the process. All Dual Enrollment students must attend the New Student Orientation just like all new incoming students do. There is not an exception.

### **Commonly Asked Questions:**

**Q:** Does Dual Enrollment offer classes on weekends, after school or online?

**A:** Students can take online classes although we recommend selecting a class on one of our campuses for first time enrollment.

**Q:** How do I register for class?

**A:** Dual Enrollment Staff register the students. Dual Enrollment students are not permitted to make changes to their schedule on their own for a number of reasons.

**Q:** Does it interfere with coursework at the high school or is it integrated?

**A:** No, all classes are taken after school or in lieu of their regularly scheduled class time.

**Q:** What kind of recognition or acknowledgment is received?

**A:** Transferable College Credit, a step ahead, and colleges love to see this!

**Q:** Do Dual Enrollment students receive full credit for the courses they take?

**A:** YES! Students may only take 3 or 4 credit classes within the Mass Transfer A2B.

**Q:** Who pays for the credits?

**A:** Free classes provided by Bristol are given once per year based on family income. School administrators may sign an MOU to partner with BCC ~~opt in~~ in order for its students to participate in the Pell Experiment.

**Q:** Public Schools may participate in the Pell Grant Experiment for Dual Enrollment, does this take away from what you are awarded when you go to college?

**A:** Yes. Students may use their Pell Grant eligibility for Dual Enrollment and it does ~~pull from~~ begin to use one's lifetime Pell eligibility.

**Q:** Can Dual Enrollment Students take out student loans?

**A:** No

**Q:** Can Dual Enrollment students enroll in a specific program of choice, or one program that Dual Enrollment chooses?

**A:** Students do not select a program unless they are in the Pell Experiment. Otherwise all Dual Enrollment students are entered in as non-degree

**Q:** When/how do I register for class?

**A:** All students must follow the application process. There are firm deadlines established each semester. A Dual Enrollment calendar is available. Typically the deadline is one week prior to the start of every semester, testing must be completed a few days prior to the application deadline. Emails as reminders about dates and deadlines are sent to guidance counselors and students often.

**Q:** Who helps me with the Dual Enrollment application?

**A:** The Guidance Counselor and the Academic Counselor.

**Q:** Who goes to high schools to promote it?

**A:** Dual Enrollment staff meet with guidance counselors often and make presentations to students and parents. CVTE staff meet monthly with guidance staff as well. Information Sessions geared toward Dual Enrollment for Homeschool students have been held at the college.