



Running Start

The Fast Track to College

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How it All Works

New Hampshire's Community Colleges are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission, through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

As a comprehensive community college system, CCSNH has developed partnerships with public and private four-year institutions both in and out of New Hampshire. These partnerships include a range of transfer agreements such as dictionaries of transferable courses and their equivalences, sample plans of study toward a particular major, 2+2s, which allow CCSNH students junior status, and/or dual admission.



What is Running Start?



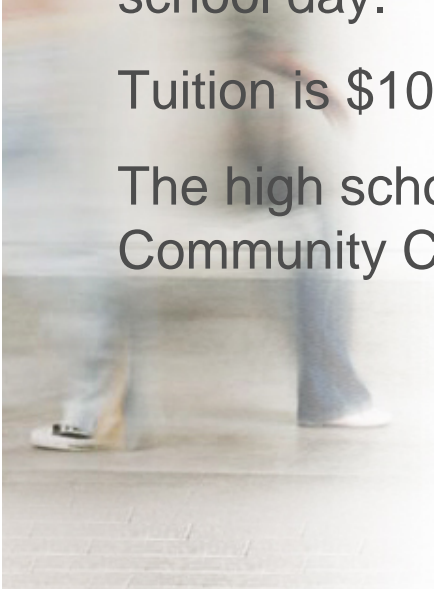
Running Start is a partnership between the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) and area high schools.

Students can earn college and high school credit while in high school, giving them a “running start” on a college degree and saving money on tuition.

The community college courses are part of the daily class schedule taught at the high school by a high school teacher during the regular school day.

Tuition is \$100 per course.

The high school teacher partners with a faculty member from a NH Community College



Course Credits Earned...

Are considered CCSNH credits.

Students receive an official college transcript.

May transfer credits to other colleges including colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire.

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Articulation Agreements

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AND A COURSE IN THE RUNNING START PROGRAM?

- An articulation agreement is between a high school and a specific CCSNH college to give credit for an introductory college course if the student satisfactorily completes a combination of high school course work....
- A course in the Running Start Program results in a transcribed grade for a specific college course...
- No grade is given in articulation.....
a student is simply waived from a course
- Articulation agreements are usually not transferable....
they are only honored by the college with whom the high school has the agreement.

Advanced Placement

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COURSE IN THE RUNNING START PROGRAM AND AN ADVANCE PLACEMENT COURSE (AP) COURSE?

- An AP course culminates in one standardized final exam...
- A course in the Running Start Program is a college course with exams, quizzes, research papers, etc. with a final grade based on several components...
- An AP course results in a grade of 1-5...
- A course in the Running Start Program results in a conventional college grade (A-F, P, NP, etc.)
- An AP course does not result in transcribed college credit and awarding of credit from college to college may vary.
- A course in the Running Start Program results in transcribed college credit that may be transferred to other colleges with a grade of “C” or better.



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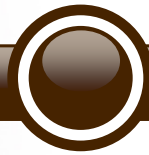
The RS History



Since its inception eight years ago, Community College System's *Running Start Program* has grown from 10 college courses offered in 7 NH high schools to 552 courses in 71 participating high schools and CTE centers.

Student enrollment has increased approximately 54% each year!

During the 2007-2008 academic year, there were 4,302 enrollments in the Running Start Program – students taking college courses on their normal high school schedule.

