

# What you need to know about **CollegeNow**

## Highland Community College – Starting Summer 2019

### **What is CollegeNow?**

CollegeNow is a program that provides academically motivated high school students the opportunity to take college courses at Highland Community College (HCC) full-time during their junior and/or senior year of high school as part of their high school education.

Courses taken at HCC will be for Dual Credit, which will concurrently meet the requirements for both a high school diploma and an Associate Degree.

Students who participate for two years in CollegeNow will graduate with an Associate of Science degree. Students who are in the program for one year will complete two semesters of college courses.

### **Program Qualifications**

- **Recommendation from the high school**
- On-track to complete the sophomore year in good standing (two-year CollegeNow)
- On-track to complete the junior year in good standing (one-year CollegeNow)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Successful completion of Geometry and Algebra II
- High School Transcript submitted with CollegeNow application
- Test into College level courses using ACCUPLACER Test at HCC, in English, Reading and Math or ACT/SAT



### **Is CollegeNow Right for You?**

Making the decision to attend College early is one that should be based on the student's level of maturity, academic excellence and ability to work independently.

#### Considerations:

- Students receive college credits that count towards one to two years of college
- Participation in high school extra-curricular activities and sports is allowed
- Students participating for two years will earn an Associate Degree
- Students may participate in HCC extra-curricular activities, clubs and the Honors Program
- Requires a high level of independence and self-motivation or initiative
- College environment includes a range of student backgrounds demanding students take additional responsibility for themselves and their safety
- Students receive HCC support and guidance from designated advisors
- Students develop independence, study skills and confidence to succeed after high school, no matter what their educational and career goals might include
- Students may miss out on some high school events or activities
- Some credits may not transfer, depending upon the college or university selected for transfer
- Some financial responsibility will fall on the student and his/her family
- CollegeNow students are not eligible for financial aid but may qualify for an HCC CollegeNow scholarship

### **How do I get involved?**

- Talk with your high school counselor to determine if CollegeNow is right for you.
- Once you have been recommended for CollegeNow by your school administration, attend one required Informational Meeting for students and family members: Dates to be determined.

Please contact us with any questions:

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