

DUAL ENROLLMENT FAQs

Q. What is Dual Enrollment?

- A. Dual Enrollment (DE) is a part-time program where students attend college courses at SPC and/or their high school to earn credits toward fulfilling high school graduation requirements, while also earning credits toward a college degree.

Q. What is the cost to participate in DE?

- A. There is no cost for application and tuition. For Pinellas County public school students, there is no cost for textbooks. Books are loaned to students by PCS and must be returned at the end of each semester. For homeschool students, books are also on loan and must be returned at the end of the semester. Private school students are responsible for acquiring their own textbooks.

Q. Does my student need to either be a resident of Pinellas County or attend a school located in Pinellas County?

- A. Yes.

Q. How do I qualify for DE?

- A. Qualified students are required to earn passing scores on the [College Placement Test, PERT or SAT/ACT](#), for the area to be studied. These scores indicate readiness for college-level work. DE students must hold an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0+ or a 3.0+ GPA in the subject area to be studied (2.0+ for career courses). All DE students must have a full battery of test scores on record in the SPC system whether or not the course requires qualifying scores.

Q. Is there a deadline to take the PERT test and sign up for DE?

- A. The schools have deadlines for students to request and qualify for Dual Enrollment for the following term. Students should work within the guidelines of their school. SPC begins enrolling qualified DE students on the first day registration opens for the following applicable term. Seats are limited and fill quickly, so the sooner students qualify and notify their counselor, the better.

Q. How do I get started?

- A. See your high school counselor. For classes at SPC, obtain a Permission for Dual Campus Course Work at SPC form (public school students only) or Dual Enrollment/Private School Agreement (private school students only). Homeschool students must be registered with Pinellas County Schools Home Education Office and contact the appropriate DE office to obtain the necessary documents to proceed with DE. All DE students must [complete an online application](#) for one of our high school programs to get an SPC ID number. There is no residency/citizenship required for DE students, and the application fee is waived upon enrollment.

Q. Where are the DE classes held?

- A. DE students can participate in classes held at any of the SPC campuses and/or in classes held at their high school.

Q. How are dual enrollment courses accommodated into my student's high school schedule?

- A. Students participating in DE on SPC campuses are allowed early release by their high school to accommodate their college course schedule.

Q. Can my student, who is in a magnet/AICE/IB, etc. program at their high school, still take dual enrollment?

- A. Yes, but they should meet with their high school counselor to discuss best options.

Q. How do I register for classes?

- A.** Please contact one of our Dual Enrollment offices for important registration dates.

For classes at SPC, all registration is completed by contacting the DE office at either the Seminole Campus (schools south of Gulf-to-Bay Blvd.) or the Tarpon Springs Campus (schools north of Gulf-to-Bay Blvd). For classes at the high school, registration is handled by the DE office upon receipt of class rosters sent by the school. [View Academic Calendar for all dates.](#)

Q. Will my credits from SPC transfer to other Florida colleges and universities?

- A.** Yes, your credits will be fully transferable within the state of Florida; however, for private or out-of-state schools, you should inquire of that school.

Q. What academic and/or student resources are available at SPC?

- A.** SPC provides a variety of academic resources aimed at student success including:

- SPC instructors have office hours for one-on-one student help.
- Libraries and Learning Centers on each campus offer resources and free tutoring.
- Students can map out their classes in SPC's My Learning Plan software.
- New students can also register to take a one-hour orientation that includes a tour of their home campus so they'll know where to get the services they need to succeed.
- A [Technical Support Center](#) is available at 727-341-HELP (4357) for help in MyCourses and other technology issues.
- If you have hearing or vision loss, a chronic illness, an emotional, learning or physical disability, or need assistance with life issues, SPC offers a variety of [Student Support Resources](#) to meet student needs, including [Accessibility Services](#) and [Student Assistance Programs](#).

Q. As a DE student, where would I go for resolution of an academic or non-academic issue?

- A.** SPC is committed to providing a prompt and fair resolution of all student concerns, whether inside the classroom or outside the classroom. The [Student Complaints](#) site will help guide you through the College's procedures to help you get resolution.

Q. Is transportation provided for DE students?

- A.** All students are responsible for their own transportation; however, PSTA offers free bus rides for SPC students who have an ID badge and are currently enrolled.

Q. Are DE students able to participate in extracurricular activities on the SPC campus?

- A.** Yes! As their high school schedules allow, DE students are strongly encouraged to be actively involved in the SPC community by participating in student clubs, organizations and extracurricular activities.

Q. As a DE student, if I desire to remain at SPC after I graduate high school, what do I need to do to become a traditional SPC student?

- A.** We would be glad for you to remain a student at SPC after you've met all high school graduation requirements. Please go to the [SPC Supplemental Application](#) to complete the steps necessary for a successful transition from dual enrollment to traditional SPC student. You will then need to meet with an SPC Academic Advisor on your home campus to complete the required steps to enroll.

Q. How do I learn more?

- A.** Plan to attend an Information Session in January the year prior to entering the program. Watch the website and your U.S. mail for details. Further details can be found on the [Dual Enrollment webpage](#).