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High School Accelerated Opportunities

Eligible high school students may apply for admission to BCC and enroll in college-level courses to increase learning and shorten the length of time needed to acquire a college degree. Special application and approval procedures apply to students in all BCC accelerated programs. Written authorization from the principal, guidance director, and parent or guardian is required for Dual Enrollment, Early Admission, and Credit in Escrow. The eligible student's application and matriculation fees will be waived for Broward County Public School students, home education students, and many private high school students. Credits are also awarded for certain scores on national examinations.

If a student desires to continue at BCC, a re-entry application, changing the admission status, must be completed.

To Apply

Students who wish to apply to BCC to enroll in an accelerated learning program must submit the following documents to a campus Admissions Office prior to registration.

- A completed application.
- A confidential recommendation form signed by the principal or designee.
- Test scores for ACT, SAT, or the Florida Entry Level Placement Test (CPT). (The CPT is administered in the Testing Centers at each BCC campus.)
- An official copy of the transcript of credits earned to date, provided by the high school, for purposes of advising, counseling and GPA verification.

Dual Enrollment

This program offers high school juniors and seniors a unique opportunity to enroll in BCC courses for high school and college credit. To be eligible for the program, including technical dual enrollment, students must have an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and appropriate SAT, ACT, or CPT scores. Courses are offered at BCC's campus locations and some may be offered at high school locations. Students may register for up to eleven credits per term.

Early Admission

High school seniors can enroll full time in college and receive high school and college credit for courses. Students must enroll in two consecutive terms carrying twelve college-level credit hours each major term, and maintain a grade point average of 2.0, in order to receive a high school diploma. To be eligible for the program, the student must have an unweighted overall grade point average of at least 3.0 or higher and appropriate SAT, ACT, or CPT scores.

Credit in Escrow

High school students who have an unweighted overall grade point average of at least 3.0 and appropriate

SAT, ACT, or CPT scores may be permitted to enroll for a maximum of six semester hours of college courses each term to add depth or breadth to their academic programs. Such credits will not be used to satisfy high school diploma requirements and the student will pay appropriate fees, including textbooks. Earned college credits will be held in escrow until the student graduates from high school.

Advanced Placement

BCC cooperates fully with accredited high schools and colleges in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Advanced Placement courses are challenging, college-level courses that are designed to parallel typical freshman and sophomore-level courses. Advanced placement exams are taken after students complete the corresponding Advanced Placement courses, which are available to juniors and seniors in most Broward County high schools. To qualify for college credit, students must earn an appropriate passing score on the nationally administered exam. Credits will not be awarded for examinations that duplicate course work or other exam credits previously posted to a student's academic record. In order to award credit, Broward Community College requires an official grade report, sent directly to the College from College Board, not a student copy.

Students are awarded credits only. Grades are not given for advanced placement courses. Therefore advanced placement courses are not included in the grade point average. More information about Advanced Placement, including descriptions of courses and sample examination questions, is available at www.collegeboard.com/ap; more information regarding advanced placement courses and appropriate passing scores is also available at www.broward.edu.

Recording Fee

Broward Community College charges a \$5.00 recording fee for Advanced Placement courses to be entered on a student's transcript. This must be paid to the campus cashier before course will be listed on the student's transcript.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a series of tests developed by the Educational Testing Service and offered at test centers throughout the country. The CLEP program provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate competency in certain subjects and thereby earn college credit for particular courses without attending classes. Students seeking CLEP credit at Broward Community College, but do not wish to become BCC students, must submit a BCC non-credit admissions application to the Admissions/Registration Office. Individuals wishing to become BCC students and receive CLEP credit must submit an admissions application with payment of the non-refundable application fee (\$35.00). Former BCC dual enrollment students must submit a re-entry application but do not pay the application fee. For

more information visit
<http://www.collegeboard.com/clep>. BCC's CLEP code number is 5074.

CLEP tests are administered at Broward Community College throughout the year at any of the three campus testing centers. CLEP testing times/dates are available at the testing centers and on the web at <http://www.broward.edu/stuserv/testing/clep.jsp>.

Bright Futures students must be advised by their Florida home college or university prior to registering. Students are notified by mail of the course(s) and credits for which they are eligible and this information is recorded on the student's permanent academic records. Students are awarded credits only; they are not given letter grades in CLEP courses, and CLEP courses are not included in the GPA.

CLEP credit cannot duplicate regular college course credit already earned, Dual Enrollment credit, or other credits earned through examination. The CLEP tests are offered in addition to the BCC Prior Experiential Learning Program, which provides for the assessment of prior learning and awarding of credit for many other BCC courses. Contact the College Registrar's Office for additional CLEP information.

