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Dear Students, Parents, and Counselors,

Kirkwood Community College is proud to collaborate with our local school districts, community partners, and local industry employers to offer state-of-the-art learning opportunities for students. At the Kirkwood Iowa County Center located in Williamsburg, our goal is to meet the needs of students and the community by offering a wide variety of educational opportunities and career experiences.

Kirkwood Iowa County is excited to offer college credit courses to students enrolled at our partner school districts (Belle Plaine, English Valleys, Hartwick-Ladora-Victor, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg) through concurrent enrollment. Students can earn transferable college credit while exploring courses in a variety of fields. Concurrent credit opportunities include Kirkwood's Career Academies at our Iowa County Center and Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa in Coralville as well as courses offered onsite at our partner high schools, online, or on other Kirkwood campuses. Students can test the waters with one or two unrelated college-level courses, or complete one of our packaged Academy programs for career or interest-focused coursework. Students also earn high school credit necessary for their graduation requirements while taking these courses.

Kirkwood Iowa County offers students diverse learning opportunities and experience with hands-on, real world learning which uses cutting-edge equipment and state-of-the-art lab facilities. Kirkwood's programs prepare students for careers in high demand industries that require post-secondary training. These opportunities enable students to fast track their education at no cost to their families.

As students are planning their schedules and taking advantage of these opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions you may have. We recommend also discussing these options with your high school counselor's office. For additional information, including a complete listing of courses and programs, please visit our website. We look forward to working with you and your students as they begin to explore their interests and passions through the many opportunities offered at Kirkwood Community College.



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78%
of dual credit
students earn a
grade of C
or better.

3.23
average GPA of
dual credit
students (over
3 years).

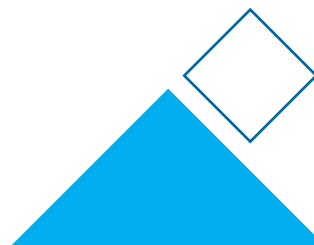
28%
of high school
students in our
region take
dual credit
classes.

5
school districts
served in
the Iowa
County region.



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CCHS COURSES OFFERED ONSITE AT PARTNERING HIGH SCHOOLS

Iowa County high schools offer several Kirkwood CCHS courses to students onsite at their high schools.

These courses are taught by a qualified high school instructor, and students receive both college and high school credit. Some on-site courses listed with academies on the following pages.

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	ONSITE HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION
Composition I	ENG-105	Belle Plaine Iowa Valley
Composition II	ENG-106	Belle Plaine Iowa Valley
Employability Skills	BUS-290	HLV
Fundamentals of Oral Communication	SPC-101	Iowa Valley
Intermediate Computer Business Apps	BCA-213	Iowa Valley
Nutrition	HCM-231	HLV
Practicum/Field Experience	WBL-200	Belle Plaine EV Iowa Valley WB

CAREER ACADEMY

Agriculture Science

www.kirkwood.edu/agricultureacademy

ANIMALS, FOOD, AND LAND

Ready to take your passion for agriculture to the next level? Our Agriculture Science academy experience offers everything you need to succeed in this dynamic and growing industry – from class lectures and discussions led by experienced professionals, to hands-on activities that will give you a real taste of what it’s like to work in agriculture. Whether you’re looking to start your own farm, become a research scientist, or work in policy or education, this is the perfect way to jump start your future in agriculture.

Available at: Belle Plaine, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools
Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Principles of Agronomy	AGA-114	3
Survey of the Animal Industry	AGS-113	3
Principles of Horticulture	AGH-221	3
Precision Farming Systems	AGP-333	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$2,652+

Courses vary by location, students are asked to complete at least 2 courses.

