

*Preparing for the Future...*

Next Year  
& Beyond



November 7, 2023

# Graduation Requirements

- English 4.0 credits
- Math 3.0 credits
  - Algebra I/Geometry Content
- Health/PE 3.5 credits
- Social Science 2.0 credits
  - US History (Computer Literacy) and Civics (Constitution test)
- Science 2.0 credits
- Consumer Ed 0.5 credits
- Electives 9.0 credits



**24 Credits  
Total**

# Course Selection Timeline

- **November 20th**—Auto Enrollment response form deadline
- **November/December**—Counselors will meet individually with juniors to discuss credits/classes/future goals
- **December 1st**—Academic planner opens in IC portal for students
- **December 4th**—Counselors visit all Junior English classes to present course options for senior year
- **December 8th**—Counselors visit all Sophomore English classes to present course options for junior year
- **January 11th**—Counselors will visit Freshman English classes to present course selection options for sophomore year
- **January 9th-26th**—Counselors meet with students to discuss course requests/answer questions and submit courses through the academic planner
- **March 22nd**—Last day to change course requests except for situations listed in Course to Career Guide



# Auto Acceleration

- [Illinois Accelerated Placement Act](#)
- Automatic enrollment in [next most rigorous coursework](#) in English, Math, Science and/or Social Studies to meet graduation requirements
- Placement based on [previous year's](#) school day Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) or College Board SAT suite of assessment (PSAT9/10/SAT) scores
- Student's assessment scores are available to [view in IC](#)
- Individual letters for eligible students have been mailed from the Unit Office
  - If scores indicate eligibility for dual credit classes, still must meet HCC's placement requirements
- Accept or decline automatic enrollment through [IC survey form](#)



# Auto Acceleration cont.

The 2022-2023 school day state assessment results will be used to determine whether a student meets or exceeds state standards. These include:

Assessment	Reading/Writing Score Needed	Math Score Needed
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	Level 4: Met Expectations Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	Level 4: Met Expectations Level 5: Exceeded Expectations
PSAT9	410 or higher	450 or higher
PSAT10	430 or higher	480 or higher
SAT	540 or higher	540 or higher

Illinois Science Assessment
Level 3 (Proficient) Level 4 (Exemplary)



# Auto Acceleration cont.

1. **Interest and Passion:** Choose courses that align with your interests and future goals. It's easier to excel in a subject you are passionate about.
2. **College and Career Goals:** Consider how taking advanced courses aligns with your college and career goals. Many colleges offer credit or advanced standing for high AP exam scores and/or successful completion of dual credit courses.
3. **Prerequisites:** Consider if you have the necessary background knowledge and skills for the advanced course. Many advanced courses have prerequisites, and not meeting them can lead to struggles.
4. **Workload:** Advanced courses are known for additional workload. Be prepared to invest more time in studying and completing assignments.
5. **Time Management:** Advanced courses can be demanding, so develop strong time management skills to balance your coursework with other activities and responsibilities.
6. **Mental and Emotional Well-being:** Be mindful of the stress and pressure that can come with advanced courses. Prioritize self-care and seek support if needed.
7. **Parental Support:** Discuss your decision with your parents or guardians. They can provide guidance and support.
8. **Alternative Options:** Consider whether enrolling into alternative coursework and/or standard coursework better aligns with your postsecondary education or career goals.



# Course to Career Guide Updates

- Deadline to drop a 7th class for a study hall must be done within the first 4 weeks of each semester - requires parent permission
- Deadline to request a level change for 1st semester - first 4 weeks
- Deadline to request a level change for 2nd semester - first week of 2nd semester
- Deadline to request changes to 2nd semester classes - first 9 weeks of 1st semester



# **Use SchoolLinks to Discover Your Career Cluster:**

## **16 National Career Clusters:**

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources  
Arts, AV Technology & Communications  
Education & Training  
Government & Public Administration  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Information Technology  
Manufacturing  
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Architecture & Construction  
Business Management & Administration  
Finance  
Health Science  
Human Services  
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security  
Marketing  
Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

# **Then Choose Your Pathway with Appropriate Classes!**





# Education Pathway

## College and Career Pathway Endorsement Framework



- ISBE Pathways Endorsement - Education
  - Seal affixed to diploma, recognition on transcript
  - Becoming more widely recognized by colleges and universities
  - Possible exemption from prerequisite college coursework
  - Possible course credit awarded at colleges/universities
  - Possibility for scholarships (ie ISU College of Education, \$1,000)



