



# Early Start: ATC Dual Enrollment Information and Application Packet

For Students, Parents and High School Counselors



# 2017-2018

## Early Start: Dual Enrollment



### What is dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment enables eligible high school students to take a college course and receive both high school and college credit. A full list of approved courses is available in the guidance office of all Aiken County high schools. Students from private high schools and home schools are eligible to participate. In all cases, students must have permission from a parent/guardian and the high school in order to participate.

### How is dual enrollment different from an Advanced Placement (AP) program?

Dual-enrolled students take a college course and earn college credits immediately. There is no comprehensive post-examination required. Dual enrollment also offers many more courses, including career and technical courses.

### Who can apply?

Current high school juniors and seniors can earn both college and high school credit. Students who are currently in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade can apply to take dual enrollment courses in their junior year. These students include sophomores who are interested in summer classes before their junior year begins. In accordance with South Carolina state policy, students earn one unit toward their high school diploma for each three-semester hour college course they successfully complete. Grades in ATC courses that are taken for both high school and college credit will affect high school grades and graduation requirements

### What are the placement requirements?

Students should have at least the minimum test scores on one or more of the following placement tests:

- SAT Scores: 500 (Verbal) plus Accuplacer Math
- ACT Scores: English sub-score of 18 AND MATH sub-score of 22
- PSAT Scores: 500 (Verbal) and 500 (Math) for PSAT tests administered after October 2015

Students who have not completed SAT, ACT, and/or PSAT or who have not received the minimum acceptable SAT, ACT, or PSAT scores (above) may take the free Accuplacer placement test available at the ATC Testing Center on campus. Students must test into college-level (non-remedial) courses on Accuplacer in order to be admitted to most dual enrollment programs at ATC.

Students with qualifying SAT or PSAT test scores will automatically be placed in MATH 101, which does not transfer to other colleges and universities. If a student wishes to take a higher level math class, he/she must take the math portion of Accuplacer to determine math course placement. An ACT math subscore of 22 places the student in Math 110.



### **How are college classes different from high school classes?**

Most approved college courses are worth three credits and last one semester, which is approximately four months. The fall semester starts in August and ends in December; and the spring semester starts in January and ends in April.

### **Do the courses transfer to other colleges and universities?**

Aiken Technical College offers a number of courses that are transferable to South Carolina public colleges and universities as part of a statewide articulation agreement. Students planning to transfer credits earned through dual enrollment should register for transferable courses. A list of those courses is available in the ATC online catalog and the courses are provided via the website [www.sctrac.org](http://www.sctrac.org). Please note that a receiving college or university always determines transferability of credits and whether credits can be applied to a specific academic program.



### **What does it cost?**

Dual Enrollment students pay the same tuition and fees as college students at ATC; however, students enrolled in six or more credits can significantly discount their tuitions costs by taking advantage of the South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTA). Eligible students must complete the one-page FAFSA waiver form included in this application. The amount of LTA is set by the state prior to the beginning of each semester. Based on 2017-18 Lottery Tuition Assistance levels students in six or more credit hours can expect to receive \$95\* per credit hour in LTA.

For example, based on 2017-18 levels, a student from Aiken County enrolled in six credit hours at ATC would be charged \$1202\* for six credits, but \$570\* of LTA would also be granted, lowering the total due to only \$632\*.

A complete Tuition and Fees Chart is available on our website at [www.atc.edu](http://www.atc.edu). Payment plans are available for tuition through the College's Cashier's Office. (\*Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit [www.ATC.edu](http://www.ATC.edu) for the latest tuition and fees information. SC Lottery Tuition Assistance awards are dependent on funds available.)



### **Are there scholarships available?**

Yes. Students enrolled in the Pre-Engineering Academy pathway can apply for the Ryberg STEM scholarship or the Patrick Blewett Pre-Engineering Scholarship. Scholarships of \$1,000 annually are available. In addition, other scholarships may be available for dual enrolled students. Go to the ATC Foundation website at [www.atcfoundation.org](http://www.atcfoundation.org) to apply.

### **How do I apply and register?**

Complete and submit the Aiken Technical College Dual Enrollment application (attached) and submit it to the Enrollment Services Center. For application questions or assistance, please contact the Enrollment Services Center at (803) 508-7263.