Other Nationally Standardized Tests

Broward Community College awards credit based on receipt of specific passing grades on Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) and Excelsior College examinations. Credit awarded may not duplicate ordinary credit, Dual Enrollment credit, or other credits earned through examination at Broward Community College. Students seeking credit for Dantes or Excelsior College exams at Broward Community College must be admitted to the College.

International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate Program is a challenging curriculum offered in high schools that is designed to prepare students for advanced work in many countries' postsecondary systems. Holders of IB diplomas have been assessed in several subjects and have fulfilled certain other requirements, such as an extended essay. An official IB transcript is required and must be received directly from the International Baccalaureate Office in New York. Students are awarded credits only. They are not given grades for IB courses; therefore IB courses are not included in the grade point average. More information about the IB program is available at www.ibo.org. Further information regarding the IB courses and appropriate passing scores is also available at www.broward.edu.

Tech Prep Program

Tech Prep links secondary and postsecondary technical education programs of study. High school or technical center students who complete a technical program of study will receive training for high skill, high wage occupations. At the same time, they can begin earning Broward Community College or technical center credits. Students are encouraged to take rigorous academic courses along with the Tech

Prep program and maintain a "C" or higher grade point average.

Students must complete a technical program at the high school or technical center, and meet the articulation agreement requirements, which include a comprehensive assessment to validate required technical competencies. The number of credits that will be awarded and the type of assessment that will be used are outlined in the technical education articulation agreements established between Broward Community College and Broward County Public Schools. Credit will be awarded once the student has been accepted to Broward Community College and enrolled in a program of study. The credits will be valid for 18 months after high school/technical center graduation.

For more information about Tech Prep, please contact the Broward Community College Tech Prep Office at 954-201-6955 or by emailing techprep@broward.edu.

Tech Prep Program Areas

Accounting Technology
Automotive Technology
Business Administration Programs
Early Childhood and Education Program
Computer Science Technology
Diversified Cooperative Training
Engineering Technology Program
Health Sciences
Hospitality/Travel & Tourism
Industrial Management Technology
Marketing
Office Systems Technology Programs
Restaurant Management

The College Academy

The College Academy, a joint venture between the School Board of Broward County and Broward Community College, is an accelerated college program located on the central campus of Broward Community College for Broward County eleventh and twelfth grade students. This dual-enrollment secondary school was created for students who desire an alternative to the traditional high school program. Students are provided the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree concurrently. Specific pre-admission requirements must be met to establish eligibility. Tuition and books are provided free of cost for College Academy students. While attending The College Academy, students are enrolled in both dual enrollment and high school courses, taking approximately 12 college credits per semester. Students must attend the fall, winter, and first summer terms. Those planning to earn their AA degree while still in high school may need to complete additional dual enrollment coursework during the second summer term. Students must maintain a 2.5 unweighted high school grade point average in order to remain at The College Academy.

The College Academy is designed for students who have the maturity required for college campus life, the

discipline to use their time wisely, and the academic ability to handle the rigor of college work.

For further information, contact The College Academy @ BCC Central at (754) 321-6900 or visit www.broward.k12.fl.us/collegeacademy.

Experiential Learning

The Experiential Learning Program, developed primarily for working adults, is designed to recognize the academic value of what students have learned through experiences outside the college classroom. Credit for experiential learning may result from work experience, employment-related training programs and seminars, volunteer work, travel, military service or intensive self-directed study. If students have gained BCC course-equivalent knowledge, competencies, and/or skills as a result of prior learning experiences, they may be able to earn academic credit through the Experiential Learning Program.

Assessment Process

The assessment process is sometimes referred to as "challenging a course." Assessment may involve one or more of the following.

- written or performance tests
- preparation of a portfolio that describes student learning and how it was acquired
- evaluation of student certificates and licenses
- interviews with faculty members

The College faculty members responsible for the courses for which students wish to receive credit determine the method of assessment. Experiential learning credits are not available for all BCC courses.

Students who have been admitted to BCC, and who have decided on an academic program, may challenge courses through the Experiential Learning Program. Students can obtain information and Experiential Learning application forms from the academic department(s) responsible for the course(s) that the student wishes to challenge. Students who receive permission to challenge a course from an authorized faculty assessor must pay the required assessment fees and satisfactorily pass a faculty-administered learning assessment before credit can be awarded.

The assessment process may take from several hours to several months, depending upon the amount of credit requested and methods of assessment required. When the process is completed, assessment results will be forwarded to the College's Experiential Learning Coordinator, who verifies that assessment documentation is complete and informs the College Registrar's office of the amount of credit the student has earned. Although there is no limit to the number of hours that students can receive through Experiential Learning, 25% of credits required for a degree must be earned by taking classes at BCC. A maximum of eight hours of the residency

requirement may be satisfied through Experiential Learning.