## INDIVIDUAL PLAN

Each student completing an endorsement must have an individualized plan, which includes college planning linked to early understanding of career goals, financial aid, resume, and personal statement.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Awareness, exploration, and preparation activities that provide opportunities for students to interact with adults in their workplace

9th	10th	11th	12th
At least 2 career exploration activities or 1 intensive experience		60 cumulative hours of paid or credit supervised career development experience with a professional skills assessment	
At least 2 team-based challenges with adult mentoring			

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*Through these experiences, a student gains essential employability and technical competencies in their identified sector.*  
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## CAREER-FOCUSED INSTRUCTIONAL SEQUENCE

Two years of secondary coursework, or equivalent competencies, that articulate to a postsecondary credential with labor market value. Must include at least 6 hours of early college credit.

9th	10th	11th	12th
Orientation / Introduction			
		Skill Development	
		Capstone / Advanced Courses	

## ACADEMIC READINESS

Ready for non-remedial coursework in reading and math by high school graduation through criteria defined by district and local community college



# Internship

The Internship program is for students who want to explore a few different possible career paths. This will allow you to see whether or not you are likely to enjoy a profession before you head to college or the work world.

This is a perfect way to explore a career path before spending thousands of dollars on a college degree!

# Work Program

The Work Program is perfect for students who want work hours (and money) that are available due to a decreased class load. Work Program students typically go to school 1st-4th/5th hours and then are released to go to work. This allows you to get quite a few more hours of work each week.

# Intro to Ed

Introduction to Education exposes students to a variety of Education-related careers through course work, speakers, observation hours and internship. The dual credit coursework is centered around Illinois Professional Teaching Standards. Placements will include Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Special Education, English Language Learners, and other Education-related fields.



# BACC - Bloomington Area Career Center

- Variety of vocational courses (check Course to Career Guide for program prerequisites)
  - [BACC programs and information](#)
- 3 hours of your day (2 hours for class, 1 hour for transportation/study hall)
- 2 credits/year
- Bus transportation provided
  - Zero hour must provide own transportation
- Applications required/Acceptance in February
  - [Click Here for Online Application](#) (opened November 1st)



# Dual Credit...

## What is it? Why take?

- Available to juniors and seniors
- Earn both high school and college credit
- Save \$\$\$ (approx. \$500 a class)...courses are free!
- Take college course in comfort of own school taught by NCHS staff
- Get HCC student ID and take advantage of campus facilities
  - fitness center, tutoring center, library, free bus pass



# What classes do we offer?

## English:

Oral Communications (semester)

Intro to Humanities (semester)

Composition I and II (semester/**12th grade**)

## Science:

Environment Earth (year long)

Fundamentals of Chemistry (year long)

## FACS:

Intro to Education (year long)

## Elective:

Pathways to Success (semester)

(placement exams not needed)

## Social Studies:

Western Civilization to 1500 (semester)

Western Civilization since 1500 (semester)

## Math:

Intro to Stats (semester)

Finite (semester)

## Agriculture:

Introduction to Animal Science (year long)

(placement exams not needed)



# Interested in Dual Credit for next year??

Must Apply and take Placement exams BY December 21st, 2023!

1. Go to [www.heartland.edu/collegeNow/admission](http://www.heartland.edu/collegeNow/admission)
  - Must provide SS# on application
  - Be sure to select FALL 2024 as term to start classes
  
2. You will get a welcome email from Heartland 3-5 days after submitting application
  - Be sure to use an email address which you check regularly
  - SAVE THIS EMAIL as it will have your myHeartland account info which you will need in the Fall



## Things to remember:

- **Current** DC student: You **do not need** to reapply or reassess
  - You are still active at Heartland and still qualify for the 2024-2025 school year
- If you applied, assessed, and placed into dual credit courses for this current school year, but **chose not to take** a dual credit course this year, you **DO NOT NEED** to reapply or reassess.





