

# College & Career Readiness Program

## Track 1

### Advanced Placement/Honors

- Enroll in courses that challenge you like college level courses.
- Complete AP exam with a 3 or higher and earn college credit.
- Diploma options – Advanced & Advanced Honors

## Track 2

### CTE Pathways

- Start exploring career options that interest you.
- Potentially earn college credit with successful completion of all requirements.
- Diploma options – Standard, Advanced & College and Career Readiness

## Track 3

### Dual Enrollment

- Get a head start on college!
- Earn HS credit and college credit simultaneously.
- Diploma options – Standard, Advanced & Advanced Honors

# Diploma Options

### Standard Diploma

Area of Study	Credits
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Technology	½
Humanities	1
Electives	5
Total	22.5

### College & Career Readiness Diploma

Area of Study	Credits
English	4
Mathematics – including Alg 2 or higher	4
Science	3
Social Studies	1
American Government	1
American History	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Technology	½
Art/Humanities/CTE	1
Electives	6
Total	24
<b>3.25 GPA minimum</b>	

### Advanced Diploma

Area of Study	Credits
English	4
Mathematics – including Alg 2 or higher	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Technology	½
Art/Humanities/CTE	1
Electives	6
Total	24
<b>3.25 GPA minimum</b>	

### Advanced Honors Diploma

Area of Study	Credits	Honors/AP
English	4	3
Mathematics – including Alg 2 or higher	2	2
Science	3	2
World History/Geography	1	
U.S. History	1	2
U.S. Government	1	
Physical Education	2	0
Health	½	0
Technology	½	0
Foreign Language	1	1
SS, Art, Humanities or Occupational Education Electives	1	2
Electives	5	
Total	24	12
<b>3.25 GPA unweighted/3.85 GPA weighted</b>		

# Track 1

## Advanced Placement/Honors

### *Are AP/Honors courses right for you?*

#### 1. Prepare for college ahead of time.

Taking college level or honors classes in high school could make your transition from high school to college a lot easier.

#### 3. Study what you love!

There are over 530 AP/Honors courses offered at NCA. Choosing an area of interests will increase your focus and success.

#### 2. Rise to the top!

Having AP courses and/or honors courses on your high school transcript strengthens your college applications and impresses college admissions officers. These courses, along with good grades, will show determination, hard work and drive.

#### 4. Get a head start and save money.

A score of 4 or higher on the AP exam could earn you college credit and in turn, save you money in the end. Some students able to skip their entire 1<sup>st</sup> year of college due to the college credits earned in high school.

## Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Are honors classes the same as Advanced Placement (AP) classes?

No. Honors courses typically cover the same material as the regular version of the course. The pace and content are slightly adjusted to challenge students at a different level. AP courses are more challenging than honors courses and typically correspond to college classes. Taking AP courses allows students the opportunity to receive college credit.

#### 2. Am I eligible to enroll in honors courses and AP courses?

Yes, all students are eligible, however, your transcript will be reviewed to determine if it's a good fit.

#### 3. If I complete honors or AP courses, will my GPA be weighted?

Yes. If honors courses and AP courses listed on your transcript have been completed successfully, your GPA with honors will be weighted at 0.025 and 0.050 for AP.

#### 4. Would I be eligible to complete the Advanced Placement exam?

The Advanced Placement exam can only be completed by students enrolled in AP courses. AP exams are administered in May each year. AP exams are rated on a scale from 1 to 5. Students that earned a 3 or higher on the exam may earn college credit.

# Track 2

## CTE Pathways

### *Are CTE courses right for you?*

#### 1. Apply your talents and interests.

Explore courses that highlight your talents and interests. Research shows that students in CTE pathways get a head start on reaching their dreams based on the strong foundation they build from the pathways they enroll in.

#### 2. Learn skills that fill job demand.

CTE pathways offer a wide range of career options and appeal to a wide variety of interests. Only 3 out of 10 jobs require additional training which can be earned through CTE pathways.

#### 3. Increase your pay!

Taking CTE courses in high school has proven to increase earnings. Taking CTE courses will give you a jump start without the additional college debt. CTE courses can also help you earn an associates degree quicker and easier than general high school courses.

#### 4. Be prepared to enter the workforce right out of high school.

Not only will CTE courses prepare you to enter the workforce right out of high school but it will increase your self-confidence as well. Strengthen your resume with these course and walk into your interviews with poise.

## CTE Pathways Offered

### Information & Media Technology

**Career Examples:** Web Designer, Creative Director, Photo Editor, Architecture & Engineering Drafter, Video & Film Editor, Graphic Designer, Multimedia Artist, Security Analyst, Security Engineer, Security Architect, Security Administrator

### Business Management

**Career Examples:** Bookkeeper, Accountant, Auditing Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Sales Associate, Personal Banker, Business Analyst, Operations Manager, Financial Analyst, Account Manager

### Education & Training

**Career Examples:** Principal, Teacher, Librarian, Special Education Teacher, Psychologist, Social Worker Counselor, Teacher Assistant, Parent Educator, Child Care Worker

### Health Science

**Career Examples:** Medical assistant, Radiation therapist, Paramedic, Pharmacy technician, Medical lab technician, Respiratory therapist, Dental hygienist

# Track 3

## Dual Enrollment

### *Is dual enrollment right for you?*

#### 1. Get an idea of what college is like.

Try out a few college level classes to familiarize yourself with the college environment. Learn about the increased expectations and find ways to manage your time.

#### 2. Find your area of interest before college!

Most students change their major at least once during their college career. Taking college courses before entering college can help you find your area of interest while in high school without the extra pressure and cost that college adds.

#### 3. Not interested in AP or CTE courses.

Advanced Placement and CTE courses may not be of interest to you but you're still curious what college level courses are like. Take one at a time and explore various areas of interest without having to commit to a full program.

#### 4. Prepare for college ahead of time.

Taking college level classes in high school could make your transition from high school to college a lot easier. You could also earn college credit and cut down the number of courses you have to enroll in during your 1<sup>st</sup> year.

## TMCC Jump Start Program

#### 1. Apply for Admission

Complete a TMCC [Application for Admission](#) and view important [dates and deadlines](#). If you need assistance or have questions in completing the application, please contact TMCC's [Jump Start Program](#).

#### 2. Complete the Jump Start Orientation

The online [Jump Start Orientation](#) will help you learn the requirements and responsibilities of taking college courses. In addition, it will provide guidance and helpful resources to help you be successful.

#### 3. Complete Permission to Enroll Form

If you are a high school student, submit a [Permission to Enroll form](#) to your high school counselor or administrator for approval. This form must contain all required signatures and information; missing information will delay the enrollment process. In addition, if the course(s) you've selected have prerequisites, a copy of any supporting documentation (i.e., ACT scores, high school transcripts, AP scores, etc.) should be sent in as well. Email all forms and documentation to [dualcredit@tmcc.edu](mailto:dualcredit@tmcc.edu).