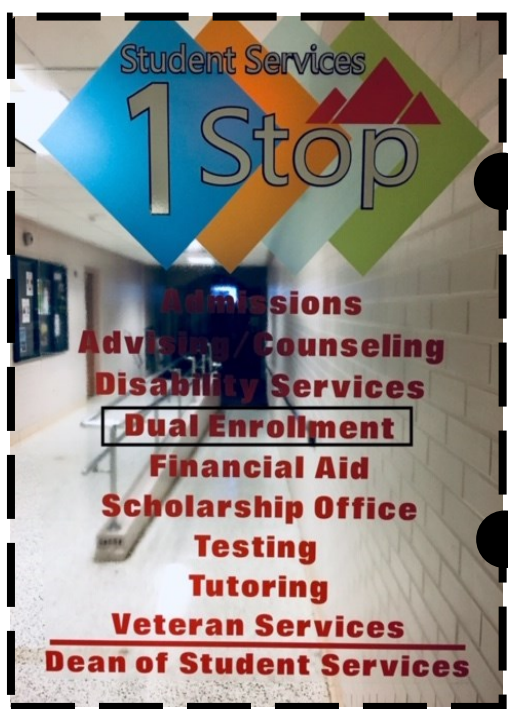
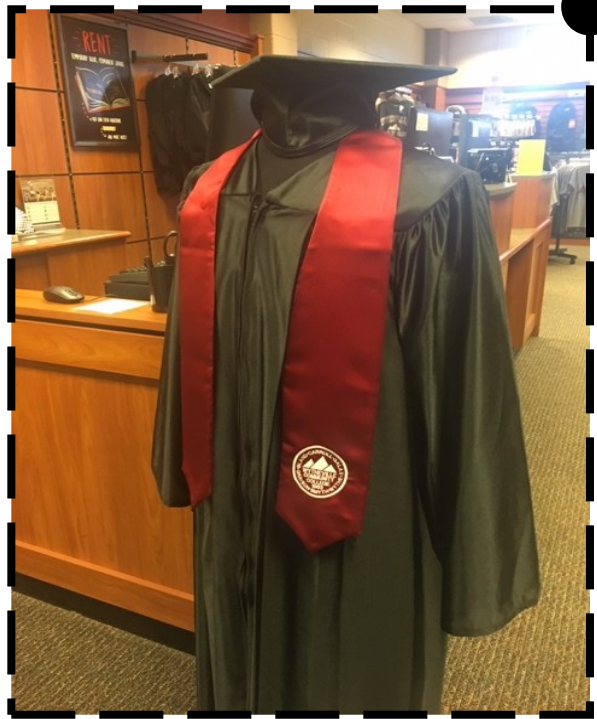


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**2021 - 2022**  
**Dual Enrollment**  
**Student Handbook**

## Welcome!

On behalf of Wytheville Community College, I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate you for taking the initiative of earning college credits while completing respective high school diploma requirements.

The dual enrollment program at WCC allows students to experience college-level coursework, simultaneously earn college and high school credit, concurrently complete a degree or certificate program, and also gain confidence to continue their education beyond high school.

Currently, the dual enrollment program at WCC has expanded to serve around 1,000 students annually from six public school systems and one private school system within our region.

We are thrilled that you are taking the next step within your educational journey. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions you may have about dual enrollment!

### **Joshua W. Floyd**

Coordinator of Dual Enrollment  
Wytheville Community College

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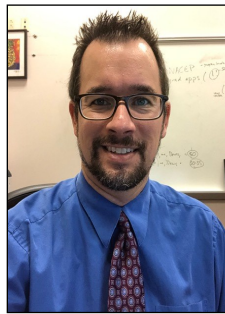
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## Benefits and Objectives of Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment offers a multitude of benefits for the system's hard-working students. Specifically, dual enrollment:

- provides college-level instruction to high school students during regular school hours.
- creates a continuum of learning from high school to college.
- accelerates a student's college career and provides quality education close to home.
- lowers the cost of a post-secondary education.
- enriches the course opportunities for outstanding high school students in academic coursework.
- eliminates the duplication of courses taken in high school and college.
- provides a wider range of course options in career and technical education.
- allows students to enter college with credits applicable to their degree programs.
- allows students to gain understanding of the rigor of college work as well as college faculty expectations.
- provides access to college resources, facilities, and services such as advising, career counseling, and mentoring.

## Public and Private School Partners

### Contact Information:

For any dual enrollment questions or concerns, the first step should be to contact your school counselor/administrator.

#### Bland County High School

*Karen Hodock, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 928-1086

khodock@bland.k12.va.us



#### Carroll County High School

*Larissa Brady, Guidance Director*

(276) 728-2125

lbrady@ccpsd.k12.va.us



#### Galax High School

*Emily Guynn, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 236-6196

emilyguynn@galaxschools.us



#### Grayson County High School

*Angel Halsey, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 773-2131

angel.halsey@gcpsva.org



#### Marion Senior High School

*Julie Looney, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 783-4731

julielooney@scsb.org



#### Oak Hill Academy

*Joy Groves, Counselor*

(276) 579-2619

jgroves@oak-hill.net



#### Wythe County Public Schools

##### Fort Chiswell High School

*TBA, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 637-3437

Contact information - TBA



##### George Wythe High School

*Melissa Dalton, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 228-3157

mdalton@wythek12.org



##### Rural Retreat High School

*M.J. Fogelsong, Guidance Counselor*

(276) 686-4143

m.j.fogelsong@wythek12.org



##### Wythe County Technology Center

*Summer Stone, Principal*

(276) 228-5481

summer.stone@wythek12.org



## Enrollment Eligibility

Dual enrollment courses are college courses. Students should understand that the amount of work necessary to succeed in dual enrollment courses is greater than in high school courses. On average, students need to spend at least three hours on outside work per credit. In addition, dual enrollment courses become part of a student's permanent college transcript. It is important to do well in these courses for dual enrollment benefit maximization.