## **Placement Exams: Literacy and Math**

- Set up myHeartland account in order to schedule your placement exam appointment
- These are taken in person at HCC
  - Everyone needs to take the literacy exam
  - Math exam if interested in the **Math** courses or **Fund. of Chemistry** course

## **ARE YOU EXEMPT from Placement Tests??**

### **PSAT/SAT/ACT scores : To waive Literacy assessment**

SAT/PSAT: Evidence-Based Reading and writing 480+

ACT: English and Reading subscores of 19+

### **PSAT/SAT/ACT scores : To waive Math assessment for Intro to Stats or Fund of Chemistry**

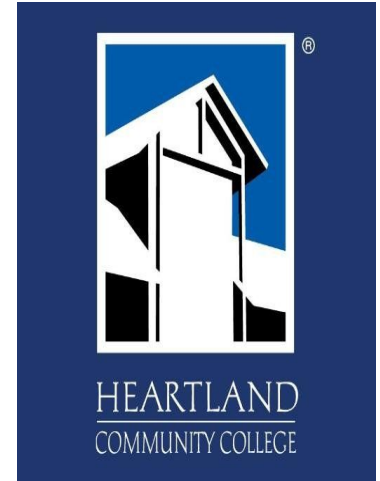
SAT/PSAT: math subscore 500+

ACT: math subscore 19+

### **PSAT/SAT/ACT scores : To waive Math assessment for FINITE**

SAT/PSAT: math subscore 620+

ACT: math subscore 28+



View your PSAT scores in your Collegeboard account or Infinite Campus ("More" tab and then click "Assessments")

## **Placement Test Field Trip:**

Finding it difficult to transport yourself to Heartland to take the tests? If so, consider signing up for our placement testing field trip.

**Friday, December 1st from 8:45am-12:00pm**

Use the following google link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/FoHBxtwAqdGjVHFRA>

*Must apply to HCC prior to signing up for the field trip*

Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 17th

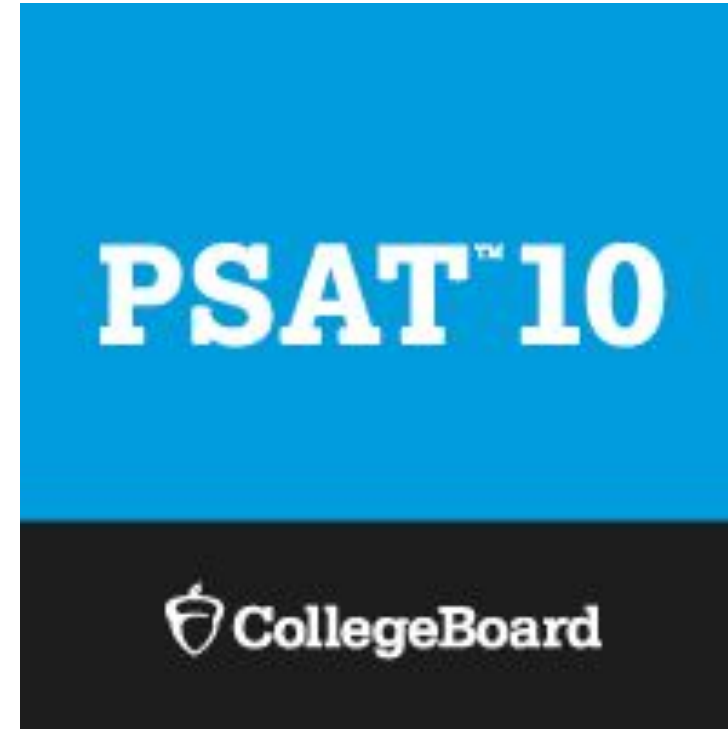


Reminder:

HCC application and  
all placement exams  
MUST BE completed by  
**December 21st, 2023**



- Given FREE to ALL juniors on April 10, 2024
- Graduation requirement
- Students can send scores to four schools for free
- We will register for this test **TOGETHER** at school



- Testing Window: March 18-April 26, 2024
- Students will automatically be registered
- No makeup date offered for PSAT 9/10

# Helpful Resources

- NCHS Counselors Website
  - <https://www.unit5.org/domain/1105>
- College & Career Center Webpage
  - <https://sites.google.com/unit5.org/college-and-career/home>
- Course Selection Website
  - <https://www.unit5.org/domain/3606>
- SchoolLinks
  - <https://app.schoollinks.com/login/k12>

