



About the Non-Traditional Dual Credit Program

The Dual Credit program for non-traditional high school students allows eligible students to earn college credit for up to two tuition-free courses per semester taken at Northwest Vista College while satisfying high school curriculum requirements.

Who is considered a non-traditional high school student?

A non-traditional high school student is a student who is enrolled in a home school program or in a high school which is non-accredited or not recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

How do I know if I am eligible to participate?

- You must be currently enrolled in a non-traditional high school program.
- You must be at least 16 years of age by August 1st of the academic year you enroll in.
- You must meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) assessment requirements (see below for details).
- The college makes the final determination on all admissions decisions.

Available Courses

10th grade students who are 16 years of age by August 1st of the academic year may choose from the following courses:

(A Request to take Dual Credit as a Sophomore must be submitted to NVC prior to the deadline)

- Business Computer Application (BCIS 1305)
- Introduction to Computer and Information (COSC 1301)
- Pre-Calculus (Math 2412)
- Spanish III (Span 2311/2312)

11th and 12th grade students may choose from the list of courses Northwest Vista College offers as dual credit (**a list can be found under Current Dual Credit Courses**) if the following criteria are met.

- The student has satisfied all NVC Dual Credit admission requirements and is in good academic standing with the college
- The student has placed at college level in the areas (Reading, Math and English) required
- The student has completed any necessary course pre-requisites as indicated in the catalog
- The course is offered and seats are available at the time the student registers
- The course will meet high school completion requirements

The parent/legal guardian of home school students or High School Principal/Director of private school students will be required to certify that each course will satisfy high school completion requirements. Documents will be provided for this purpose.

Students may view course descriptions in the [NVC Catalog](#).

(It is the student's and/or parents' responsibility to determine the appropriateness of the course for their student. All course work is taught at the adult college student level.)

The current semester's class schedule may be viewed in the [NVC Class Schedule](#).

Assessment Information

All students enrolled in a Texas public institution must satisfy Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. You may be exempt from these requirements if you have earned the following minimum scores on the SAT or ACT:

- Earn a minimum total SAT score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the verbal section and 500 on the math section
(revised SAT scores will be published once available)
- OR**
- Earn a minimum composite ACT score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English section and 19 on the Math section

If not exempt, you must attempt the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) or state-approved alternate exam. NVC offers the Accuplacer as a state-approved alternative exam on a regular basis. The cost of the exam is \$15 and you must provide a picture ID. Call the NVC Assessment Center at 348-2059 for the current testing schedule and details or visit the [Assessment](#) Web site.

Program Costs

10th grade students may take one tuition free college-level **approved** dual credit course in the fall and one in the spring.

11th and 12th graders may take up to two tuition-free **approved** college-level courses in the fall and spring.

A "Request to take a Third Dual Credit Course" can be submitted for those students who meet the following requirements:

- Successful completion of one full year in the dual credit program
- Minimum Dual Credit GPA of 3.0
- No grade of "C" or below in any Dual Credit class
- No grade of "W" in any Dual Credit class

If the request for the third class is granted, the student is responsible for tuition and fees for that course.

All Students will be responsible for the cost of transportation, textbooks, supplies, and applicable fees (such as a parking permit if parking on campus).

Documents Required for Applying

- Northwest Vista College online application done through Apply Texas www.applytx.org
- **Parent & Student Consent Form** (for New Students)
- **Currently Enrolled Student Form** (for students currently in dual credit)
- Transcript or record of school subjects completed consistent with TEA minimum requirements. Private school transcript must be signed by the registrar to be considered official.
- Home school transcripts must be notarized to be considered official.
- Proof of Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exemption or college-level THEA or alternative THEA scores.
- Certain students may need to provide additional documentation to verify their residency status. Common requirements are Military Verification Forms for active duty military dependents, Resident Alien cards for permanent residents, and proof of immigration status for non-permanent residents. (forms can be found on the website)

Application Process

- Complete the online application process through Apply Texas.

- Complete the referenced documents, obtain a notarized transcript, and complete any testing requirements.
- Submit **complete** application packet to Joe Gonzales in the Dual Credit Office (Juniper Hall 213) by the published deadline. **Incomplete packets will not be accepted!**
- Obtain an authorization form to register from the Dual Credit Office
- Make an appointment with Student Success Advisor for general advising and to have registration hold cleared (**You must have your authorization to register form with you for this appointment**)
- Register online for courses from the list of courses Northwest Vista College offers as Dual Credit (a list can be found under Current Dual Credit Courses).
- Pay for third class (if applicable)

It is recommended that students register as early as possible as classes fill quickly.

Testing Requirements

Students applying for admission to the Dual Credit Program at NVC must meet the required Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. Each Dual Credit course requires college-level placement in certain areas (Reading, Math and English). Placement may be determined using several exams.

A student who is TSI exempt is considered at college level for all areas and is eligible to take any Dual Credit course for which he or she meets the college prerequisites.

Students who do not place at the college level in a particular area may be able to retake that portion of the Accuplacer. Students must wait at least 6 weeks and will be charged a \$5 fee per section.

Reading, Math and English College-Level Placement Scores

Placement scores as subject to change.

	Accuplacer	THEA/QT	SAT*	ACT*	10th/11th Gr. TAKS*
Reading	Reading 78	Reading 230	Total 1070 & Verbal/Critical Reading 500	Composite 23 & English 19	ELA 2200 w/ Writing score 3
Math	Math 100	Math 270	Total 1070 & Math 500	Composite 23 & Math 19	Math 2200
English	Sentence Skills 80 w/ Essay 6	Writing 220 w/ Essay 5	Total 1070 & Verbal/Critical Reading 500	Composite 23 & English 19	ELA 2200 w/ Writing score 3
Exempt			All of the Above	All of the Above	All of the Above**

* "Splitting" placements (example SAT and ACT) is only valid with tests taken April 2004 and after.

**Exemption using 10th Grade TAKS is for Dual Credit purposes only. All others are permanent.

Accuplacer and QT Testing at NVC

The Accuplacer and QT (THEA) exams are offered in the Assessment Center at NVC.

For details, view the NVC Assessment Center <http://www.accd.edu/nvc/students/admissions/assessment.htm>

or call 348-2051/ 2059.

Testing Schedule <http://www.accd.edu/nvc/students/admissions/pdfs/testSched20071.pdf>

Students needing accommodations for taking the Accuplacer or other exams at Northwest Vista College must contact the Assessment Office at least four working days prior to the exam.

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