



Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT)

Fact Sheet

ASCENT provides qualifying high school seniors with the opportunity to stay enrolled in high school for a fifth year while they concurrently enroll in classes at Pikes Peak State College.

Who's A Good Fit?

- Students who want to attend a post-secondary institution after high school.
- College-bound students who have limited access to financial support to attend a post-secondary institution.
- Students who are on track to complete an associate's degree or certificate program at PPSC.

Eligibility

- Currently in the 12th grade
- On track for graduation with at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA.
- No grades lower than C in both high school and college courses for the current semester and previous semester.
- Completed 9 credit hours of post-secondary course work at a public Colorado post-secondary institution before the end of 12th grade.
- Have tested college-ready in both English and math (for the student's designated pathway). (Accuplacer, SAT, or ACT)
- Not be in need of remedial courses.
- Be admitted into a postsecondary degree or certificate program
- Not have previously participated in ASCENT
- Homeschool students must show that they will meet high school graduation requirements.
- Students who will accumulate 60 college credits or earn an Associate Degree by their high school graduation date are not eligible.

How Do I Apply?

- Complete the CP ASCENT Application (Pick up a copy in The Hutt or download from the CP homepage under College Planning)

Factors To Be Considered

- Number of college credits to completion of AA, AS, AAS during the ASCENT year should be greater than or equal to 22 credits.
- Four-year university or Certificate program goal
- PPSC GPA and CP/PPSC cumulative GPA
- 500-word essay describing why the student feels he/she should be selected for ASCENT.
- Total PPSC credits completed may be no greater than 54.

When Will I know If I Am Accepted?

- You will receive notification in May following completion of the PPSC spring semester.

What Should I Do In The Meantime?

- Declare a major at PPSC and review your Degree Check.
- Continue with all college and scholarship applications.
- Be sure that your ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan) is up-to-date and matches the degree/career path in which you plan to enroll.
- **Complete the FAFSA.** Financial need may be a factor in the selection process.

Fine Print

- Must notify CP Director of College Planning of intent to participate and submit a completed application by Winter Break of student's senior year.