



# CAREER & COLLEGE PROMISE

## Quick Guide

### What is Career & College Promise?

Career & College Promise is North Carolina's dual enrollment program for high school students. This program allows eligible high school students to enroll in college classes at Central Piedmont Community College through their high school. Best of all, Career & College Promise classes are **TUITION-FREE**.

### How does Career & College Promise work?

Students who successfully complete college courses will earn college credit they can take with them after graduation. In many cases, students can also earn dual credit. They can meet high school graduation requirements with the college courses. Career & College Promise offers two ways to participate.

**I. Career & College Promise Dual Enrollment** – Designed for students who wish to stay at their current high school while taking college classes at Central Piedmont. This option offers two pathways:

**College Transfer Pathway** – Designed for students planning to continue their educational career beyond high school to eventually earn an associate or bachelor's degree.

**Career & Technical Education Pathway** – Pathway leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree in highly employable careers, such as mechatronics, healthcare, and computer science.

**II. Career & College Promise Cooperative Innovative High School** – Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) offers both middle college magnet programs and cooperative innovative high schools. With middle college, students attend high school on one of Central Piedmont's campuses. CMS also has cooperative innovative high schools that are located at a CMS high school.

## I. College Transfer Pathway

### Earn a degree with courses that transfer to North Carolina four-year schools

Each course that a high school student completes in the pathway with a “C” or better will be accepted by all UNC member institutions and many of the state’s independent colleges and universities. Courses in these pathways count for lower division general education credit at four-year colleges or universities.

#### Criteria for College Transfer Pathway eligibility

- High school junior or senior
- Unweighted GPA of 2.8 in high school courses or demonstrate college readiness on an assessment or placement test. Students must be ready for college work in all three areas – English, reading and mathematics – in order to be able to enroll.

## II. Career & Technical Education Pathway

We have more than 50 different pathways created to help students get a head start on a great career. Career & Technical Pathways also offer a valuable opportunity for students to take college-level classes to explore a prospective career.

#### Criteria for Career Technical Education Pathways

- High school junior or senior.
- Unweighted GPA of 2.8 on high school courses, assessment or placement test scores, or have the recommendation of the high school principal or their designee
- Meet the prerequisites for the career pathway

## III. Cooperative Innovative High School

CMS students in these School Options programs can earn tuition-free college credits and complete their high school classes at one of these schools:

- Middle College High School at Cato Campus
- Middle College High School at Harper Campus
- Middle College High School at Levine Campus
- Middle College High School at Merancas Campus
- CMS Performance Learning Center High School
- CMS Hawthorne Academy High School

#### Criteria for Cooperative Innovative High Schools

Admissions to these schools is managed by CMS.

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#### Maintaining eligibility

To maintain eligibility for continued enrollment, a student must:

- Continue to make progress toward high school graduation
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA in college coursework after completing two courses

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Freshmen and Sophmores may now participate in some of the above Pathway programs. Different eligibility criteria apply. Please visit our website for more information.