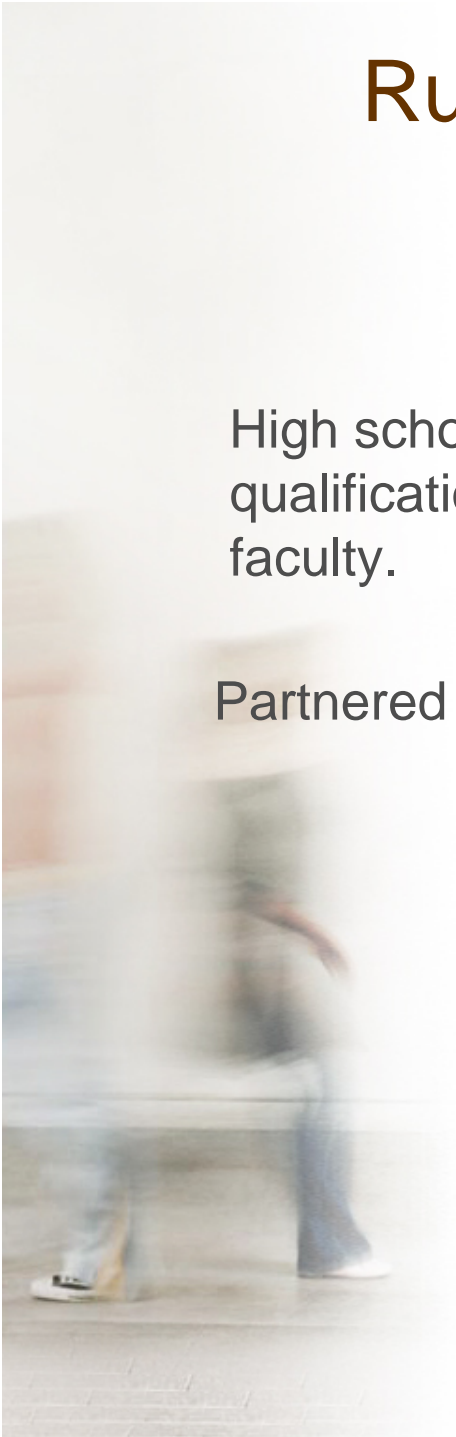


Who Teaches The Courses?

Running Start High School Teachers are...

High school faculty who teach CCSNH courses, meet the hiring qualifications for college faculty and are considered adjunct faculty.

Partnered with a CCSNH faculty member.



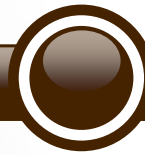
Credentialing Standards

In General Education areas a minimum of a Master's degree, preferably in the field being taught or a closely related field (e.g., a Master's in Physics to teach math).

In Technical and career areas, such as massage therapy, automotive, welding, electrical, HVAC, machine tool—those areas that were once considered “vocational,” a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in the field or a closely related field.

In Technical areas such as engineering technology, computer technology, spatial information technology, biotechnology, a minimum of a Master's degree, preferably in the field being taught or a closely related field.

In Non-Technical areas such as Business, Accounting, Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Education, Travel and Tourism, a minimum of a Master's degree, preferably in the field being taught or a closely related field.



How Do I Transfer My Credits?

Transferring Credits

What Should a Student (and Parent) Know?

Most students who have taken courses through Running Start have been successful in transferring their credit to other colleges and universities.

However...

A grade less than a "C" (including a C-) **will not** transfer to any other institution, including the other colleges in the NH Community College System.

Credit Transfer is dependent on many variables. It is up to the college to determine how a course will be used in transfer. Credits are not always transferred on a course to course basis but may be used to fulfill an elective category.

For example, a Statistics course may be used to fulfill a math elective requirement but might not be taken in transfer for a "statistics in Business Management" course.

While credits are usually transferable to colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire...

...the course will only transfer in if the course meets a requirement in the student's chosen program.

For example, an Accounting course taken in the Running Start program would not transfer in if the student enters the Early Childhood Education program, since Accounting is not required.

SO...

....be informed before registering for a course in the Running Start Program and ask...

...does this course fit my future plans?

"My daughter just transferred her credits this semester. She was thrilled. I loved this program! Having college coursework on her resume when applying to college was very helpful. I will be sure my son, now a sophomore, participates."

Parent of a Portsmouth High School graduate at the University of Rhode Island

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MY TRANSCRIPTS SO I CAN MAIL IT TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION?

You may get an official transcript from the Registrar's office on the campus through which you took the course in the Running Start program.

The Registrar's office will mail the transcript directly to the college you will be applying to. There is no charge for the first request and a nominal fee for subsequent requests.

The course is not identified as Running Start but appears as any other course would look that is taken through the college.