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the dual enrollment program:

- High school juniors or seniors attending a public or private school are eligible to enroll in dual enrollment courses.
- Exceptional freshmen and sophomores may be eligible with approval by both the high school principal and college president. Because admitting freshmen and sophomores is considered exceptional, the college-ready status of each prospective freshman and sophomore student will be treated on a case-by-case basis.
- Students can achieve dual enrollment readiness with a combination of applicable PSAT, ACT, SAT and/or Alg. I SOL scores. *Since the Spring 2020 semester, students are temporarily approved to receive dual enrollment eligibility based on grade-point average and/or highest Math course completion.*
- Students must meet course prerequisites as outlined in the WCC catalog.
- Parents/guardians must provide written consent via permission form.
- Homeschooled students are also eligible. Homeschooled students must meet the same placement test requirements and prerequisites, along with obtaining written consent from the parent/guardian.
- Additionally, the parent/guardian must obtain a letter of approval from the school division or local school board showing approval of respective homeschool instruction.

## Dual Enrollment Students/Course Load

Dual enrollment students are students who enrolled in both a high school and a post-secondary institution. While earning credits for their high school diploma, dual enrollment students are also earning college credits for courses taken through the community college.

All students admitted under this section must demonstrate readiness for college by meeting criteria as presented in this handbook. Students enrolling in a dual enrollment course must meet all course requirements.

Most dual enrollment courses are three credits. Students must keep in mind that taking 12 or more credits per semester constitutes the same as a full-time college course load.

As with traditional students, dual enrollment students cannot take more than 18 college credits (or 19 credits with SDV 100) without approval by the Vice President of Academics and Institutional Advancement.

## Dual Enrollment Admission Requirements

At this time, current placement testing for dual enrollment students has been suspended through the end of 2021. The Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System has approved usage of current policy provided in *VCCS Policy 6.6.3* for dual enrollment admission and placement in the Admission Criteria for both career/technical education and transfer courses, along with the following additional table. *A decision regarding new students in Spring 2022 will be decided later this fall.*

### Dual Enrollment COVID-19 Emergency Admission and Placement Measures

Rising Junior or Rising Senior Cumulative High School GPA*	2020-21 Eligible for Placement in:
<b>ENGLISH</b>	
2.00 – 2.99	All CTE courses
3.00 or greater	ENG 111 (All transfer courses except Biology, Chemistry, and Math – see below)
<b>MATH</b>	
2.00 – 2.99	All CTE courses
3.00 or greater without Algebra 2	All DE courses (except for Biology, Chemistry, and Math)
3.00 or greater with Algebra 2	All DE courses
* Cumulative GPA may be weighted or unweighted and may be self-reported.	

As in previous semesters, dual enrollment qualification will initially be awarded based on the following factors. If students new to dual enrollment this fall or next spring do not have any of these areas, the aforementioned table will be utilized.

ACT: E/W and Reading (18 or above); Math (22 or above)

PSAT: ERW (390 or above); Math (500 or above)

SAT: ERW (480 or above); Math (530 or above)

VPT: ENG 111 (transfer); ENF 1 (career/technical)

SOL: Pass score (cannot use for Biology, Chemistry, or Math)

## Course Rigor

Regardless of the delivery method, students should expect that all courses will be academically rigorous. Content is not altered to accommodate high school students, so students should expect to participate in college-level content and discussions appropriate for adult learners.

In accordance with the Virginia Department of Education's Standards of Quality, all courses taken for dual enrollment credit must be credit bearing. Therefore, developmental courses may not be taken for dual credit.



*Galax High School (above) is one of six public school systems served by WCC's dual enrollment program.*

## Academic Advising

While the high school/college counselor is the designated advisor, students/families are highly encouraged to meet with the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment when making plans to pursue a college degree — whether it is with WCC and/or a four-year institution.

The Coordinator of Dual Enrollment is at the ready to meet with students/families for advising needs. For the 2021-22 academic year, the Coordinator is happy to meet with students/families in a variety of ways:

- Individual school (in person)
- WCC, Crossroads, and the Summit (in person)
- Zoom

Advising appointments can consist of (but not limited to) course scheduling, degree attainment, pathway/program overview, credit transferability, tutoring, testing needs, and much, much more.

The goal of advising is to reassure and engage students/families towards a greater knowledge of educational options. Without question, a successful advising meeting should end with the students/families garnering a greater educational focus towards individual pathways and goals.

## Course Selection

Dual enrollment students may enroll in any credit course offered by WCC with approval from their parent/guardian and high school principal, along with meeting administrative and placement criteria, respectively. Satisfactory completion of all dual enrollment courses conveys college credit with WCC.

Students who desire to earn high school and college credit should work with their high school counselor to carefully select courses that will meet high school graduation requirements. Generally, course selection falls into two categories — transfer (general education) courses and non-transfer (career/technical) courses.

The transfer courses include English, history, mathematics, psychology, etc., and are commonly used toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree at four-year colleges and universities.

## Transferring Credits - WCC ... and Beyond

One of the major advantages surrounding dual enrollment courses involves students earning college credits towards an individual pathway. Since dual enrollment courses are equal in all facets as those of traditional WCC courses, courses completed will transfer into WCC pathways leading to either a certificate, diploma, and/or associate degree. These courses will be included as part of the student's transcript, and will transition into an approved course of study at WCC following graduation.

