

DUAL ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is a program Cumberland University is pleased to offer exceptional high school juniors and seniors to earn college credit before graduating high school. For the highly motivated, dual enrollment gives students a jump-start on college, giving the student the opportunity to sample college before the freshman year. Depending upon course selection, you may be in a classroom at your high school or on campus at Cumberland.

Who can participate?

To take dual enrollment with Cumberland University, students must:

1. Be a junior or senior in high school
2. Have a minimum 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
3. Have taken the ACT/SAT* at least once
4. Submit all required documentation and registration forms

* Some courses at Cumberland University require a specific subscore on the ACT/SAT to take the course. Please refer to the University Catalog for specific course requirements.

Due to COVID-19, CU has suspended the requirement of ACT/SAT for dual enrollment students through the Fall 2023 Admission Period. For certain courses, students without a standardized test score must have an endorsement from their school counselor on their registration form. Benchmarks are required for homeschool students.

How do I apply?

Apply for admission to Cumberland University: <https://www.cumberland.edu/apply-now/>

- Choose the Academic year 2023-2024.
- Select the Dual Enrollment/Early College application.
- Use the code FUTUREPHOENIX to waive the application fee.
- When applying, use your (the student's) email and phone number; there is a separate section for parents' information.

How much does it cost?

The standard rate for dual enrollment courses is \$540 for a 3-credit hour course. For courses more than 3-credit hours, the cost is \$180 per additional credit hour.

With funding from the State of Tennessee (TSAC Dual Enrollment Grant) and Cumberland University (Rising Phoenix Dual Enrollment Grant), students and families can potentially have no out-of-pocket tuition expense for ten college courses.

Other educational costs students and families may incur are:

Application fee

Textbooks

Course/Lab fees (detailed in the course description located in the University Catalog)



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What else do I need to know?

Dual enrollment students on Cumberland University's campus will participate in regularly scheduled Cumberland University course sections. As space permits, accepted dual enrollment students are eligible to enroll into any 100 or 200 level course for which prerequisites have been met.

Dual enrollment students will register after priority registration or with incoming freshmen. Grades posted on high school transcripts may be weighted and therefore differ from the grade on the student's Cumberland University transcript. Cumberland University grades will not be changed to match the high school transcript.

Additional Benefits to Cumberland University Dual Enrollment

- Cumberland University Student ID
- Access to all campus events
- Access to all campus services including tutoring services in your dual enrollment subject
- Student discounts at various locations in Wilson County and online
- Dual Enrollment Orientation will be done virtually in late June

Rising Phoenix Dual Enrollment Grant

Cumberland University recognizes the importance of dual enrollment and engaging the most bright & talented students in the region. While the TSAC Dual Enrollment Grant provides \$540 for a student's first five dual enrollment classes, this leaves a gap for families to fill when paying final costs for the next five courses. With the Rising Phoenix Dual Enrollment Grant, families can focus on reaching new academic heights, as Cumberland is providing funding to cover the remaining balance for courses six through ten. To receive this grant from Cumberland, students must be TSAC Grant eligible and other restrictions apply. For more information, please visit the dual enrollment website.

Understanding how the grant works

To utilize the TSAC Dual Enrollment Grant, a student:

- Must be a high school student past the 10th grade.
- Must complete the grant application on the TSAC website.
- Must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA in courses taken while receiving the grant.
- Does not need to complete the FAFSA.
- Does not need to show economic need; any eligible student may receive the grant.