CAREER ACADEMY

Architecture, Construction,
and Engineering (ACE)

www.kirkwood.edu/aceacademy

MANUFACTURING, TRADES, AND TRANSPORTATION

Learn how to build the future you’ve dreamed of in Kirkwood’s ACE academy experience. With knowledgeable and experienced instructors, you’ll receive an education that’s second to none. In addition to academic coursework, this program offers hands-on training in state-of-the-art facilities with the latest industry tools and equipment. Complete unique, real-world projects with classmates and set yourself up for an exciting career as an engineer, architect, construction manager, or building inspector.

Available at: English Valleys High School



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Construction Safety	CON-108	1
Architectural Plans & Specs	CON-101	3
Construction Lab	CON-190	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$1,547+

CAREER ACADEMY

Arts & Sciences

www.kirkwood.edu/programs/career-academies/liberal-arts

Study in the Liberal Arts provides an opportunity to explore multiple perspectives, develop in-depth critical thinking, and broaden your knowledge across a variety of disciplines and interest areas.

Available at: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, Kirkwood Iowa County Center, online, and/or Williamsburg High Schools



COURSE INFORMATION

Participating students can earn **12 or more credit hours** in Arts & Sciences credits, through various included career academy courses – Academy of Innovation and Management (AIM), Criminal Justice Academy, and Education Academy courses are included.

CTE courses are not included.

The following additional courses are offered **onsite at Kirkwood's Iowa County Center:**

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	TERM	CREDITS
Composition I	ENG-105	FALL	3
Composition II	ENG-106	SPRING	3
Fundamentals of Oral Communication	SPC-101	FALL/SPRING	3
Human Relations in Management	MGT-145	SPRING	3
Introduction to Business	BUS-102	FALL	3
Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRJ-100	FALL	3
Introduction to Sociology	SOC-110	FALL	3
Nurse Aide	HSC-168	FALL	3.5

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$2,500+

CAREER ACADEMY

Criminal Justice and Human Services

www.kirkwood.edu/criminaljusticeacademy

SOCIAL SERVICES, SAFETY, AND EDUCATION

Put your passion for helping others to work. Whether it's learning how to take on the complexity of other human beings and addressing social issues, or understanding the American justice system in a way that helps you serve and protect local communities, this academy experience will lead you to a rewarding career making a positive impact on others' well-being.

Available at: Kirkwood Iowa County Center (and online)

Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Introduction to Sociology	SOC-110	3
Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRJ-100	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$1,326+

CAREER ACADEMY

Education

www.kirkwood.edu/educationacademy

SOCIAL SERVICES, SAFETY, AND EDUCATION

The mind is a muscle. And like any muscle, it needs to be honed and trained in order to perform at its best. That's where our Education academy offering comes in. We're here to mold the minds of future teachers and educators, harnessing their interest and helping them develop into the best possible version of themselves. We're dedicated to helping our students reach their full potential, so our curriculum is designed to challenge and engage, preparing our students for a successful future in education.

Available at: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools (and online)

Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Exploring Teaching	EDU-110	3
Introduction to Sociology	SOC-110	3
Introduction to Psychology	PSY-111	3
Developmental Psychology	PSY-121	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$\$2,652+

Course format may vary by location

CAREER ACADEMY

Engineering: Project Lead The Way (PLTW)

www.kirkwood.edu/

MANUFACTURING, TRADES, AND TRANSPORTATION

Learn how to build the future you've dreamed of in our Engineering academy experience. With knowledgeable and experienced instructors, you'll receive an education that's second to none. In addition to academic coursework, this program offers hands-on training in state-of-the-art facilities with the latest industry tools and equipment. Complete unique, realworld projects with classmates and set yourself up for an exciting career as an engineer.

Available at: Williamsburg High School

Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Introduction to Engineering Design	EGT-400	3
Principles of Engineering	EGT-410	3
Civil Engineering and Architecture	EGT-460	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$1,989+

CAREER ACADEMY

Innovation & Management

www.kirkwood.edu/

BUSINESS

There’s a lot to learn in business school, but that’s a good thing! After all, knowledge is power. And with our business-focused Innovation & Management offering, you’ll be armed with the skills and information you need to excel in any business venture. Whether you’re interested in marketing, finance and accounting, economics, or managing peers and coworkers, this experience gives you the competitive advantage you need to get ahead in today’s business world.