In addition to transition, students can now declare for either the General Education Certificate and/or one of several approved associate degree programs within their city/county as part of Virginia House Bill 1184 (passed in 2012). Interested students should contact their guidance counselor during their sophomore year about this opportunity.

Additionally, academic courses intended for transfer with a grade of 'C' or above will be eligible to transfer towards institutions of higher education. However, no guarantee can be made to students regarding transferability to all colleges/universities (e.g. some schools require a 'B' average or above in ENG 111-112).

Community college occupational/technical course credits are applicable to specific curricula and are intended to prepare students for employment in those areas. While some of these courses may be accepted for transfer, no unified policy on the transfer of VCCS courses exists.

The high school should advise students to consult with transfer institutions in order to determine if their courses will be accepted for transfer. Additionally, the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment is available to meet with students/families on a continual advising basis regarding these possibilities.

Students are responsible for requesting official transcripts when applying to four-year institutions. Students are encouraged to use the Parchment guidelines (more information can be found on page 8). Note that high-school transcripts do not convey college credit earned.

Students should verify the information of the four-year institution (if applicable) when requesting transcripts. This may involve an Admissions Office or a Registrar's/Bursar's Office.

# DATES TO REMEMBER — SECONDARY/WCC CALENDARS

## FALL SEMESTER - 2021:

<i>DE orientations (via Zoom)</i>	<i>Aug. 2, 4-5, 10-11, 23-24, and 30-31 (6 p.m.)</i>
First day of classes (Marion)	Aug. 10
First day of classes (Carroll)	Aug. 11
First day of classes (ALHGS and Grayson)	Aug. 12
<i>DE orientation (Summit)</i>	<i>Aug. 16 (6 p.m.)</i>
First day of classes (Wythe)	Aug. 17
<i>DE orientations (WCC)</i>	<i>Aug. 17 and 18 (6 p.m.)</i>
First day of classes (Galax)	Aug. 18
First day of classes (SVETN)	Aug. 19
<i>DE orientation (Crossroads)</i>	<i>Aug. 19 (6 p.m.)</i>
First day of classes (WCC)	Aug. 23
Normal drop deadline (Carroll and Marion)	Aug. 27
Normal drop deadline (Grayson)	Aug. 30
First day of classes (OHA)	Aug. 30
Normal drop deadline (ALHGS)	Aug. 31
First day of classes (Bland)	Sept. 1
Normal drop deadline (Wythe)	Sept. 2
Normal drop deadline (SVETN and WCC)	Sept. 3
Labor Day Holiday (WCC closed)	Sept. 6
Normal drop deadline (Galax)	Sept. 7
Normal drop deadline (OHA)	Sept. 13
Normal drop deadline (ALHGS year-long courses)	Sept. 15
Normal drop deadline (Bland)	Sept. 16
Normal drop deadline (SVETN year-long courses)	Sept. 22
First day of WCC spring registration	Oct. 18
'W' drop deadline (Carroll and Marion)	Oct. 25
'W' drop deadline (SVETN and Wythe)	Oct. 26
'W' drop deadline (WCC)	Oct. 28
'W' drop deadline (ALHGS, Grayson and OHA)	Oct. 29
'W' drop deadline (Bland)	Nov. 2
'W' drop deadline (Galax)	Nov. 18
Thanksgiving Holiday (WCC closed)	Nov. 24-26
Last day of WCC classes	Dec. 10
Holiday Break (WCC closed)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 2

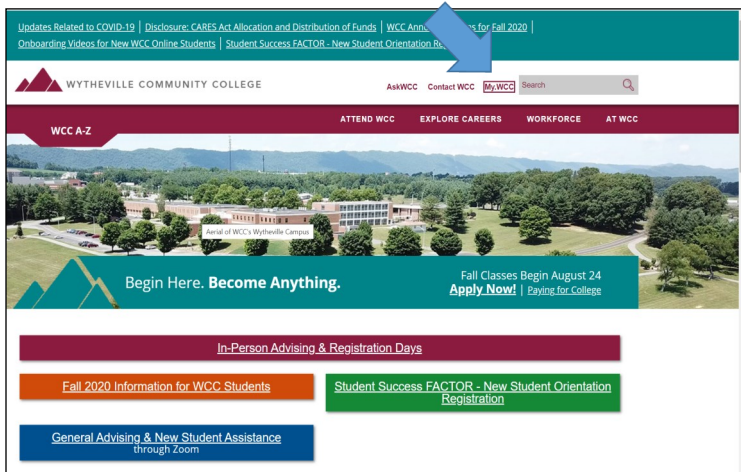
## SPRING SEMESTER - 2022:

First day of classes (Bland, Marion, and Wythe)	Jan. 4
First day of classes (Carroll)	Jan. 5
First day of classes (WCC)	Jan. 10
First day of classes (Grayson and OHA)	Jan. 11
First day of classes (ALHGS)	Jan. 13
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (WCC closed)	Jan. 17
First day of classes (Galax)	Jan. 19
Normal drop deadline (Marion)	Jan. 21
Normal drop deadline (Carroll, Wythe, and WCC)	Jan. 24
Normal drop deadline (Bland and SVETN)	Jan. 25
Normal drop deadline (Grayson and OHA)	Jan. 27
Normal drop deadline (ALHGS)	Jan. 28
'W' drop deadline (SVETN year-long courses)	Feb. 3
Normal drop deadline (Galax)	Feb. 7
'W' drop deadline (ALHGS year-long courses)	Feb. 14
'W' drop deadline (WCC)	Mar. 11
Faculty/Student Spring Break (No WCC classes)	Mar. 14-18
First day of WCC summer registration	Mar. 21
'W' drop deadline (SVETN)	Mar. 21
'W' drop deadline (Marion)	Mar. 23
'W' drop deadline (Wythe)	Mar. 25
'W' drop deadline (Carroll and Grayson)	Mar. 28
'W' drop deadline (Bland and OHA)	Apr. 1
First day of WCC fall registration	Apr. 4
'W' drop deadline (Galax)	Apr. 6
Last day of WCC classes	May 2
WCC Commencement	May 14

