

What is the Early College Program

Early college is a program in which qualified high school juniors and seniors enroll in college courses offered by the university. Students will be given the opportunity to complete 60 semester hours of college credits in four semesters, completing the requirements for an Associate of Art degree at the same time that they complete their high school diploma.

How are the courses offered?

Courses will be offered to a cohort of students from area high schools on the university campus. Course offerings will ensure that participating students will be able to return to their high school campus to participate in programs and athletics that take place in the afternoons.

Who can participate?

To qualify for the Early College program for the Fall, students must:

- Have a minimum unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0.
- Have a composite 21 ACT with sub-scores of 22 in Mathematics and 20 in English.
- If rising juniors have not been able to take the ACT, the university is offering a residual ACT in July.
- Submit all required documentation and registration forms.

How much does it cost?

For those eligible for the TSAC dual enrollment grant, the estimated cost for tuition for 60 credit hours is \$6,000 to average \$1,500 per semester. An estimated maximum cost for books and materials is \$200-\$250 per semester.

Will I be a full-time college student?

Yes. You will attend all classes on the university campus, and be considered a Cumberland student. That means you will be issued a Cumberland University student ID, have access to all campus resources, such as the Tutoring, Counseling, and Career Services centers, as well as all campus facilities and events, etc. Early college students may audition to participate in musical and chorale ensembles, including the marching band. However, Early college students cannot participate in collegiate athletics, and will not have access to the Jimmy Floyd center since they do not pay access fees. AND, all your courses will be scheduled to conclude by 12:30pm.

How do I apply?

Visit www.cumberland.edu/applynow

- Choose the desired Academic year.
- Select the Dual Enrollment/Early College application.
- In the Academic/Personal section select Early College, Full-Time, and your Program.
- 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.