Available at: Iowa County Center (and online)
Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Introduction to Business	BUS-102	3
Human Relations in Management	MGT-145	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$1,326+

CAREER ACADEMY

Patient Care Exploration

www.kirkwood.edu/patientcareacademy

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Patient Care Academy is a great fit for students who are passionate about caring for others and want to make a difference in people's lives. You'll explore everything from anatomy and physiology to psychology and communication, learning how to work effectively with patients of all ages and backgrounds. By the end of the program, you'll have a strong foundation in patient care that will prepare you for whatever path you choose to pursue. Whether you're interested in becoming a doctor, nurse, or any other type of medical professional, this experience is an excellent first step on your journey.



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AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Available at: Kirkwood Iowa County Center and Marengo Public Library

Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools

Note: Includes CPR and Nurse Aide (CNA) Certifications. For those interested in the apprenticeship opportunity please reach out to your SASC or high school counselor.

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Explorations of Healthcare Careers (online)	HSC-107	2
Nurse Aide	HSC-168	3.5
Medical Terminology (online)	HSC-115	3
Professionals in Health (online)	HSC-205	3

*Students must be 16 prior to the first day of their scheduled Nurse Aide course. Completion of high school biology within the last two years, with a grade of C or higher is recommended. Students must obtain 79 or higher in the Nurse Aide course to move on to clinical experience. There are no excused absences for Nurse Aide, per state regulations. Students must arrange their own transportation to clinical experience and be prepared for time commitment outside of academy class to complete the clinic requirements. Health immunization requirements (*if applicable) are shared with students at orientation and must be completed prior to the first day of the scheduled Nurse Aide course.*

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$1,542+

CAREER ACADEMY

Software Specialist

www.kirkwood.edu/

STEM AND IT

There’s not much we can say that hasn’t already been said about the impact technology has on our daily lives. It’s also safe to say that technology will have an even bigger impact on our future. Put yourself at the center of that impact with an innovative curriculum that is constantly evolving to keep up with the latest industry trends. In our Technology academy, you’ll learn about all things IT, coding, web and computer programming, and a modern tech industry that’s headed for the moon. Strap in!

Available at: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools (and online)

Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools (and online)



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Emerging Technology Trends (online)	<u>BCA-179</u>	3
Information Computing (online)	<u>CSC-116</u>	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$1,326+

CAREER ACADEMY

Welding

www.kirkwood.edu/

MANUFACTURING, TRADES, AND TRANSPORTATION

Get on the fast track to a career-ready degree in welding. Join passionate, certified instructors from one of the top weld-testing and instructional colleges in the country as you learn on top-of-the-line technology and equipment, including virtual reality welding.

Available at: Williamsburg High School

Available to: Belle Plaine, English Valleys, HLV, Iowa Valley, and Williamsburg High Schools

Note: Includes OSHA-10 and AWS SENSE Certifications. For those interested in the apprenticeship opportunity please reach out to your SASC or high school counselor.



COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS
Introduction to Safety & Health of Welders	<u>WEL-228</u>	2
Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Processes	<u>WEL-279</u>	3
Introduction to Fabrication	<u>WEL-208</u>	2
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) for Carbon Steel	<u>WEL-297</u>	3

Total Estimated Cost Savings: \$2,210+

WHAT IS COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL (CCHS)?

College Credit & Career Exploration: Kirkwood Opportunities for High School Students

The choices you make in high school can open pathways you may not have imagined. Kirkwood's College Credit in High School (CCHS) program and Workplace Learning Connection (WLC) are free, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that no student should pass up. These programs are designed for every student — whether you're an A-student, not sure what you want to do after graduation, or somewhere in between.

Taking part now means you'll graduate more confident, more prepared, and with fewer "what ifs" down the road.

Why College Credit in High School? (CCHS)

Save Big – Tuition-free college classes + free textbooks. That's hundreds (sometimes thousands) of dollars saved.