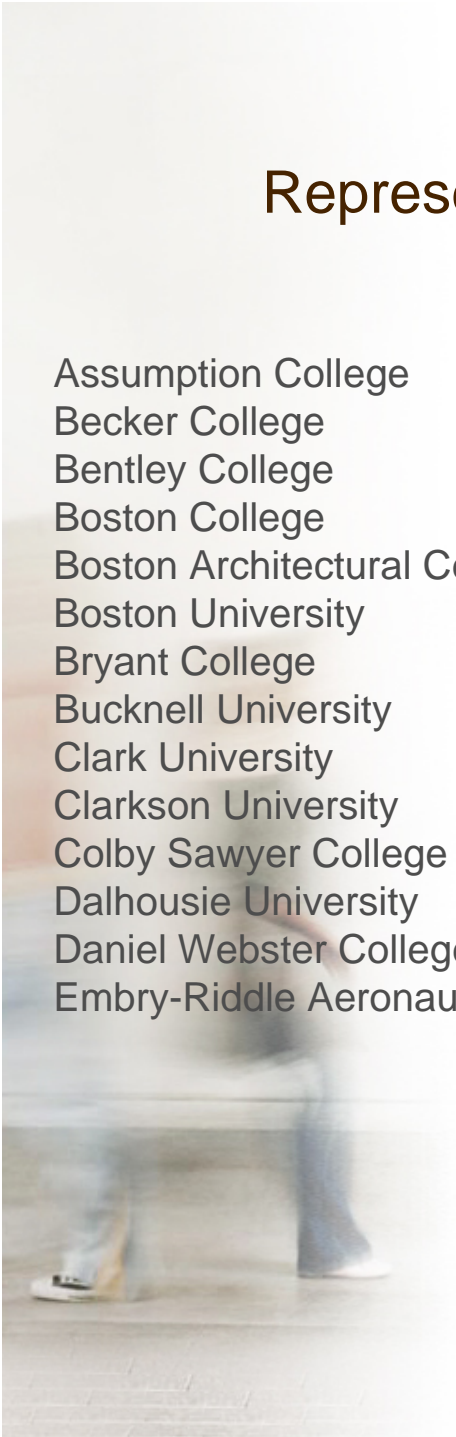
Occasionally a college to which you mail a transcript for evaluation will ask for additional documentation.

