



Start College Now (SCN) FAQs

Q: Who is eligible to enroll in Start College Now (SCN) courses?

A: SCN is available to public high school students in grades 11 and 12 who are in good academic standing, have an acceptable disciplinary record, and are interested in enrolling in technical college coursework.

Q: When do students apply for SCN?

A: Students should submit SCN applications to their school district by March 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester.

Q: When should approved applications be submitted to WCTC?

A: Approved SCN applications should be submitted to WCTC by May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester. Approved applications will be accepted after these dates, but should be submitted to WCTC as soon as possible to ensure the best opportunity for course selection.

Q: Who is responsible for submitting an approved SCN application to WCTC?

A: In most cases, the student is responsible for sending the approved application to WCTC. Please confirm with the student's school district.

Q: Will students need to complete the technical college application in addition to the Start College Now application?

A: No, students will not need to apply to the college to participate in Start College Now.

Q: Can students enroll in courses through SCN during the summer term?

A: Start College Now is not an option for summer courses. Students wanting to enroll in summer courses should consult with their high school regarding options for a separate contract or enrollment agreement.

Q: Can high school districts require students to reimburse the cost of a dropped or failed SCN class?

A: This decision is up to the high school district. It is recommended the high school develop a policy and communicate the expectation to the student(s)/parent(s).

Q: How much high school credit will be earned through SCN?

A: High school credit earned is at the discretion of the high school district.

Q: May students take courses through SCN and ECCP (Early College Credit Program through the UW System) at the same time?

A: No. Per 118.55, 2(a), sub. (7t) (c), students may alternate by semester but cannot participate in both programs concurrently. Students may still enroll in contracted courses and/or dual credit with the technical college while enrolled in ECCP. The aforementioned statute only refers to concurrent enrollment in SCN or compulsory education and ECCP.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of courses a student may take through SCN?

A: There is no established limit regarding the number of courses a student may take per semester; however, high school districts may implement a policy which limits the total number of college credits earned through SCN and ECCP. Districts must offer a minimum of 18 credits per student over the duration of their eligibility for the SCN and/or the Early College Credit Programs (ECCP). The 18 credit limit applies to the sum of credits earned between SCN and ECCP.

Q: Who is responsible for the cost of tuition, course fees, textbooks and/or materials?

A: Per 38.12(14), the school district is required to pay the cost of tuition, course fees, and required books. The district may request books be returned to the district at the end of the course. Additional costs such as testing fees, background checks, and supplies may be covered at the discretion of the high school district. The expectation of who will pay these expenses should be communicated to student(s)/parent(s) in advance.

Q: Who is responsible for covering transportation costs?

A: The student is responsible for any transportation costs to attend courses held at the college campus or other location.

Q: Where can I get more information about ECCP?

A: DPI oversees the dissemination of information related to ECCP. For more information, please visit this website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/eccp>