

Homeschool Student Guide

CCP (Ohio) and **Pre-College** (Non-Ohio Residents) Dual Enrollment Essentials

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Franklin University!

Launched in 2015, Ohio's College Credit Plus has helped families save more than \$1 billion in tuition. By providing opportunities for students to earn free college credit while still completing high school graduation requirements, the state, higher education institutions and local school districts have joined together to make college a reality for more families.

Since 1902 Franklin University is the place where ambitious students learn, prepare, and achieve their college dreams and career goals. We strive to tackle the challenges of all of our students' unique circumstances--including homeschoolers. With more than 25 years of experience in online education and a transfer-friendly mentality, Franklin University has what homeschoolers need to succeed.

In Fall of 2020, Franklin brought on Jennifer Cook-DeRosa as an Executive in Residence to the Office of the Provost to learn about what Franklin can do to better serve the homeschool students in the state of Ohio. Cook-DeRosa is the author of Homeschooling for College Credit and creator of the Homeschooling for College Credit non-profit social organization that helps homeschooling families navigate the transition from homeschooling to college.

As a result, we have created this guide to help homeschool families understand the ins and out of the application process, transferring in CLEP credits or other college credits, and how they can move forward into higher education after high school graduation.

Please contact ccplus@franklin.edu to get started!

THE BASICS

Below is a list of commonly used terms in higher education and College Credit Plus:

Credit –

One college credit represents approximately 1 hour spent in a classroom and 2 hours spent on homework each week. Most single-semester college courses are worth 3 to 4 credits, or 9 - 12 hours of work per week.

Dismissal –

A student is placed on CCP Dismissal when the student has failed to increase his or her GPA to above a 2.0 in College Credit Plus courses during the CCP Probation term.

- While on CCP Dismissal, the student may not enroll in any College Credit Plus courses for the following college term.
- After one college term on CCP Dismissal, the student may submit an appeal to request the secondary school to allow student to participate in College Credit Plus.

FERPA –

This institution is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, which is designed to protect the student's rights with regard to educational records maintained by the institution. Under this Act, a student has (**regardless of age**):

- the right to inspect and review educational records maintained by the institution that pertain to the student;
- the right to challenge the content of records on the grounds they are inaccurate, misleading or a violation of privacy or other rights; and
- the right to control disclosures from the educational records with certain exceptions.

Franklin University, in accordance with FERPA, has designated the following categories of information about students as public, or directory information: name, address, email address, telephone numbers (home and work), major, participation in officially-recognized activities, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received (including honors), and most recent previous education institutional attended.

Pass/Fail (P/F) –

The system of pass/fail classes means that instead of the traditional grading where you receive a letter grade of A to F, your grade becomes a binary — either you pass or you fail. For some people, a pass/fail system is beneficial because it offers flexibility if a student is struggling, but not all universities accept courses with a P/F credit. **Pass/Fail courses are not eligible for CCP**

Pre-College vs. College Credit Plus (CCP) –

Pre-College and CCP are both dual enrollment programs at Franklin for 7th-12th graders. The difference comes down to residency status and funding. CCP and state funding are for *Ohio residents only*, while Pre-College is for out-of-state students. Pre-College students are **not** eligible for funding from the state of Ohio, but do receive the same discounted tuition rate as Ohio students.

Probation –

A student is placed on CCP Probation when he or she either:

- Has earned lower than a cumulative 2.0 GPA in College Credit Plus courses.

OR

- Withdraws from, or receives no credit for, two or more courses in same term.

While on CCP Probation, the student:

- May only enroll in one College Credit Plus course for one college term (semester or quarter).
- May not enroll in the college course in the same subject in which student previously earned D or F or received no credit.

Registrar –

University Official responsible for keeping student records (including transcripts).

Transcripts –

A record of graded courses taken with the University—this will include courses with a Z or W grade. You can access unofficial transcripts through Self Service in your student portal. To request Official transcripts, please visit: <https://www.franklin.edu/current-students/academic-resources/request-your-franklin-transcripts>.

Transfer Credit –

College Credit that is transferred to a university from another college or earned through specialty exams or career/military learning experiences.

