

APPLICATION MATERIALS AT www.beechhighschoolcounseling.com/2019-20-registration

Printable pages must be completed and returned to School Counseling Office by **March 13**

Volunteer State Community & Beech High School Dual Enrollment Program 2019-2020

WHAT IS IT?

Volunteer State Community College is proud to partner with Beech High School to provide an opportunity for high school students to get a head start on their college experience while still enrolled in high school. Classes will be offered at Beech during the regular school day. There are also numerous online opportunities. Successful course completion allows for the student to earn high school and college credit for the same course.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A qualified student is defined as a high school **junior or senior** with a grade point average of **3.0 or better in the subject area** of enrollment. Your ACT Math sub score must be a 19 if you are taking a Math class. If you are taking anything other than Math, you must have an 18 on your English sub score AND a 19 on your Reading sub score. CTE dual enrollment courses may not require an ACT, but do require a 3.0 GPA in the subject area.

Students who have not taken the ACT may, after a referral from the Dual Enrollment office, take a test, ACCUPLACER, for placement scores. The cost of the test is \$20. Students who taken the ACT and did not meet the required scores may be eligible to challenge the ACT score by taking the ACCUPLACER test in that/those area/s. The cost is \$10 per test or a maximum of \$20. A referral from the Dual Enrollment office is required.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The **CURRENT Spring 2019** fee for a 3-hour dual enrollment course was \$498. (Six hours of classes cost \$996.) However, fees are set in June for the following year.

TN Dual Enrollment Grant: The Tennessee Legislature is still in session, and decisions (about how the TN Lottery Grant will be funded) are still being discussed. There will be information available when it is received from TSAC.

VSCC GAP Scholarship: The GAP Scholarship covers the cost of classes that the DE Grant does not cover for up to four classes. **The following rules apply to the GAP Scholarship:** 1) All four classes must be taken at VSCC. 2) The Dual Enrollment Grant and/or GAP will only pay for up to two classes in one semester. If a third class is taken, the student is responsible for the full cost of that class.

Textbooks: There is an additional cost for textbooks. You are responsible for the cost of textbooks & course material for your Dual Enrollment class. To find what course material is required for your class, simply log into the MYVOLSTATE portal. Clicking on the "Pride Online" tab, then click on "Buy Textbooks Online". This will link you directly to the bookstore and will show the material needed for the classes that you are registered for.

IS THERE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Students participating in Dual Enrollment are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid. However, the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant, Fee Discounts and the Deferred Payment plan make the program more affordable.

Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grants and the GAP scholarship help cover the cost of the course fees. This information will be shared when TSAC makes it available.

Fee Discounts: Students whose parents are public school teachers or state employees receive a 25% discount of course fees. Students whose parents are employed by the Tennessee Board of Regents receive a 50% discount of course fees.

Deferred Payment Plan: This plan is available to allow students to pay fees in installments. The plan requires a 50% down payment plus the \$25 fee for the deferred payment plan and two additional 25% installment payments. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for late payments to the payment plan.

HOW DOES THE STUDENT APPLY?

The student completes an on-line application to Volunteer State Community College. Students should go to www.volstate.edu and fill out the Dual Enrollment application.

Check your email !!! You will be contacted by email with communications from the Dual Enrollment Office. *Please make sure that the email you provide in your application is one that you or your parents check regularly!!!*

WILL IT TRANSFER?

If a student is going to a Tennessee Board of Regents School, the credits will transfer. The UT system varies some, but for the most part, the classes will transfer. If your student is going to a private school or to a school out of the state of TN, it is in the student's best interest to address the issue of transfer credit with the institution the student is going to attend. It is the prerogative of the accepting school to accept or not.

ADVANTAGES OF DOING DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES:

- *Student receives high school and college credit for doing the same work.
- *Students experience college classes while still in the safety net of the high school setting.
- *Students gain confidence in their ability to do college level work.
- *It is very inexpensive for college classes.
- *Students begin a college transcript which will follow them to their post secondary school.
- *Students may earn more than 24 hours at the high school which is equivalent to two semesters.
(This depends on the number of classes offered at your high school.)

IMPORTANT VSCC DEADLINES FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT

All students who plan to dual enroll must have ALL paperwork and eligible placement scores to VSCC to be registered for classes:

For Summer 2019 – All paperwork and eligible for registration by March 29, 2019

For Fall 2019 – All paperwork by May 15, 2019 and eligible for registration by June 28, 2019

For Spring 2020 - All paperwork and eligible for registration by Dec. 2, 2019

These dates are VSCC Deadlines; your high school may set earlier deadlines to get all the paperwork done before the Vol State Deadline. **VSCC will honor their deadlines.** (*BHS deadline – Wednesday, MARCH 13, 2019*)

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Dual Enrollment Office staff will be glad to assist you in any way they can. The office number is (615)230-3742.

Other important numbers:

- *The **Business Office** will help with any billing questions. The office phone number is (615) 230-3585.
- *The **Bookstore** will help with textbook questions. The number is (615) 230-3636.
- *The **Learning Commons** will help with students who have enrolled at VSCC who need to improve a low ACT. Students must be referred by our office before you call for an appointment. The office number is (615) 230-3676

VSCC CLASSES offered at Beech High School see BHS Registration Book for Requirements

English Composition I – ENGL 1010 – 3 credit hours

English Composition II – ENGL 1020 – 3 credit hours

***It takes both ENGL 1010/1020 to satisfy the requirements for high school ENGLISH IV (Sr. Eng)*

Introduction to Film – ENGL 1030 – 3 credit hours

***Satisfies HS Fine Arts Requirement*

Early Childhood Education – ECED 1310 – 3 credit hours

Introduction to Psychology – PSY 1030 – 3 credit hours

Introduction to Sociology - SOC 1010- 3 credit hours

College Algebra - MATH 1130- 3 credit hours – (Prereq: 2 years of high school algebra)

***Eligibility Requirements: ACT subscore of 19 in Math OR successful completion of SAILS math.*

Please see the online Vol State catalog for other classes. Most classes may be taken online if you meet the prerequisites and are approved by the School Counselor and Administration.