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Dual Credit Program

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If you are currently taking any Dual Credit classes, you DO NOT need to reapply. You will automatically be rolled over for next year.

What is Dual Credit?

[Dual Credit at Northwest Vista](#)

Dual credit classes are classes that you take in high school that also give you college credits in the state of Texas at the same time. This is a great opportunity for you because the dual credit program is completely free of charge! You could graduate from high school with up to 30 hours of college credit before even stepping onto a college campus! (That's one entire year already completed!)

How Do I Get Into Dual Credit?

In order to be eligible for Dual Credit courses, students must go through the application process, meeting ALL deadlines and requirements. It begins in November each school year. So, to take Dual classes in their Junior year, a student must begin the application process during their Sophomore year. The application opens up by November annually with the Apply Texas Application deadline being in February. (Apply Texas is the first step in the process). Please know that it is a lengthy process with multiple due dates. Northwest Vista College offers **no exceptions** for students that do not meet all deadlines. Luckily, if you follow the instructions below, you should be able to navigate the entire process



Northwest Vista College Dual Credit Program

**Visit us on the web at
<http://www.alamo.edu/nvc/dual-credit/>**

What Is Dual Credit?



- In Dual Credit Classes, college credit is earned upon completion of the class with a grade 70 or higher (no additional test)
- Some students leave high school with 30 or more college credit hours
- Students will be exposed to college-level material and are considered college students
- Dual Credit courses generally transfer to most Texas Public Universities (always check with the school you want to attend about transfer credits)

How is it different from AP?



- In an AP (Advance Placement) Class, college credit is not earned until a student takes and achieves a certain score on an AP test.
- AP Credit is not automatically transmitted on the college transcript: students must follow through with the admission procedure to have the credit posted on the college transcript
- An AP course grade does not appear on a student's permanent college transcript.

How is it different from AP?



- Students can earn both Dual Credit and AP credit in high schools which offer these programs in the same class (AP/Dual)
- AP Scores are accepted at most colleges and universities across the Nation. (qualifying scores may differ)
- There are no requirements for signing up for an AP course. (To be in Dual Credit, a student must be admitted to NVC and meet all qualifications).
- You can take as many AP courses concurrently as you want.

Potential Advantages of Dual Credit?



- Saves money
 - Students can earn up to 15 hours of college credit each semester at no cost
 - Students can take up to 14 total college courses through Dual Credit
 - Reduces the costs of tuition and textbooks resulting in thousands of dollars in savings
- Gets many prerequisites out of the way
- Students take on the responsibilities of being a college student, potentially easing the transition from high school to college
- *In 2023, Clark students earned 4,649 college hours through Dual Credit! That is a savings of almost two and a half million dollars!*
(Based on the average cost of \$582/hour for college credit in Texas)

Dual Credit Classes offered at Clark



- AP Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology Honors
- AP Environmental Science
- AP US History
- AP Government
- AP English 3
- English 4 Honors
- AP English 4
- Advanced Spanish 3
- ISM – College Algebra Honors
- Advanced Pre-Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Medical Terminology
- Art Appreciation
- Culinary Arts (Series)
- Welding (Certification)

Dual Credit Deadlines



February 9, 2024—Apply Texas Online Application must be completed and submitted

February 16, 2024--Dual Credit Course Selection Form

February 23, 2024—Submit PSAT Score Report

March 1, 2024—Login to ACES Account; Complete GoFAARR and Test Prep Modules

March 1, 2024—DCSO Due (Dual Credit Student Orientation)

March 8, 2024 – Register for the TSI Test

March 26-28, 2024 – TSI Exam

Dual Credit Deadlines



Submit Apply Texas Application

- Make sure students submit and do not just create a profile
- Residency portion must be answered per the parents'/legal guardians' residency status

How Do Students Know They Can Move on to the Modules?

- Log into ACES after 5 days
- If successful, complete modules
- If they cannot access their Banner ID, have them contact Coach Kelly
- If they cannot log into their accounts, THE STUDENT will need to call the NVC Helpdesk

Students will need to do the DCSO (Dual Credit Student Orientation)

- It might be easiest to download the Canvas App from NVC

Current Dual Credit Students



- Returning Student Application Packet:
 - Returning students **DO NOT RE-APPLY** online
 - Any Re-Test scores must be submitted by the deadline for consideration
- **EXCEPTIONS** to re-applying and re-submitting:
 - Students who applied for the current academic year and choose not to register for the fall or spring term of that year and want to register for the following academic year

- NVC will use the assigned Alamo College email to communicate with you so, please keep track of your account through ACES
- Students must complete ALL steps to be enrolled in Dual Credit.
 - Apply Texas is only **STEP ONE**
 - Filling out a course card is not sufficient to be enrolled in dual credit
 - **Texas Residency is based on the Parent.** Please ensure residency questions are answered correctly. Failure to do so may create admission problems for your child.

- Eligibility is determined exclusively by Northwest Vista College based on a completed application packet and test scores
- Students who have completed the process are only registered into their courses if they appear on the high school rosters submitted to NVC for processing. Please ensure you are appropriately coded on your high school schedule.

*****ALL DEADLINES ARE FINAL. NVC WILL NOT ACCEPT PAPERWORK OR APPLICATIONS PAST THE PUBLISHED DEADLINES.*****



Apply For Dual Credit

- [Printable Packet with Deadlines and Detailed Instructions](#)
- [Video Explaining Dual Credit and Deadline/Instruction Packet](#)
- [Apply Texas Step by Step Packet \(listed, no screenshots\)](#)
- [Apply Texas Step by Step Packet \(with screenshots\)](#)
- [Apply Texas Link](#)
- [ACES Login](#)

Welding/Culinary Only Application

- [Printable Packet with Deadlines and Detailed Instructions](#)
- [SPC Apply Texas Step by Step Packet \(listed, no screenshots\)](#)
- [SPC Apply Texas Step by Step Packet \(with screenshots\)](#)
- [Apply Texas Link](#)
- [ACES Login](#)
- [SPC Parent Consent Form](#)

If the ONLY Dual Credit classes you plan on taking are Welding and/or Culinary Arts, please follow the instructions on the right hand side for "Welding/Culinary Only Application." If you are going to take any other Dual Credit courses, you will follow the instructions on the left hand side. You will still be able to take Welding and/or Culinary Arts, but your application needs to go through NVC.

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Dual Credit Application Process/Deadlines

Application Steps		Due Date
1	Submit ApplyTexas Application	February 9, 2024
2	Complete Online "Choice Sheet"	February 16, 2024
3	Email PSAT Score Report (or that you did not take it)	February 23, 2024
4	Complete TSI Test Prep and Go FAARR Modules and DCSSO	March 1, 2024
5	Register for TSI Test	March 8, 2024
6	Take TSI Test on your assigned date	March 26 - 28, 2024

Questions about Dual Credit? Contact dlayne.kelly@nisd.net

If you need help with the application process or completing your Apply Texas Application and/or ACES modules, the Go Center (A101) will have open lab on Mondays from 8:15-4:20 and the weeks of January 29-February 2 and February 26-March 1. The instruction packets will be printed out and Mrs. Martinez will be there to assist as needed.

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