Withdraw –

Students wishing to withdraw from a course must submit an Add/Drop Form. After the first week of class, a withdrawal will result in a grade of “W” (Withdrawn) on the student’s academic record but will not be calculated in the grade point average. Receiving a W means the state will not fund the course and the student will be responsible for the cost.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in grades 7th – 12th in all 50 states may be considered for participation in dual enrollment:

- Students must demonstrate that they are college ready by scoring college ready on approved assessment (ex. Accuplacer, ACT, SAT) or have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0+
- Student Eligibility Assessment Table:

Exam	Subtest	Assessment Threshold Score (Eligible)
Next-Generation ACCUPLACER	Writing	263
	WritePlacer	5
	Reading	250
	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, & Statistics (QAS)	263
	Advanced Algebra & Functions (AAF)	263
ACT	English	18
	Reading	22
	Math	22
SAT	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	480
	Mathematics	530
ALEKS	Mathematics	46
MapleSoft T.A.	Mathematics - Basic Algebra Test (MBALG)	26
PlaceU (WebAssign)	Mathematics	18

*This document is reviewed annually; check for updates on <https://highered.ohio.gov/initiatives/access-acceleration/college-credit-plus>.

APPLYING TO FRANKLIN

1. Submit application as a CCP/Pre-College student [here](#).
2. Parents can submit student transcripts here:
ccplus@franklin.edu
3. If placement testing is required, students will receive communication with directions on how they can complete testing. Testing can be completed remotely.
4. (Ohio CCP only) Complete the [CCP Permission Form](#) and [Student Questionnaire](#).
5. Registration for courses with a CCP advisor.

FUNDING

Ohio residents- If you are applying for funding through the state, you will want to be sure to take note of important deadlines such as **April 1** to Complete and Submit Funding Application. There is also a **Nov 1** deadline for Spring term only

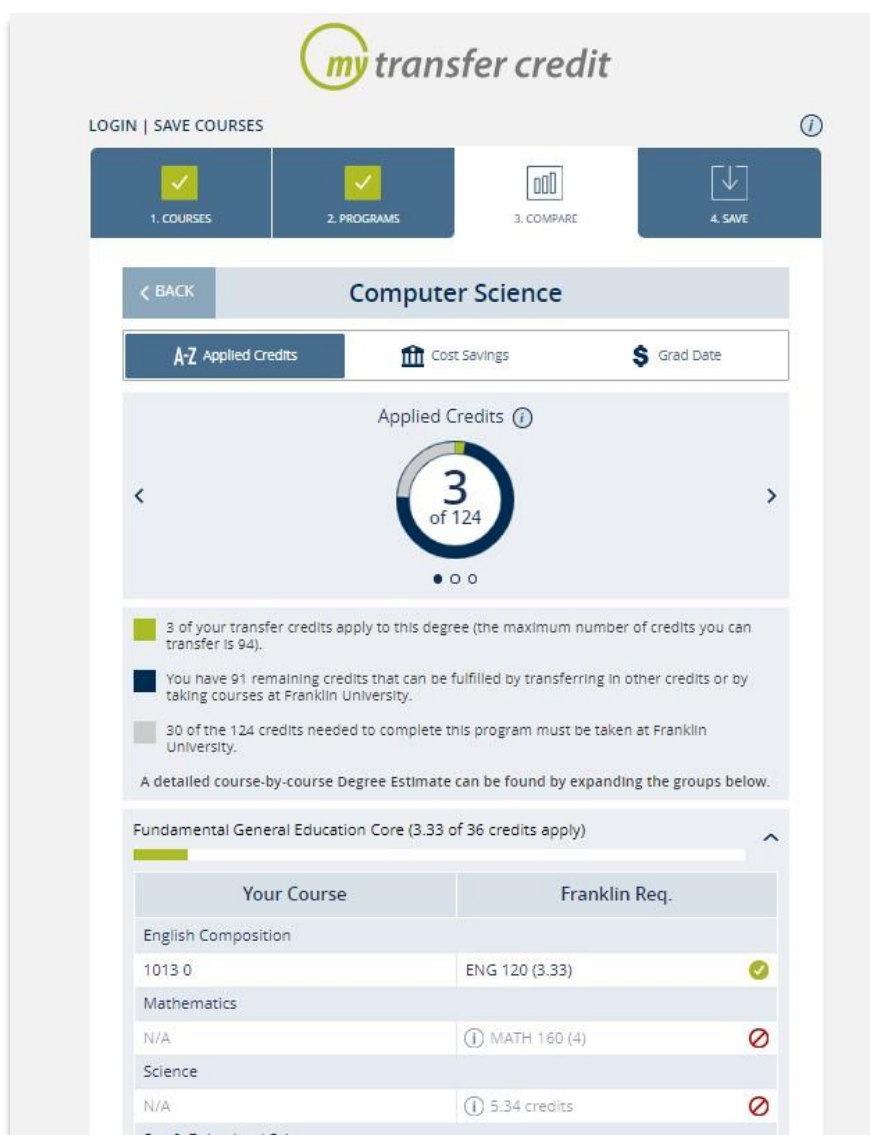
- Ohio residents can apply for state funding [here](#).
 - Franklin University can provide a conditional letter of acceptance for students that they can upload to their funding application if they that have completed their Franklin application, submitted transcripts, but are waiting for test scores for acceptance
2. If you want to take courses, but either do not want to apply for state funding or wish to take additional courses above and beyond the number of hours that you are awarded from the state, Franklin University will charge the reduced CCP tuition rate of \$166.55/credit hour instead of our regular undergraduate rate \$398/credit hour
 3. Some private college/universities charge additional fees to CCP students, Franklin University only charges the state CCP tuition rates in order to keep costs affordable.
 4. Textbooks- Textbook costs are the responsibility of homeschool families. At Franklin University, the vast majority of textbooks for our courses are e-textbooks, which provides a significant cost savings to our students and families.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Transferring College Credit:

