

CTE Dual Credit: Get a Head Start on College & Your Career!

What is it?

Imagine taking a class in high school that not only counts for your high school diploma but also earns you college credit at the same time! That's exactly what CTE Dual Credit is. These classes focus on career-related skills (like healthcare, auto repair, or culinary arts) and also include important academic lessons.

Why is it awesome?

- **Free College Credit:** You save money because you're earning college credits without paying college tuition!
- **Explore Careers:** It's a great way to try out different career paths to see what you like.
- **Be College Ready:** You'll gain skills and experience that will prepare you for college and future jobs.
- **Double Credit:** Successfully pass the class (with a C or better), and you get both high school and college credit!

How do you get started?

1. **Talk to Your Counselor:** Ask your high school counselor which classes are CTE Dual Credit eligible.
2. **Enroll in a Class:** Sign up for a CTE Dual Credit class at your high school or skills center.
3. **Register Online:** Create an account and register your class on the Statewide Enrollment and Reporting System (SERS) website: <https://www.ctesers.org/>
4. **Do Your Best:** Get a C grade or higher in the class.
5. **Register on Time:** Make sure you register for the dual credit class *during the same school year* you're taking it.

Getting Your College Credits (Transcribing):

Your CTE Dual Credits don't automatically show up on a college transcript. This is because college degrees have specific requirements, and these credits might not count for *every* college major. It's a good idea to talk to a college advisor before you have them officially added.

To get your credits on a transcript at Bates Technical College or Clover Park Technical College:

1. **Register in SERS:** Make sure you registered your class in SERS during the year you took it.
2. **Send a Request:** Fill out a "CTE Credit Request Form" (you can find these at www.pc3dualcredit.org) and send it to Bates or CPTC.
3. **Send High School Transcript:** Have your official high school transcript sent to Bates or CPTC for them to confirm your grades. You can often do this through www.parchment.com.
4. **Get Confirmation:** You'll receive an email when your credits have been added to your college transcript.
5. **View Your Credits:** Once transcribed, you can usually view your unofficial transcript online. There's no fee to get these credits transcribed, but there might be a small fee (\$10) if you need an official college transcript later.

To get your credits on a transcript at Pierce College:

1. **Register in SERS:** Make sure you registered your class in SERS during the year you took it.
2. **Apply to Pierce College:** If you're not already a Pierce College student, you'll need to apply to get a "ctcLink ID."
3. **Send a Request:** Fill out the CTE Credit Request Form and send it to Pierce College.
4. **Send High School Transcript:** Order your official high school transcript through www.parchment.com and have it sent to Pierce College.
5. **Get Confirmation:** You'll receive an email when your credits have been added to your Pierce College transcript.
6. **View Your Credits:** Once transcribed, you can usually view your unofficial transcript online. There's no fee to get these credits transcribed, but there might be a small fee (\$10) if you need an official college transcript later.

Important Note: You have up to **five years** after you graduate high school to request these credits be added to a college transcript.

CTE Dual Credit is a fantastic opportunity to get a jump start on your college education and explore your future career!