



Running Start Program Application Packet

Running Start for High School Seniors

Running Start is a program offered at the Community College of Rhode Island for high school students who demonstrate the academic achievement and maturity necessary to enroll in college courses during their senior year on a full-time basis. Applications are submitted the junior year of high school. Seniors who study at CCRI may be eligible to earn college credit and credit for high school graduation simultaneously. For information about the Prepare RI dual and concurrent enrollment funding, please see www.RIDE.ri.gov.

Running Start Admission Criteria and Procedure:

To qualify, a student must have a cumulative high school grade point average of "B" (based on school profile) or higher, test into college level courses, by either completing the Accuplacer test or submitting qualifying PSAT/SAT scores, and complete all application steps.

Student Steps

1. Complete the fillable **Running Start Application** and submit by **April 15**. Use a personal email that is **not** a school email.
2. Complete the fillable **Ferpa Release Form** including signatures from student and parent or guardian.
3. Attach a qualifying **PSAT/SAT Test Score Report** to the application. Qualifying PSAT/SAT scores must be above 410 in Reading/Writing **and** above 411 in Math.
4. **Save the application and email it to your school counselor** for completion of the Running Start Recommendation Form and inclusion of high school transcript (and PSAT/SAT scores if available).
5. If not submitting qualifying PSAT/SAT scores, schedule and take **the ACCUPLACER Placement test by May 1**. This is your **only notification to take the Accuplacer test**. Readiness at the college level in reading, writing and math is required, and is one of the main components of acceptance into the program. To schedule an appointment for ACCUPLACER placement test, email the Testing Center at accuplacer@ccri.edu one week after your counselor's submission of your application. Inform the Testing Center that you are applying to the Running Start Program and provide your full name, date of birth, and best number to contact you. You may not yet know your CCRI ID#. For optimal test results, students **should** prepare for the ACCUPLACER test by practicing the review packet, available at https://www.ccri.edu/advising/new_students/nextgenerationpacket.pdf.
6. **Students will receive acceptance decisions around May 30 by email**. Applications will be reviewed after the April 15 deadline. Admission decisions will be based on the successful completion of all Running Start admission criteria. If accepted, the student must attend a **Mandatory Orientation and enroll** in a minimum of 12 credit hours at CCRI for both the fall and spring semesters. Admissions decisions will be sent to the personal email provided on the application; remember to provide a personal email, not the high school email.

School Counselor Steps

1. Along with the **student's two-page application**, please include the following:
 - a) The completed fillable **Running Start Recommendation Form**, requiring:
 - i. a **recommendation** from a school counselor or principal and
 - ii. the **list of courses** which should include **requirements for graduation** from high school and other recommended college courses and
 - iii. the **CCRI campus** of choice.
 - b) The **student's Official high transcript and the high school profile** outlining the grading system. To verify fulfillment of the GPA criteria, of a cumulative high school average of "B" or better is required, (3.0 of 4.0 scale or 83% of 100% scale).
 - c) The **SAT/PSAT** scores report, if applicable.
2. School Counselor submits the entire completed application with all required documents to CCRI between **Jan. 1** and **April 15**, prior to the fall semester in which the student wishes to enroll, to yinchilla@ccri.edu or mail to:

CCRI Flanagan Campus
Office of Enrollment
Services 1762 Louisquisset
Pike Lincoln, RI 02865-4585



THE
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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE ACADEMIC RECORDS
Of Students Participating in Dual Enrollment

FERPA Release Form (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

For students participating in dual or concurrent enrollment courses at CCRI, RIC, or URI.

I, _____, hereby authorize the
(Print Student's Full Name)

Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), Rhode Island College (RIC), the University of Rhode Island (URI)
(Circle the institutions where you will take concurrent or dual enrollment classes this semester.)

to release all education records (including transcripts, semester course schedule, assessment test scores, satisfactory academic progress status and residency information) to my high school counselor or his/her designee, my parent/guardian(s), the Rhode Island Department of Education and the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner during my enrollment in dual enrollment courses, for the purposes of jointly gaining secondary school and college credit.

I also understand this release remains in effect during my enrollment in dual enrollment courses at CCRI, RIC or URI, unless I revoke my consent in writing and deliver it to the Office of Enrollment Services at CCRI, the Records Office at RIC, or the Enrollment Services Office at URI.

Initial _____ I worked with my secondary school guidance counselor or school administrator to choose my selected dual/concurrent enrollment courses as part of my high school credits.

High School _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature: _____
If student is younger than 18, parent/guardian signature is required.

Running Start Recommendation Form

This page is to be completed by a high school counselor.

Student's Name: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

High School Guidance Office: Please make a brief recommendation regarding the student's social and academic preparation for a college experience and list the specific courses the student needs to fulfill high school graduation requirements.

Recommendation:

Below list the **required courses for high school graduation** (left) and recommended elective courses (right) in which your student has permission to enroll for the fall and spring semesters.

Required Courses for HS Graduation

Elective Courses (Optional)

Please check preferred campus.

Flanagan (Lincoln)____ Knight (Warwick)____ Liston (Providence)____ Newport County____

School Counselor's Name (print)

Name of High School

School Counselor's Signature

School Counselor's Email

School Counselor's Phone#

Date

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