Assessments are generally not scheduled between semesters or during the first or the last week of each semester. Results of assessments initiated during the last week of any semester may not be posted to student transcripts for that semester. Students who wish to use Experiential Learning credits to satisfy same-semester graduation requirements, course load requirements, transfer requirements, or registration pre-requisites should plan to complete their assessments well before the end of the semester in which they want the credits to be posted. Experiential Learning credits appear on student transcripts as "CR." Letter grades are not awarded for Experiential Learning.

Armed Services Educational Credits

Broward Community College will grant credit for military education that has been evaluated and recommended as suitable for post-secondary credit by the American Council on Education's Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services.

The credits will be awarded in the same manner as Experiential Learning credits. After enrollment in the College, a student with military education may follow the process for Experiential Learning by initiating a request to the appropriate academic department(s).

Flexible Learning Opportunities

BCC's Flexible Learning courses are designed for motivated, self-disciplined students whose schedules do not permit them to attend regularly scheduled meetings on campus, and for students who prefer to study independently, or for students who prefer the convenience of a blend of online and on-campus learning.

Flexible Learning courses include fully-on-line courses delivered using the Internet, courses that combine on-campus with online learning, and courses that are delivered using video tapes or printed materials. All Flexible Learning courses have required textbooks and may also use CD-ROMs, study guides or other instructional materials.

Flexible Learning courses may require limited on-campus meetings for orientations, labs, test reviews and proctored tests. Required meeting dates are listed in the course schedule and in course syllabi. Check your course syllabus for dates, times, and locations of required on-campus tests or labs.

All Flexible Learning courses are college credit courses equivalent to those taken in the standard contact hour format and are applicable to most A.A. degree transfer programs, as well as some A.S. and technical certificate programs. The cost of tuition is the same as for standard courses. However, students

enrolled in Flexible Learning courses may be assessed special fees. Students may take Flexible Learning classes exclusively or in combination with on-campus courses. Students are advised to see an academic advisor before selecting their classes.

Students can complete all general education requirements for the A.A. degree as well as requirements for some A.S. and technical certificate programs using flexible learning courses. Visit <http://www.broward.edu/schedule> or check the Flexible Learning section of the of the printed BCC Course Schedule to see a schedule of all Flexible Learning courses.

Enrolled students may register for Flexible Learning courses in person at one of our campuses or via BCC's web site at <http://www.broward.edu>.

Online Courses

Online courses are a great way for students to complete degree requirements while juggling work and/or family responsibilities.

Students can complete all general education requirements for the A.A. degree and a substantial number of program requirements for the A.S. degree (Nursing), the A.A. degree (Education), the A.A.S. degree (Business Administration), the Office Support Technical Certificate and the Office Specialist in an on-line format. To see if online courses might be right for you, visit <http://www.broward.edu/flexible/ready.jsp>

Before the start of the semester, students registered for online classes, should visit <http://www.broward.edu/webct/lists.jsp>, view online course listings, then click on the information icon to obtain information about the online-learning courses in which they are enrolled.

Blended E-Learning Courses

Blended e-learning courses combine tradition on-campus learning with online learning. Blended e-learning classes replace some of the time that would normally be spent in a classroom with online learning activities. Blended e-learning courses are a good choice for students who enjoy both online and on

campus learning but cannot spend as much time on campus as would be required for a traditional course. Some blended e-learning are offered in an accelerated format that permits students to complete courses in a shortened time frame. These "fast-track" courses permit students to complete as many as four courses in the time it would normally take for them to complete one course.

Before the start of the semester, students registered for blended e-learning classes, should visit <http://www.broward.edu/webct/lists.jsp>, view blended course listings, then click on the information icon to obtain information about the blended-learning courses in which they are enrolled.

Video-based Courses

Video-based courses deliver content using professionally produced video programs combined with text books, and study guides. They are a good choice for learners with good time management and independent study skills. Students can complete several general education requirements for the A.A. degree through video-based courses. Visit <http://www.broward.edu/flexible/readiness.jsp> to see if video-based courses might be right for you.

For video-based courses, students must obtain a free course information packet from the bookstore on the campus before their course is scheduled to meet. Students should read the information packet BEFORE the start of the semester. Students can obtain required VHS tapes from the Learning Resource Center, located in the Library on the campus offering their video-based course(s).

For more information about the Flexible Learning Program call (954)-201-6564, or visit the Flexible Learning web site at <http://www.broward.edu/flexible/index.jsp>.