Representative List of College Transfer Opportunities

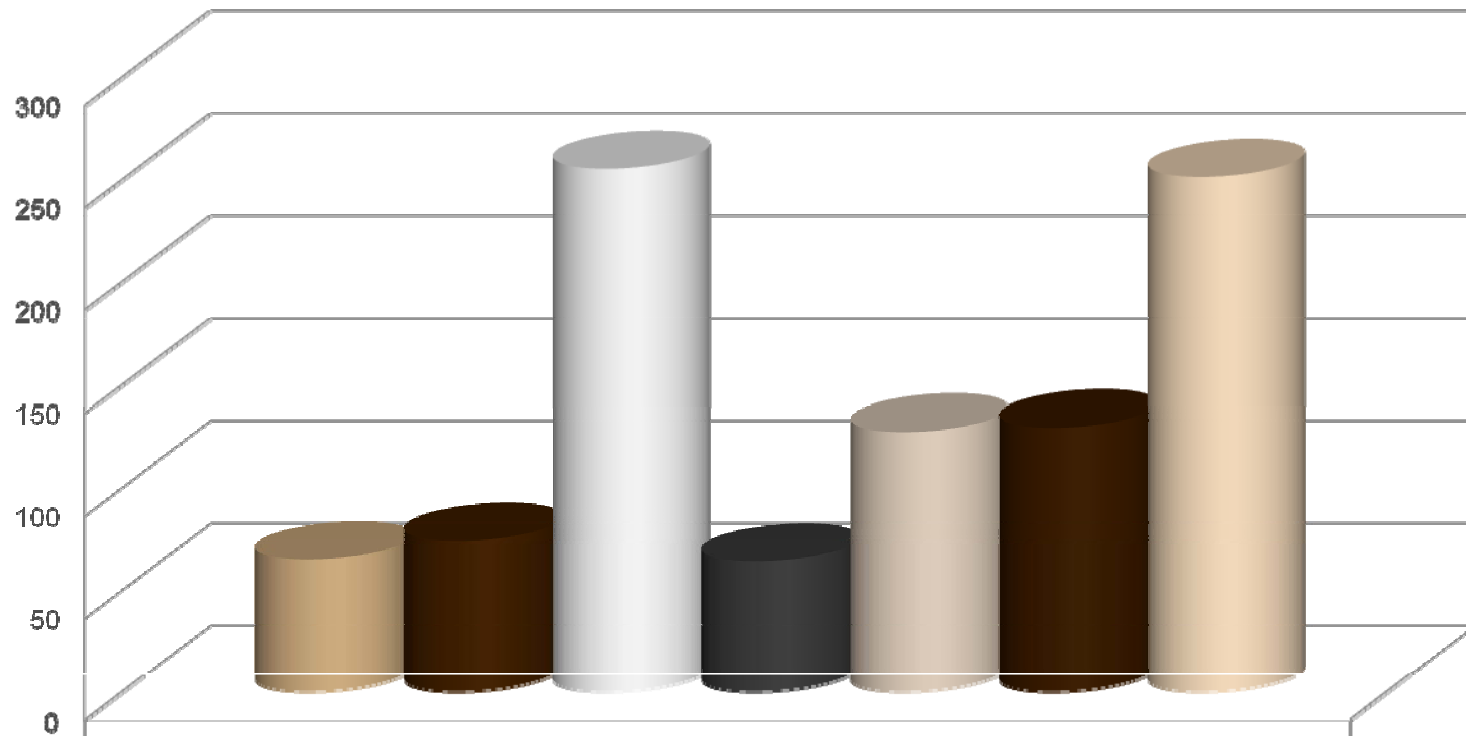
Assumption College
Becker College
Bentley College
Boston College
Boston Architectural Center
Boston University
Bryant College
Bucknell University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby Sawyer College
Dalhousie University
Daniel Webster College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Florida Tech
Franklin Pierce College
George Washington University
Granite State College
Hesser College
Hofstra University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales
Juniata College
Keene State College
Maine College of Art
McIntosh College

Merrimack College
Middlesex Community College
New England College
Northeastern University
Northern Essex Comm. College
Norwich University
Penn State University
Purdue University
Plymouth State College
Providence College
Queens University of Ontario
Quinnipiac University
Rivier College
Rochester Institute of Technology
.....and more



FORMER RUNNING START STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CCSNH in 2007



NHCTC 2007

■ Berlin	65
■ Claremont	74
■ Concord	255
■ Laconia	64
■ Manchester	127
■ Nashua	129
■ Stratham	251



