

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

Q. Are these really college level courses?

A. Yes! The curriculum and textbooks are the same as used in accredited courses taught on the CCC campus.

Q. Who is eligible to take an ACE course?

A. Students who have met the prerequisites for the ACE course and have been recommended by the ACE teacher. (Once enrolled in the course, students have the choice of enrolling for both college credit and high school credit OR taking the course for high school credit only.)

Q. Who teaches the ACE courses?

A. Only high school teachers who have been approved by the academic divisions of CCC and the Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs are allowed to teach ACE courses. Because the college has reviewed the academic credentials of each approved teacher and works closely with that teacher throughout the year, CCC is confident that ACE courses meet all college standards.

Q. Do students taking ACE courses travel to other locations?

A. No. All courses are taught at the high school during the day.

Q. What kind of credit is earned?

A. Students enrolled in an ACE course for college credit:

- Receive high school grades and credits which are placed onto high school transcripts
- Receive college grades and credit which are placed on CCC college transcripts

Q. Do students have to take a minimum number of ACE courses to be in the ACE program?

A. No. They may enroll full time (earning 12 or more college credits each semester) or enroll part time (earning up to 11 credits each semester)

Q. Can a high school student who is taking college credit be a member of Phi Theta Kappa?

A. Yes. A high school student enrolled at a two-year college who completes at least 12 credit hours of associate degree course work with the required cumulative 3.5 GPA, and who is currently enrolled in at least one 3 credit course, is eligible for membership.

Phi Theta Kappa's Mission, History

“The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall

provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.”

Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918 by two-year college presidents in Missouri. The founders were seeking to recognize scholastic achievement by their students, and to establish a common purpose and standard for honors organizations on their different campuses. The founders chose to model their new Society after the prestigious senior honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. The name “Phi Theta Kappa” was taken from the initial letters of the three Greek words meaning “wisdom,” “aspiration” and “purity.”

Transfer Questions

- Q. If you transfer college credit earned in the ACE program, do you have to take the course again when you reach your college?
- A. No. Transfer credit meets the requirements of taking that course at another college and counts toward degree requirements.
- Q. What grades are necessary to be accepted for transfer?
- A. Each college sets its own policy.
- Q. How do I transfer ACE credits to another college?
- A. It doesn't happen automatically. The student must request that CCC send an official transcript to his/her college.
- Q. Will grades earned in ACE affect my average at other colleges?
- A. Probably not. Most colleges transfer credit but not grades. A grade point average at one college usually excludes grades earned at other colleges.
- Q. Why do high school students want to earn college credit early?
- A.
- Some plan to eliminate their freshman year, saving a considerable amount of time and money.
 - Some wish to lighten their first and second year at college, feeling they would do better academically with less pressure
 - Some wish to get required courses out of the way so they can take more electives at college.
 - Some are able to accomplish a double major in four years

Financing

- Q. What is the cost of earning in the ACE program?

A. ACE students, who are residents of New York State, pay a reduced amount which is a percentage of the full tuition rate. The amount fluctuates each year based on the college budget and is set at \$33 per credit hour for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Q. Are there any scholarships?

A. Yes. There is a scholarship available for Chemung County residents only through a generous donation from the Casella Waste Management Company.

Q. Are there any costs besides tuition?

A. No. School districts provide textbooks at no cost to the student.

Q. In summary, what are the financial advantages?

- Lower tuition
- No Housing and meal costs
- No Transportation expenses