Have you already earned college credit and want to see how it will transfer to Franklin? Are you thinking about enrolling in more than one college and want to make sure the credits line up? Use our **My Transfer Credit** tool to see how easy transferring credits can be:

<https://www.franklin.edu/transferring-credit/estimate-your-transfer-credit/transfer-credit-tool>



Proficiency Testing for Credit:

If you are interested in “testing out” of a course, please view more information about Proficiency Testing [here](#).

- Students can earn credit through CLEP, DSST and FUPE Exams

Prior Learning Credit:

We award prior learning credit for all types of learning experiences including military training, proficiency examinations, professional certifications, portfolios, life experience, and more.

Search Prior Learning Credits [here](#)

Get College Credit for What You Already Know

Search our database of more than 800 pre-evaluated credentials to see how a license, certification or professional training saves you time and money toward your degree.



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Organization	Program	Program Type	Degree Level
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LEARNING SUPPORT

Franklin University provides robust support for our online learners through our Learning Commons.

- Franklin students have access to free [tutoring](#) services and [workshops](#) that can be accessed online
- [Library resources](#) available to students
- Testing Services- Franklin's testing center adheres to NCTA Professional Standards and Guidelines <https://www.franklin.edu/learning-commons/testing>
 - Course and Placement Testing

Please visit <https://www.franklin.edu/learning-commons> for details on our Library, tutoring, workshops, and more!

REGISTRATION

Course Payment Form:

CCP students that self-pay for their courses will complete a [self-payment form](#) to select the self-payment payment option A for College Credit Plus. Students will need to complete this every term for each course they are taking. If they will be selecting Option B to use state funds, we will just need a copy of the funding letter and no payment selection form will be needed. Out of State Pre-College students will self-pay for all of their courses and fill out the self-payment form.

Option A: Self-Pay (2 options)

- (A-1) Student would like the credit earned in self-pay course(s) to also count for high school credit.
- (A-2) Student would NOT like the credit earned in self-pay course(s) to be counted for high school credit (college credit ONLY).

Option B: State Payment

- Standard for public school students or homeschool/private school students with state funding.

A combination of self-pay and state pay courses is allowable. Students will have the ability to indicate how the credit will be counted for all courses.

Courses:

Franklin University will work with students to meet their individual educational goals. Students are able to take general education courses, courses to work towards completing a [certificate](#), [associate degree](#) or [bachelor's degree](#).