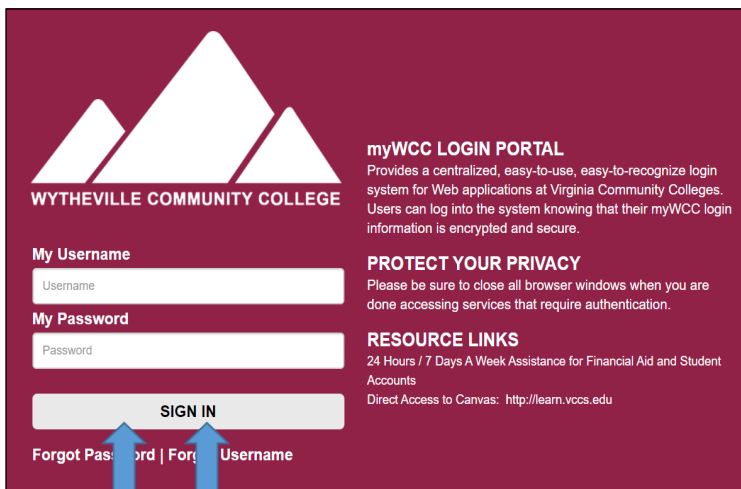
Please note that the Spring 2022 semester dates for secondary schools are subject to change due to weather-related/other closures. Should closures affect calendars, normal and 'W' drop dates will be revised and conveyed to all needed entities (students, school personnel, etc.).

## My.WCC

In addition to numerous opportunities through WCC as part of dual enrollment (a list is provided later in this document), students can also use their My.WCC account for Canvas (the College's learning management system), email, software downloads, and other helpful components. To log into your account, click the My.WCC link in the upper right-hand corner of any WCC webpage. WCC's main website is [wcc.vccs.edu](http://wcc.vccs.edu).



From there, enter your username and password provided to you at the time of application completion. Your username should be your initials, followed by a random number. Your password should be one in which you set up following your temporary password.



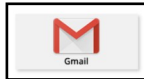
If you cannot remember your username and/or respective password, your My.WCC account gives you options in which to locate your username and/or reset your password. Click either the 'Forgot Password' or the 'Forgot Username' links and then follow the instructions to reset your password.

**NOTE:** You may be asked to set up security questions if you have not already done so or if you log in with a reset password. If you still have trouble logging in and need to reset your password, please contact the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment for assistance.

## Main Menu



**Canvas:** Selecting this link takes you to the main online learning site. Students who are taking DE classes (especially those with a WCC instructor) will likely have classes through Canvas.



**Gmail:** Selecting this link takes you into your WCC/VCCS issued school email. This email should be used at all times when contacting your WCC professors, along with respective faculty and staff.

Your email address is your [username@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:username@wcc.vccs.edu).

You cannot go to [gmail.com](http://gmail.com) and log into this account. You must go through the My.WCC link first.



**QuickSearch and WCC Libraries:** Students can use this link to conduct library research online for respective classes. Additional information on library databases can be found at [wcc.vccs.edu/library-databases](http://wcc.vccs.edu/library-databases).



Students who wish to speak with someone about utilizing research avenues with library services are encouraged to contact George Mattis, Coordinator of Library Services, at [gmattis@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:gmattis@wcc.vccs.edu).



**SIS:** Selecting this link will take you into the Student Information System. From there, students can change demographic information (address, phone, etc.), make official transcript requests, view unofficial transcripts, and pay for classes (if applicable).



**Office 365:** As a dual enrollment student, you are eligible to use Microsoft Office on up to five devices. Instructions on Office 365 downloads are listed upon accessing the link. Students can also go directly to the main screen by accessing [office.vccs.edu](http://office.vccs.edu). From there, students will need to enter their full email as their username, along with their password.

**NOTE:** If it does not work, students may need to reset their password, wait 20 minutes and then try again.



**SIS Mobile:** If you are utilizing a mobile device, SIS can be accessible and easily readable from this link.

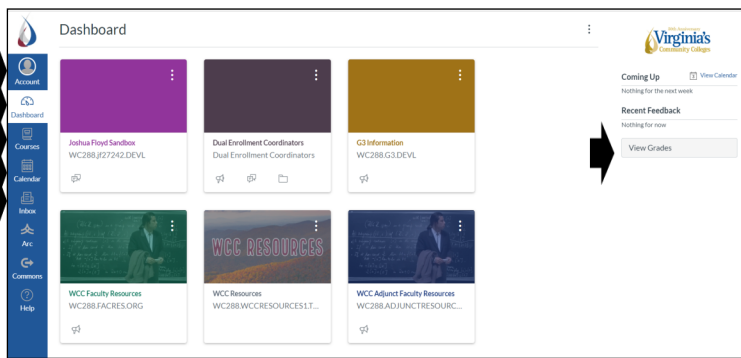


**Virginia Education Wizard:** This module allows students to explore career options, transfer agreements, course planning, programs of study, and much more.

**Brainfuse:** Students can use this 24-hour/7-day a week option for live tutoring or tutoring questions. Each student has 10 hours per semester of free online tutoring. Please contact the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment for more information about Brainfuse options.