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Quality Control**

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COURSE ELEMENTS

Syllabus.....the same

Exams.....the same

Textbooks.....the same

Grading Systems.....the same

Length of Course.....variable depending on high school

Course Competencies/Accountabilities.....the same

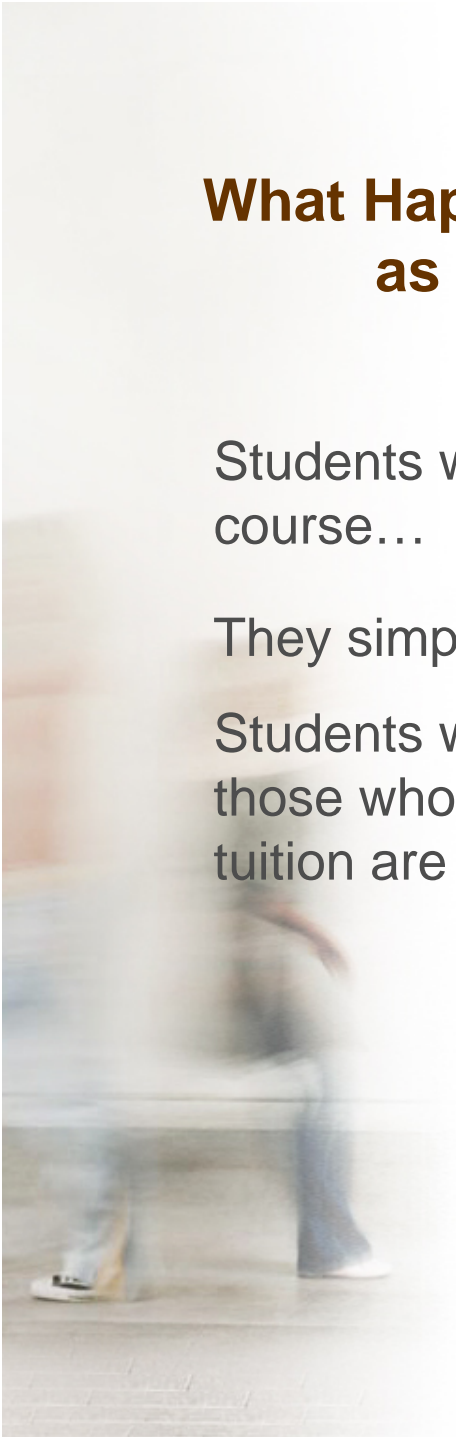


What Happens if not Everyone in a Course Designated as a Running Start Pays the \$100 Tuition?

Students who do not pay tuition will still be taking the college's course...

They simply will not get transcribed college credit.

Students who choose not to pay tuition get the same course as those who do. In this mixed scenario students who do not pay tuition are not given a different course.

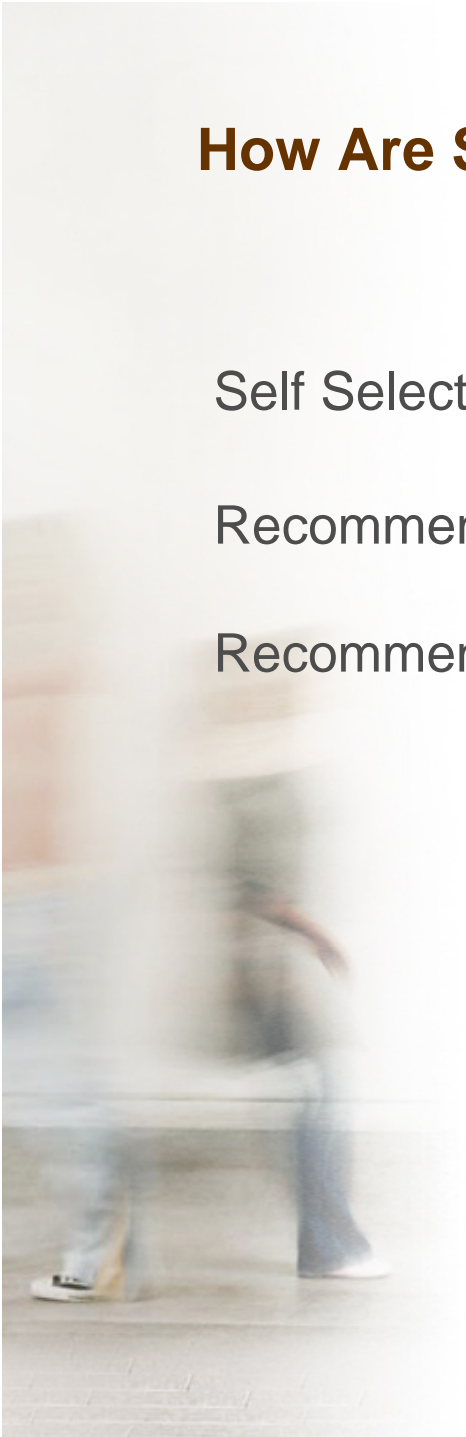


How Are Students Chosen For Participation in a Course in The Running Start Program?

Self Selected....

Recommendation of a guidance counselor...

Recommendation of a faculty member...



Running Start Coordinators

White Mountains Community College	2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, NH 03570 1-800-445-4545 or 603-752-1113 x 2131 Jody Camille jcamille@ccsnh.edu
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