Students can also take one of the 30-credit hour career pathway that can be applied to an associate or bachelor's degree.

Business Administration

Criminal Justice

Psychology

Communications

Exercise Science

Computer Science

Education

Cybersecurity

Healthcare

WHAT TO EXPECT

New Student Orientation

Starting Summer of 2021, CCP students will no longer be required to take our full Professional Foundations (PF121) course. This is being replaced with our New Student Orientation (NSO 200) and it will **not** detract from a student's allotted credit hours. This is a short online orientation that will be *required* for all new students.

Homework

To be successful in an online environment, keeping up with your assignments is key! If, for any reason, you feel like an assignment will be turned in late—COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR. CCP students who are the most successful are the ones who possess the ability to stay on pace with their course work and communicate when they need help.

Attendance

Franklin University recognizes the importance of attendance and active participation in the learning process, so attendance is taken in all classes. Attendance has a different meaning, depending on the format of your course (ex. face-to-face or online). Turning in assignments can often be a form of attendance. Responding to a lecture post or taking a weekly quiz may also be counted for attendance. Please make sure you have a clear understanding of expectations from your instructor at the beginning of the course.

Dropping a Course

If you feel like you are going to want to drop a course, you must do so before or within the first week of class to avoid receiving a "W" or failing grade. The state of Ohio will not pay for a failed course.

Mature Content

A student eligible to participate in College Credit Plus and admitted to a college or university will enroll in actual college courses, which may include "mature subject matter" as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3365.035. By taking college courses, students and parents/guardians understand that:

- Content may include mature subject matter that will not be modified based upon College Credit Plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs; and
- State law requires a signed [Permission Slip](#) and [Student Questionnaire](#) be submitted to the college or university following that college or university's instructions for submission of application materials.

TEXTBOOKS

To reduce expenses and increase convenience, Franklin University is adopting electronic resources instead of traditional textbooks. Downloadable e-textbooks and courseware are especially convenient, since they can be accessed on a variety of devices, such as computers, tablets, and smartphones.

If a material is marked as a "Free Resource," it is available either as a free e-textbook through the Franklin University Library or found elsewhere online. These e-textbooks and materials are available at no charge to students and can be accessed by enrolled students just like any other course resource.

Get answers to [commonly asked questions](#) about accessing and downloading these electronic resources.

<https://www.franklin.edu/current-students/academic-resources/textbooks>

Spring 2021 Textbooks & Resources			
Accounting Books			
Anthropology Books			
Applied Management Books			
Business Administration Books			
Business Analytics Books			
Business Forensics Books			
Communication Books			
Course	Textbook Title	Format	Price
COMM 107	WordPress revealed: How to build a website, get visitors, and make money. E-textbook ISBN: Print ISBN: 9781543143256	Print	Check online book store
COMM 150	Interpersonal Communication E-textbook ISBN: 9781260675849 Print ISBN: 9781260822885	E-textbook	\$49.00
COMM 241	Graphic Design Portfolio CC 2019: InDesign, Illustrator And Photoshop E-textbook ISBN:	Print	Check online book store

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Resources for Students and Families in Ohio

[State of Ohio College Credit Plus Webpage](#)

TUITION AND DISCOUNTS

Students should check with each college/university as to what the self-pay rate per credit hour will be.

In order to keep self-pay an affordable option for families, Franklin University will charge the same state CCP rate of **\$166.55/credit hour** rather than our traditional undergraduate tuition rate of \$398/credit hour for **both** CCP and Pre-College students.

Returning students have an affordable post-secondary opportunity with Franklin:

**20%
DISCOUNT
ON TUITION**

If you've completed at least one CCP course through Franklin University, you're eligible for a tuition discount toward an associate or bachelor's degree.

Franklin's advantages make the university a smart choice for your degree. At Franklin, you can:

- Transfer maximum credits – including CCP credits from other schools
- Save money on your degree – lock in your tuition rate with our tuition guarantee
- Balance earning a degree with your life with 100% online courses
- Get the support you need including free tutoring, workshops and career development

[Explore Bachelor's Programs](#)

[Explore Associate Programs](#)