**Zoom:** Zoom allows students to talk with the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment and any WCC faculty/staff member via video communication. WCC greatly encourages this usage of free resources. A listing of standing Zoom appointments can be found on page 7, plus the Coordinator of DE can meet on an individual basis as well.



## My.WCC (Canvas)

**Dashboard:** If you are taking any WCC online courses, they will be listed here once activated (some of your in-class dual enrollment courses will also have links here). For all students, there will be a 'WCC Resources' link that will provide contact information involving all student services and respective offices.

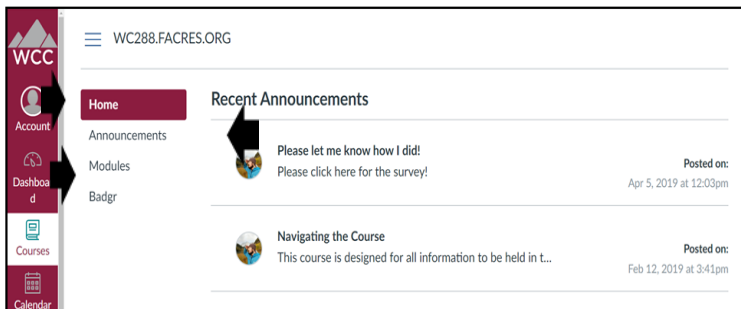
**Courses:** This link allows you to see a list of courses with active links.

**Account:** Allows you to change your profile settings.

**Calendar:** Displays assignment, test due dates, and other course deadline information.

**Inbox:** This link allows you to email your instructor (will automatically show in your Gmail account as well).

**View Grades:** A link to review current grades in your online courses.



**Home:** This is the main landing page for each course.

**Announcements:** This link will also take you to announcements (current and past).

**Modules:** This link will take you to the course modules/ assignments.

## Additional Canvas resources:

Helpful Links:  
[wcc.vccs.edu/elearning-helpful-links](http://wcc.vccs.edu/elearning-helpful-links)

[learn.vccs.edu/courses/8653/assignments/4066923](http://learn.vccs.edu/courses/8653/assignments/4066923)  
*(hyperlink not active through this handbook)*  
 (This link can be found within WCC resources section of Canvas.)

[community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701](http://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701)  
 (Canvas student guide)

Contact information:  
[elearning@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:elearning@wcc.vccs.edu) or call 276-223-4816 (WCC)  
[cases.canvaslms.com/liveagentchat?chattype=student](http://cases.canvaslms.com/liveagentchat?chattype=student) (live chat)  
 (877) 875-8359 - Canvas Support Student Hotline

## WCC Student Resources and Services

**Proctoring/Testing:** The One-Stop Center in Bland Hall is open for dual enrollment students to take any needed proctored tests. Dual enrollment students will need to bring their student ID number and a photo ID when visiting WCC.

The following are hours in which Student Services advisors and counselors can be reached in person, phone, and/or email at our main campus, along with the two off-site locations.

Monday – Friday - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NOTE: These hours are subject to change at any time. Please note Holiday closing dates on Page 5.

**Computer Labs:** Computer labs are available for use at our main campus (Kegley Library), as well as our two off-site locations.

**Tutoring:** In addition to the Brainfuse online feature, students can also sign up for individual tutoring sessions in specific course areas. WCC will conduct tutoring free of charge in certain general education courses. More information on tutoring can be found at [wcc.vccs.edu/wcc-tutoring-services](http://wcc.vccs.edu/wcc-tutoring-services).

**Student IDs:** WCC student IDs can be made at our One-Stop Center on the main campus and at Crossroads. Students will need to fill out a brief form and bring a form of ID as part of the process.

**Library:** Kegley Library in Smyth Hall has been restricted to only student use for the fall semester. DE students can visit Kegley Library during the aforementioned hours for both computer usage and library research.

**Nautilus/Workout Facility:** At this time, the Nautilus/workout facility in Carroll Hall is closed for the fall semester.

**Student Activities/Clubs:** For the fall semester, student activities/ clubs will not meet on campus. Activity/club advisors will provide more information for virtual meetings and opportunities.

**One-Stop Center:** In addition to services already mentioned, the One-Stop Center also can help with career and disability services, along with financial aid and Foundation questions (especially if students are transferring to WCC following graduation). The Coordinator of Dual Enrollment's office is also inside the One-Stop Center, and can be found in Room 102A.

**Appointments/Advising:** As mentioned earlier, the Coordinator of DE is available to meet in a wide variety of areas to help with any student/family needs, concerns, or questions.

Standing advising appointment times at our off-site locations and via Zoom are as follows:

### Fall semester (5 - 7 p.m.):

**Crossroads** - Oct. 6 (Wed.), Nov. 4 (Thurs.), and Dec. 2 (Thurs.)  
**Summit** - Oct. 11 (Mon.), Nov. 10 (Wed.), and Dec. 1 (Wed.)  
**Zoom** - Sept. 28 (Tues.), Oct. 13 (Wed.), Oct. 28 (Thurs.), Nov. 18 (Thurs.), and Dec. 21 (Tues.)

### Spring semester (5 - 7 p.m.):

**Crossroads** - Feb. 3 (Thurs.), Mar. 3 (Thurs.), and Apr. 12 (Tues.)  
**Summit** - Feb. 9 (Wed.), Mar. 8 (Tues.), and Apr. 21 (Thurs.)  
**Zoom** - Feb. 16 (Wed.), Feb. 28 (Mon.), Mar. 31 (Thurs.), Apr. 6 (Wed.), and Apr. 26 (Tues.)

