



North Carolina Career & College Promise (CCP)

Dear Guilford County Schools High School Junior or Senior:

Would you like a jumpstart on your college or workplace experience? If so, there is an opportunity for you to complete high school while taking college classes and earning college credit, tuition free. Guilford County Schools has partnered with Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC). There are three campuses in Guilford County, with one located in Greensboro, and Jamestown, and High Point each.

Please see additional information below and contact your school counselor. They will provide guidance as you review and complete information for Career & College Promise.

Why would I consider taking college classes while in high school?

This is an opportunity to take college classes based on your area of interest, career field and earn college credit. If you have an interest in the technical field/career, you could take classes that align with the job you want after graduating from college. You will have an early start on learning about the job and getting specialized training that will prepare you for your career.

Tuition is free! You are not required to pay for any college class while pursuing this academic opportunity. In fact, the only cost associated with the program for the Fall 2020 semester, is the cost of books.

What is the cost?

- You do not have to pay for the college courses while enrolled in CCP.
- For the Fall 2020 semester, you do not need to pay for any other fees such as lab, etc.
- GTCC will be using Government CARES Act funds to pay fees for CCP students.
- You will need to pay for books.

Will I be able to complete high school and take college courses?

CCP is an accelerated academic program in North Carolina that allows high school students to take college courses while still enrolled in high school by enrolling in North Carolina community colleges and universities.

In Guilford County Schools, students who participate in CCP will take classes at GTCC.

There are two pathways that students can select:

- **College Transfer Pathway** – This pathway is for students who want to attend a community college or university after graduating from high school. You can earn 30 semester hours of college credits earned while in high school that can transfer to a community college or university.
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE)** – This pathway is for students who select a certain field or career. Students can begin a diploma or certification program that aligns with a high school Career Cluster.

What will be my learning experience in Career & College Promise (CCP)?

You may experience face-to-face, online and hybrid classes.

Face-to-Face

- Students will attend classes on the campus.
- Classes will be taught by college professors.

Online Learning

- Students and teachers are in an online classroom at the same time.
- Student learning takes place using computers, internet, digital lessons/resources.

Hybrid Learning

- This is a combination of online learning and traditional face-to-face learning.
- Students may complete assignments and work in groups virtually.

How will College & Career Promise work in 2020-21 School Year due to COVID and health and safety guidelines?

- To start, you will be a virtual learner which means you will be using the computer and accessing the internet to take college classes. The classes will be taught online by community college professors.

What can I expect if I participate in Career & College Promise (CCP)?

- If you chose to pursue a four-year college/university following high school, you would have experience taking college classes and learning online, as well as skills for taking classes at your new school.
- You could earn a career credential, certificate or diploma in your career/field. The training in this program will give you an early start on what is expected in the occupation. Many jobs require workers have specialized training, and you could get your training while attending high school and college. Upon high school graduation, you can compete for the highly skilled and high-demand occupations.

What is the benefit of taking the college courses in Career & College Promise (CCP)?

If you successfully complete college courses, you can:

- Earn college credit
- Take the college credit with you after high school graduation
- Earn dual credit (some of the college courses meet high school graduation requirements)

How can I be considered for Career & College Promise (CCP)?

- Rising Juniors and Seniors for 2020-2021 will be considered for the academic program in Guilford County Schools.
- Rising Juniors and Seniors must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Rising Juniors and Seniors must be on track to graduate.

What is the maximum number of college credits I can earn as a Career and College Promise student?

There is no maximum number of college credits that a CCP student can take. However, students must complete the entire CCP pathway before pursuing additional courses outside of their pathway. All CCP participants must maintain eligibility status.

Can I go to and/enroll at another local college as a high school student enrolled in CCP and take a course outside the pathway concurrently with the pathway-completing course?

No, students must complete their pathway before taking additional courses.

Will transportation be provided if I must attend class on campus?

Free public transportation will be provided by Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) to students until December 2020. Students will need to carry their Guilford County Schools identification. Guilford County Schools will not provide transportation.

What are the attendance requirements?

CCP students enrolled in community college courses will be held to the same attendance and academic requirements as traditional college students.

If I am currently enrolled in the Advanced Placement Academy or the International Baccalaureate Program, should I consider Career & College Promise (CCP)?

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate are college-level courses offered within the traditional high school, taught by trained high school teachers. These rigorous courses also introduce students to accelerated, college-level content and academic and organizational skills to prepare students for a successful transition to college. Students can earn college credits for these courses through successful scores on exams administered in May. Families should carefully weigh their options based upon the student's future academic plans and consider transfer and acceptance policies of the universities of interest.

Students who are currently participating in an IB program or the AP Capstone program will not be able to complete those program requirements through CCP participation. The IB Diploma is a two-year sequence that must be completed in a certified IB school and given the complexity of the requirements, is a full-time commitment which does not allow for additional outside coursework. Similarly, the AP Capstone Diploma is only available through completion of the necessary courses only offered at Capstone schools.