### **How do I pay?**

Once the student has been registered for his/her courses, the initial student bill will appear on his/her WebAdvisor account under the "Student Financial Summary" and then "Account Summary by Term." Students who are eligible for LTA should monitor their account until their LTA award has been posted.

Students are responsible for making sure payment arrangements have been made by the deadline. The Cashier's Office located in the 100/200 Building accepts cash, credit cards and checks. Payment may also be made by credit card through your WebAdvisor account.

**Is Transportation available?**

Bus transportation may be available for students in the Aiken County Public School District (transportation dependent on driver availability). Students are welcome to drive their own vehicles as long as they have an ATC parking permit.

**Do I have to pay for books?**

Yes. Dual Enrollment students are responsible for buying books for their ATC classes. Check with the ATC bookstore for exact costs for each book. Please note, many college books cost \$100 or more, and some courses require more than one book.

**Will there be an Orientation before class starts?**

Yes. ATC will hold an orientation especially for dual enrollment students before the semester begins. You will be notified by mail and email of the date and time of this orientation session.

**Questions? Send an e-mail to: [starthere@atc.edu](mailto:starthere@atc.edu) or call 803-508-7263.**



# Aiken Technical College

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### Student Section

**Dual Enrollment Starting Term:**

Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated high school graduation date:**

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Dual Enrollment Program of Choice:**

Pre-Engineering Academy: \_\_\_\_\_ General Education Pathway: \_\_\_\_\_

**High school:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Social security number:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_ Check here if same as mailing address

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May we send you text messages? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**Race/Ethnicity:**

Are you Hispanic or Latino? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

What is your race/ethnicity? (Check one or more)

\_\_\_\_ American/Alaska Native

\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_ Asian

\_\_\_\_ Non-resident alien

\_\_\_\_ Black or African American

\_\_\_\_ Unknown

\_\_\_\_ Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

**Citizenship Status:**

\_\_\_\_ US Citizen

\_\_\_\_ Immigrant

\_\_\_\_ Refugee

\_\_\_\_ Visa

\_\_\_\_ Other

**\*Is English your first language?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

*\*This information is optional and is used to comply with federal requirements and college research items. This has no effect on admission to the college.*

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## Student Section Continued

### Residency:

Are you a legal resident of South Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*A legal resident of South Carolina is one who has his/her legal domicile in the state for a period of 12 months prior to the first day of the semester.*

Length of time in South Carolina: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

If less than one year, state a previous residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a legal resident of Richmond or Columbia County, GA? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

### Educational Goals:

If you are planning to attend a four-year college, please indicate which one:

\_\_\_\_\_ USC Aiken

\_\_\_\_\_ USC Columbia

\_\_\_\_\_ Clemson

\_\_\_\_\_ The Citadel

\_\_\_\_\_ Augusta University

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (name) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please read and sign below:

I understand that ATC is an adult learning environment and I will conduct myself according to the policies stated in the ATC Student Handbook. I understand that ATC may send my records to my high school and that ATC may release my records and information to my parent upon request.

I certify that the answers on this application are true, correct and complete. Falsifying information may result in dismissal from the college. I also understand that college facilities and computers are to be used for academic purposes only.

Declaration of citizenship or legal presence in the United States: The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (Section 59-101-430) of the S. Carolina Code of Laws, As Amended) prohibits those unlawfully present in the United States from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina and from receiving a public higher education. By signing this statement, you are attesting that you are a United States citizen, a legal permanent resident in the United States, or that you are lawfully present in the United States. In addition, the college may require you to submit documentation that supports your assertion.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Section

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant permission to release information concerning my child's academic progress and grades to his/her high school. I understand that I am responsible for all costs associated with my child's tuition, fees and books or supplies. I understand that ATC is an adult learning environment. Textbooks, assignments and discussions may include adult and sometimes controversial subjects. I have explained to my child the potential for discussion of adult subjects.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Guidance Counselor Section

Please attach student's high school transcript

If applicable, attach acceptable test scores of at least:

- SAT Scores: 500 (verbal) plus Accuplacer Math
- ACT Scores: English sub-score of 18 AND MATH sub-score of 22
- PSAT Scores: 500 (Verbal) and 500 (Math) for PSAT tests administered after October 2015

If the student has not taken or achieved these minimum scores, he/she can take the free Accuplacer placement test on campus. The student must test into college-level (non-remedial) courses in order to be considered for the dual enrollment program.