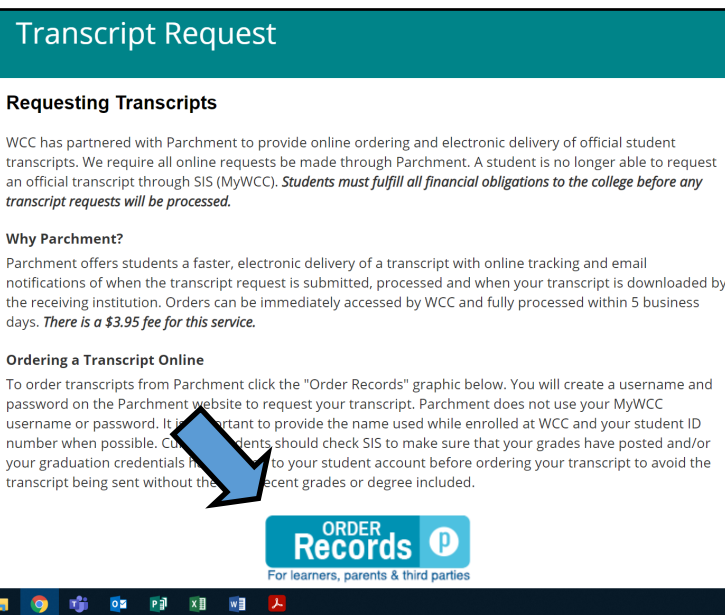
## Requesting WCC Transcripts - Parchment

When you apply to a four-year college or university, you must request that the Wytheville Community College's Office of Admissions/Records send an official transcript. Four-year institutions will not award college credit based on the high school transcript.

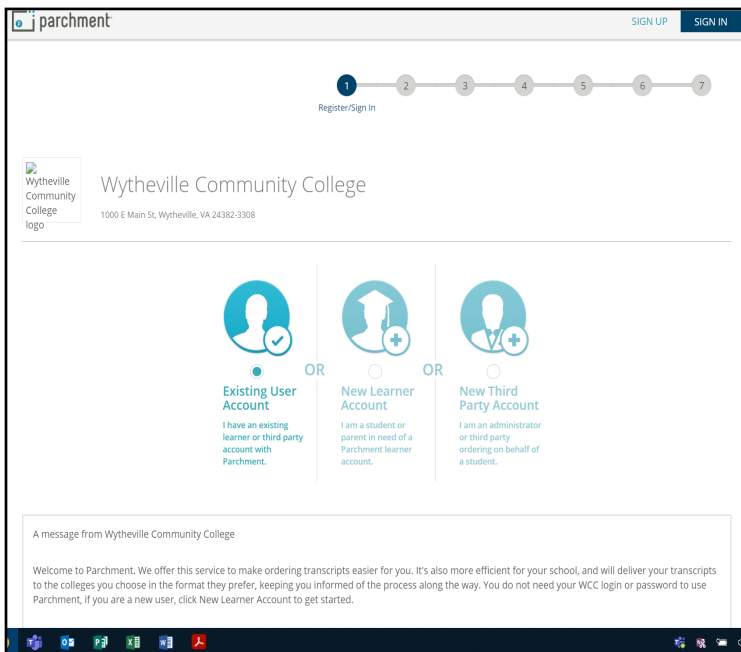
As an offering for the 2021-22 academic year, WCC has partnered with Parchment to provide online ordering and electronic delivery of official student transcripts. All online requests will need to be made through Parchment.

Dual enrollment students can access the Parchment link by visiting [wcc.vccs.edu/transcript-request](http://wcc.vccs.edu/transcript-request).

Parchment offers students a faster, electronic delivery of a transcript with online tracking. Digital delivery fees (which are preferred by most institutions) are \$3.95, while paper delivery costs are \$9.20 (with higher costs for expedited services).



Students can also reach this link from the main menu of their My.WCC account. When selected, this link will take students to the main Parchment page.



## Additional Transcript Items

During the account creation, students will create a username and a password on the Parchment website. Parchment does not use a student's My.WCC username and/or password. Additionally, students should provide the name used while enrolled at WCC and student ID number as well.

Students can then select when transcripts should be sent. Options include:

- **Immediate Processing** – transcript will be sent in 3-5 business days
- **Degree Confer Date** – transcript will be sent once degree has been confirmed by WCC (only applies to dual enrollment students taking concurrent degree programs)
- **Grade Posting** – transcript will be sent once current semester grades have been posted (usually 8-10 days following the last day of class)

Please note that WCC does not automatically send transcripts, nor can your high school transcripts be used as an official college transcript. Since these are your college grades, students must request them in this fashion. Please make sure you allow time for semester grade postings before making requests!

## Printing Service Requests

Wytheville Community College offers free, basic printing services to active students that can be retrieved by employees on campus at WCC or at Crossroads.

Initiating a print job request using the link to the form below, current students can submit files for printing, instructions for any special needs, and coordinate a date/time to pick-up the print job using a contactless system.

Students MUST use their @email.vccs.edu accounts for this process and identify the course associated with the print request.

Dual enrollment students can initiate a request by completing a form at [wcc.vccs.edu/student-printing-request](http://wcc.vccs.edu/student-printing-request).

The request is routed to the appropriate location contact. From there, a WCC employee will coordinate with the student regarding time and location as to when the student can pick up the print job.

## Student ID

Although Wytheville Community College does not require dual enrollment students to possess a student ID, it is strongly recommended that they get one.

Student IDs can be made by visiting the One-Stop Center at WCC or Galax's Crossroads Institute. Students will need to bring their seven-digit ID number and a photo ID.

Student IDs can serve as appropriate identification for any proctored tests. Additionally, possession of a student ID will allow dual enrollment students to receive discounts (and sometimes free) admission to numerous on-campus events.

