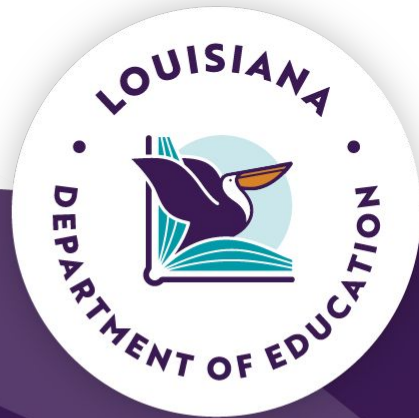


Tools to provide quality counseling to students seeking early access to college credit

Fast Forward/CWA Summit 2025



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Session Description

Description: This session will provide counselors with valuable tools and resources to introduce Dual Enrollment and other college credit opportunities to students.

Objective: Participants will gain strategies for effectively guiding students through these options, helping them understand the benefits and requirements, and supporting their path toward earning college credits while still in high school.

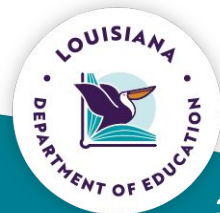
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Session Agenda

- What is Dual Enrollment?
- Benefits and Purposes of Dual Enrollment
- Types of College Credit
- Resources
- LCTCS Colleges
- Best practices in counseling students towards considering early college credit
- Turn & Talk / Demonstration

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Helping Students



What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is the opportunity for a student to be enrolled in high school and college at the same time. A dual enrollment student receives credit on both their high school and college transcripts for the same course. **Courses are offered by local technical, community, and four-year colleges.**

Dual enrollment courses are much more affordable while in high school than college credits, so students save money as well as time.

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Benefits of Dual Enrollment?

- Experience Two Schools at Once
- Save Time & Money
- Potential Certification or Degree
- Experience Campus Life
- Earn Transferable Credits
- Access Resources
- Prepare for College

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Purpose of Dual Enrollment

- Enables students to earn high school & college credits
- Adds rigor and broadens the scope of high school curriculum
- Acclimates students to college level course work expectations
- Accelerates time to degree completion

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Dual Enrollment Impact

- Dual Enrollment grades impact both high school and college GPA.
- Grades can affect acceptance into colleges and universities. Some colleges and universities will consider dual enrollment GPA in their admissions decisions
- Dual Enrollment grades can affect TOPS Scholarship.
- Dual Enrollment grades can affect acceptance into limited access majors and/or admissions to graduate school. They remain on college and high school transcripts forever.

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Types of College Credit

- Dual Enrollment
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

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Types of College Courses

- Core Academic Courses
- Career & Technical Education Courses

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Dual Enrollment Resources

[Louisiana Dual Enrollment](#)

BOR [Articulation Matrix](#)
Course Descriptions

LCTCS Matrix - [Prior Learning Credit](#)

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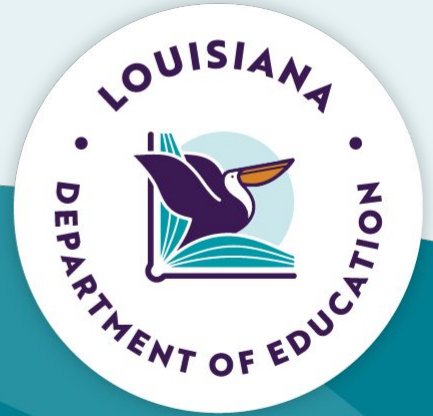
LCTCS Colleges

Baton Rouge Community College (Baton Rouge)
Bossier Parish Community College (Bossier City)
Central Louisiana Technical Community College (Alexandria)
Delgado Community College (New Orleans)
Louisiana Delta Community College (Monroe)
Fletcher Technical Community College (Schriever)
Northshore Technical Community College (Northshore)
Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (Shreveport)
Nunez Community College (Chalmette)
River Parishes Community College (Gonzales)
South Louisiana Community College (Lafayette)
SOWELA Technical Community College (Lake Charles)

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Ways to introduce early access to college credit



Best practices in counseling students towards considering early college credit

- Offer courses and curricula that prepare students for college-level work, and ensure that students understand what constitutes a college-ready curriculum by 9th grade. Students must be academically prepared for college by 12th grade.
- Utilize assessment measures throughout high school so students are aware of how prepared they are for college, and assist them in overcoming deficiencies as they are identified.
- Ensure students are aware of course rigor, as well as college and high school expectations.

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Best practices in counseling students towards considering early college credit

- Surround students with adults and peers who build and support their college-going aspirations
- Engage and assist students in completing critical steps for college entry
- Increase families' financial awareness, and help students apply for financial aid
- Remind students that all grades are maintained and impacts future college plans, financial aid, etc

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Grade Level Communication - How to Prep

Be prepared with the following information:

- What does local job availability look like in your community?
- What 4 and 5 star-level jobs are available in your community?
- What MJ Foster eligible certificates of technical students (CTSs) are offered by your post-secondary partners?

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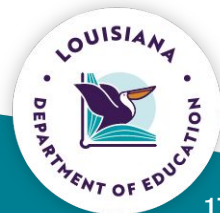


Grade Level Communication - 9th/10th grade

When exploring career options with a 9th/10th grader, ask questions that focus on their interests, strengths, values, and preferred work environment, including:

- What are your primary reasons for wanting to participate in dual enrollment?
- How do you think dual enrollment will benefit your future academic and career goals?
- Do you understand how dual enrollment credits will transfer to your chosen college?
- If you could create your own job, what would it involve doing?
- What are you naturally good at?
- Do you enjoy creative tasks or more analytical problem-solving?
- Have you considered any careers that align with your interests?
- What careers do people in your family or community have that you find interesting?
- What classes could you take in high school to explore potential career paths further?
- What steps can you take now to start preparing for your future career?
- What hobbies or activities do you enjoy outside of school?
- Do you prefer working indoors or outdoors?

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Grade Level Communication - 11th/12th grade

When exploring career options with a 11th grader, ask questions that focus on their interests, strengths, values, and preferred work environment, including:

- What kind of volunteer or internship opportunities could help you gain experience in a field you are interested in?
- Would you rather wear a consistent uniform every day or wear professional work clothes?
- What career paths can you cross off your list?
- Would you rather work alone on a project or work with a team?
- How do you plan to manage the demands of both high school and college coursework?
- Have you explored any potential financial aid options available for dual enrollment students?

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Turn & Talk / Demonstration

Turn to your neighbor and demonstrate how you would speak with a student who is considering taking a dual enrollment course (academic or technical)

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LDOE has created a [Dual Enrollment Resources one pager](#) to provide funding programs and resources to assist with speaking with students about dual enrollment options.

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Questions?