Please note: If a student wishes to take our MATH 110 (College Algebra) course that is transferrable to other colleges and universities, he/she must take Accuplacer math and test into MATH 110, or have an ACT math subscore of 22. If a student is interested in Pre-Engineering, they must have pre-calculus in their junior year at the high school.

List all approved courses for Fall and Spring Semesters below:

FALL COURSES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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SPRING COURSES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Counselor notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Counselor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# CHECKLIST

*Please be sure that the appropriate person completes and signs the appropriate section of this application.*

**Please attach the following documents:**

\_\_\_ High School transcript

\_\_\_ Eligible test scores (if you have them)

\_\_\_ Signed South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance form (if you are eligible)

**Please turn in your completed packet to your high school counselor or you can mail it to:**

Aiken Technical College  
Enrollment Services Center  
P.O. Drawer 696  
Aiken, SC 29802

*Questions? Send an email to: [starthere@atc.edu](mailto:starthere@atc.edu) or call 803-508-7263.*

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Application packet received on \_\_\_\_\_ ATC representative initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Accuplacer Test scores:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Reading Comp      \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence Skills      \_\_\_\_\_ Arithmetic      \_\_\_\_\_ Other Math

\_\_\_\_\_ ACT English      \_\_\_\_\_ ACT math      \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Verbal      \_\_\_\_\_ PSAT Verbal      \_\_\_\_\_ PSAT Math

**Missing items:**

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**Notes:**

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## 2017-2018 SC Lottery Tuition Assistance FAFSA Waiver Form

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Initial	_____ Last four digits of SSN or ATC	
_____ Street Address	_____ City	_____ State/Zip	____ - ____ - ____ Phone (home/cell)	____ - ____ - ____ Phone (work)

**I request a waiver to the Lottery Tuition Assistance eligibility requirement relating to the submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the following reason(s) (check all that apply):**

- ☐ I am a high school student enrolled in a dual enrollment program.
- ☐ I have already earned a Bachelor's degree and I will provide a transcript or copy of my diploma.
- ☐ I am not enrolled in a program that is eligible for Title IV federal aid.
- ☐ I am a dependent student who cannot get my parent(s)' or guardian(s)' federal income tax return.
- ☐ I am a student whose parent(s)' adjusted gross income (AGI) is at least \$80,000 and a copy of the first page of the 2015 federal income tax return(s) showing the AGI is attached.

**By submitting this FAFSA Waiver, I acknowledge the following:**

- I will not be eligible to receive other Title IV aid, which includes the Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins Loan, Stafford Loans, federal work study and the SC Need-based Grant. Also, I will not be able to participate in other loan programs offered by the SC Student Loan Corporation or other state assistance programs that require the submission of the FAFSA. Further, I understand that neither the state of South Carolina nor the institution can be held liable for any amount of federal or state funds that I forego by signing this waiver.
- I do not owe a refund or repayment of a state grant, Pell Grant, or Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, and I am not in default on a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Stafford Loan, William D. Ford Federal Loan, or any state loans. I understand that the institution will verify this.
- The provided information is correct. If any of the information is false, I understand participation in the Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTA) program will be cancelled and reimbursement of LTA funds will be required. Further, I understand that if I have attempted to obtain, or have obtained LTA funds through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstance affecting eligibility, I can be subject to the college's student code of conduct and applicable civil or criminal penalties.
- This waiver is not valid until all requested documentation is provided to the Financial Aid Office, and all documentation has been verified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Aid Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

☐ Approved    ☐ Not Approved



# Information Release Form

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) establish certain rights for students regarding the privacy of their educational records. While parents/guardians/spouses/and others may have an interest in the student's records, access to or release of the educational records is only by written student consent. Students may choose to complete and submit this "Information Release Form" to the Enrollment Services Center to allow access or release of their educational records.

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Student ID#

hereby request and authorize the Aiken Technical College Enrollment Services Office to release information to the following person (people) until I notify the office otherwise.

(P = Parent, G = Guardian, S = Spouse, O = Other)

\_\_\_ Release to \_\_\_ Cancel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: P G S O  
\_\_\_ Release to \_\_\_ Cancel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: P G S O  
\_\_\_ Release to \_\_\_ Cancel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: P G S O  
\_\_\_ Release to \_\_\_ Cancel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: P G S O

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature Date

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## Office Use Only

Enrollment Services: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials/date





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