Also, dual enrollment students can utilize their WCC IDs for possible discounts at movie theaters, restaurants, and other local activities.

## FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law which protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when the age of 18 is reached or the student attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are 'eligible students'.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent to the following parties or under the following conditions:

- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health or safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The Coordinator of Dual Enrollment **cannot** talk with parents/guardians about educational records unless a formal FERPA form has been signed and recorded. A FERPA form can be provided by the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment or it can be downloaded from the WCC website.

A FERPA form is available for the student to sign as part of release of respective educational records to a third party. **NOTE: Students must sign it in person at WCC's Admissions Office in order to establish validity. If this is not possible, students must complete/sign this form with an official notary before submission.**

## Attendance

Good attendance is critical to dual enrollment success.

If the dual enrollment course is taught at the public or private school, students should talk with their counselor (or administrator) regarding the school division's policy.

If the course is taught through WCC, the Virginia Community College System attendance policy applies — including online courses. Failure to complete assignments and work in a timely fashion could result in an instructor withdrawal. Please consult your syllabus regarding course attendance and requirements.

## Registration and Dropping Classes

Formal registration for fall and spring courses taken at the secondary school will be done during the first 1-2 weeks of each semester. The Coordinator of Dual Enrollment will visit each class (or do so via Zoom). Students will complete registration papers and be advised of all facets surrounding dual enrollment coursework.

Permission forms are also due back to the school at this time.

Enrollment in WCC taught courses takes place upon conferment with both the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment and the individual counselor. An approval letter must be submitted by the school for any independent WCC courses. These letters are then subject to final review and approval by WCC's President. The decision is final.

Since dual enrollment courses are part of the student's permanent college transcript, it is imperative that students know about respective drop policies.

Each semester, the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment provides drop dates to each student regarding all coursework. This formal notification is done during fall and spring registration at the secondary schools. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the correct personnel regarding their intent to withdraw from a course.

Normal drop and withdrawal ('W') dates are provided to students each semester. During the normal drop session (which is usually the first 2-3 weeks of each semester), students can drop a course without any penalty. The course will not appear on the student's transcript, plus the student is eligible for any refunds they may have paid for the course. This option applies primarily to WCC taught courses. Please refer to page 5 for more information.

After the final normal date to drop, students can still withdraw from a dual enrollment course through the 60% completion mark. During this session, however, students will receive a 'W' for the course. The 'W' will be placed on a student's permanent college transcript. Students, though, should use this 'W' opportunity if it turns out they will not earn a 'C' or better in the course so as to avoid a lower grade on their individual transcript.

While a 'W' does keep a failing grade off the transcript, students should not incur too many of these results as they can cause challenges down the road in terms of completion and financial aid consideration. Repayment to school systems may also apply.

Normal and withdrawal dates are given for every dual enrollment course, including WCC courses. A list of WCC and secondary drop dates can be found on page 5 of this handbook, along with our website at [wcc.vccs.edu/dual-enrollment](http://wcc.vccs.edu/dual-enrollment).

Students needing to drop a dual enrollment course should either notify the guidance office for any courses taught at their school (including Elite Learning and Governor's School options) or the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment regarding WCC courses.

Only notifications by the student or counselors will be accepted as formal requests. Parents/families cannot request this action!



*Carroll County High School (above) is one of seven school systems served by the Wytheville Community College dual enrollment partnership.*

## Weather Closures/WCC Alert

Weather-related closures depend greatly on the location of the dual enrollment courses.

If the dual enrollment course is taught at the public or private school, the school division's normal weather-related closing policies apply.

If the dual enrollment course is taught through WCC (on-campus, hybrid or online), WCC's weather-related decision applies — regardless of the school division's decision.

Once an official decision has been made on WCC taught courses, information will be distributed to local radio and television stations — along with immediate posting to our website and social media outlets. Additionally, information will be relayed to our main campus number at (276) 223-4700.

Please refer to [wcc.vccs.edu/inclement-weather-delayed-schedule](http://wcc.vccs.edu/inclement-weather-delayed-schedule) for additional information on two-hour delay and afternoon start schedules.

Dual enrollment students are encouraged to sign up for WCC Alert. By registering a phone number and/or email to receive notifications, students will be able to learn about weather-related closings immediately.

WCC Alert is a free service. Wireless carriers may charge a fee to receive text messages on individual wireless devices.

To sign up, please visit [wcc.vccs.edu/alert](http://wcc.vccs.edu/alert).

## College Credit and Grading System

A credit is equivalent to one collegiate semester hour credit. Each semester hour of credit given for a course is based on approximately one academic hour (50 minutes) of formal structured instructional time for 16 weeks (or equivalent).

College courses are based on semesters. Students will receive a final grade each semester for the coursework taken during the semester.

The grading scale for a college course is determined by each instructor. Students should consult with the instructor, seek a tutor or consider withdrawing before 60% of the class is completed if they experience difficulty. Withdrawal deadlines will be determined by the college.

A grade of 'C' or higher is required in order for a course to transfer to a four-year college or university. Some selective four-year institutions may require higher grades.

Grades of 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' are passing grades. A grade of 'F' is a failing grade. 'I' is an incomplete grade. 'W' indicates withdrawal from a course; it is a final grade and carries no credit.

Quality points are assigned as follows:

A	Excellent – 4 grade points per credit
B	Good – 3 grade points per credit
C	Average – 2 grade points per credit
D	Poor – 1 grade point per credit
F	Failure – 0 grade points
I	Incomplete – No grade point credit
W	Withdrawal – No grade point credit

*When students take a dual enrollment class, they are establishing a permanent college transcript. This information must be submitted to colleges or universities students wish to attend in the future.*

*In addition, grades received that also count toward the requirements of high school graduation may impact the student's high school grade-point average.*

## Tuition

Students enrolled in dual enrollment courses are charged tuition and fees at the in-state rates.

School divisions are billed for dual enrollment courses taught in the high school. Students who elect to take an independent dual enrollment course (not a part of the high school's dual enrollment offering), either on campus or online, are responsible for paying tuition and fees unless the school division has established a prior agreement with the student.

Payment for independent courses must be made by the last day to pay tuition date as noted on WCC's academic calendar (Aug. 1 – Fall, Dec. 1 – Spring, May 1 – Summer) or the student will be dropped from the course. Automated phone calls and emails will be sent to the student's contact information when deadlines are approaching.

Dual enrollment students are not eligible for financial aid regardless of the number of credits the student is taking during a semester. Eligibility is obtained once a student earns the diploma.



*Wythe County Technology Center (above) is one of several options dual enrollment students have regarding occupational, technical, and health-related options within our region. These areas and programs are in high demand. If you have an interest in these particular fields and programs, please contact your school counselor and the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment.*

## Academic Integrity

Wytheville Community College will not tolerate any form of dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, knowingly furnishing false information to the college, forgery, or alteration of documents or instruments of identification with intent to defraud. These rules apply to any dual enrollment course, no matter the delivery.

Regardless of where the dual enrollment course takes place, the syllabi will reflect the Virginia Community College System's guidelines involving academic integrity. Specific information on academic integrity can be found at [catalog.wcc.vccs.edu/](http://catalog.wcc.vccs.edu/).

If the dual enrollment course is taught at the public or private school, disciplinary action outlined in the school division's policy will take precedence. Individual instructors should have specific policies as part of their course syllabi.

If the dual enrollment course is through WCC, disciplinary policy will be outlined on the individual syllabi.

For all dual enrollment courses, an initial academic integrity violation results either in an automatic failure of the individual assignment or automatic failure for the respective course.

Should any violation take place, a required meeting with the student, parents/guardians, school administrators, and the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment will be conducted immediately.

These meetings are meant for educational purposes and to make sure students understand the importance of doing one's own work within the collegiate setting.

## WCC Learning Resources/Services

Dual enrollment students have the same privileges and opportunities as that of traditional students. Some of these offerings include (**\*\*\* denotes services which are suspended until at least Jan. 2022**).

- Student IDs
- Use of computer labs
- Tutoring
- Use of Kegley Library
- Use of workout facility (Carroll Hall)\*\*\*
- All student-related activities, clubs, and organizations\*\*\*
- Proctored testing
- Disability services

## Impact on Future Financial Aid

Dual enrollment courses can be a student's best friend, or their worst enemy. With course completion, attainment of a degree/certificate/diploma can be earned in a much shorter timeframe — and at a much lower cost.

Late withdrawals and/or failure of classes, however, can not only delay that very award, but future financial aid is at risk. Courses attempted, completed or not, all adds up towards total attempted hours.

Federal law and college policy states that a degree/certificate/diploma must be earned within 150 percent of that award's timeframe. For example, an associate degree requiring 61 credit hours must be earned before 91.5 attempted hours. Failure to do so will result in financial aid cancellation and a required appeal. It is imperative that students not only complete dual enrollment courses to avoid this possibility, but also ones pertaining to the individual degree/certificate pathway.

Please consult the Coordinator of Dual Enrollment for more information regarding the 150 percent rule.

## Students with Disabilities and/or Special Needs/ADA

If the dual enrollment course is taught at the public or private school, students should talk with their counselor (or administrator) regarding the school division's policy.

If the dual enrollment course is taught by a WCC instructor, WCC operates under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which guarantee that "no qualified individual shall by reason of disability be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of the college. Each qualified person shall receive appropriate, reasonable accommodations upon request to insure full and equal access to educational opportunities, programs, and activities."

In order to provide appropriate, reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities, WCC has provided additional information for interested students and families. Students and families are encouraged to visit [wcc.vccs.edu/disability-services](http://wcc.vccs.edu/disability-services) regarding further information and next steps. Additionally, students are urged to contact Barbara Mills (Disability Assistant) at 276-223-4754/bmills@wcc.vccs.edu regarding on-campus appointments.

# MAIN CAMPUS



Phone: 276-223-4700/800-468-1195  
Fax: 276-223-4861 (Student Services)

Admissions/Applications:  
276-223-4702/276-223-4701  
admissions@wcc.vccs.edu

Bookstore:  
276-223-9841/276-223-9848

Dual Enrollment Office:  
276-223-4110/jfloyd@wcc.vccs.edu

Kegley Library:  
276-223-4743/  
kegleylibrary@wcc.vccs.edu

Testing:  
276-223-4758  
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## OFF-SITE LOCATIONS



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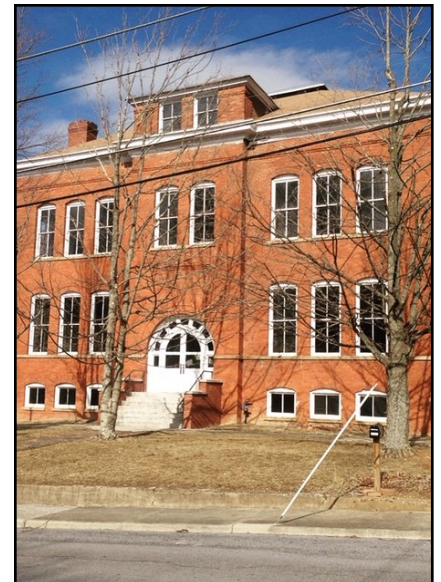
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