Get Ahead – Knock out college credits while you're still in high school, giving you a jumpstart toward a degree or career training.

Figure Out Your Future – Test-drive courses connected to careers so you know what inspires and excites you before you graduate.

Build Confidence – Learn how to handle college-level work now, while you have support, so you're not overwhelmed later.

Workplace Learning Connection (WLC): Explore Careers Beyond the Classroom

With Workplace Learning Connection, you can step out of the classroom and into the real world. WLC connects you directly with local employers so you can see, experience, and explore what careers are really like.

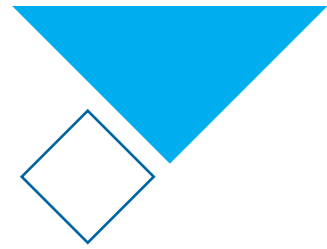
Job Shadows (10th – 12th) – Spend a few hours alongside a professional and see what their career looks like in action.

Internships (10th – 12th) – Gain hands-on experience, build your resume, and start your professional network.

Career Speakers & Events (All Grades) – Hear directly from people in careers you might want to pursue.

These experiences help you avoid wasting time and money on a career or major that isn't right for you. You'll graduate with connections, confidence, and a clear direction forward. Learn more and explore opportunities at www.kirkwood.edu/wlc.

The Takeaway – CCHS and WLC are free, one-of-a-kind opportunities that give you an edge for whatever comes next. Every student can benefit — whether you're aiming for college, career training, or just trying to figure out what's possible. High school goes by fast. Don't let these chances pass you by.



REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES

Senior Year Plus Requirements

The Iowa Department of Education's Senior Year Plus program is designed to give high school students access to challenging, advanced learning opportunities that help prepare them for life after graduation. As part of this initiative, Kirkwood partners with area school districts to help students build essential skills for their future and earn college credit through concurrent enrollment courses and Career Academies.

Please note that restrictions on participation in Senior Year Plus opportunities cannot be placed by the local school district. Examples include:

- Districts can't restrict a student's access to SYP courses by requiring them to complete the entire district curriculum first.
- Districts can't limit the number of courses a student can take in an academic year; however, Kirkwood does limit to 18 credit hours per semester — anything more requires dean approval.
- Districts may not limit the format in which a class can be taken.

For more details about eligibility and next steps, students and families should connect with their high school counselor.

Arts and Sciences Coursework

To participate in arts and sciences courses, also referred to as liberal arts, students must demonstrate proficiency in each of the three academic areas — math, science, and reading, as indicated by Iowa Assessment Testing or an alternative measure of proficiency adopted by the school board. Alternative measures of proficiency may vary by school district. Students must also satisfy Kirkwood Community College prerequisites as needed.

Career Academy - Career & Technical Education (CTE) Coursework

Participation in career and technical courses is not based on proficiency of Iowa Assessment Testing. Students will need to satisfy Kirkwood Community College's prerequisites as needed.

Required Orientation & Onboarding for Students

To help ensure every student starts strong, **all CCHS students are required to complete the College Credit in High School Orientation course in Talon.** This online course includes important modules designed to set students up for success. Topics include navigating Talon, understanding student policies and expectations, and learning about resources and support available through Kirkwood. Completing this required orientation after applying for admission helps students feel prepared and confident as they begin their CCHS journey.

In addition, **students participating in a Career Academy at a Regional Center are expected to attend an Onboarding Night.** This in-person event is designed to give students a head start by introducing them to their academy's expectations, faculty, and Regional Center staff. Students will also meet peers, tour labs and classrooms, and have the chance to get their questions answered before classes begin.

Together, the online orientation and Onboarding Night provide the tools, information, and connections students need to start their college credit experience successfully.

OPTIONS TO EARN CCHS AT KIRKWOOD

1

Career Academy and Regional Center Offerings

These courses are dedicated to high school students and occur at one of four regional centers: Jones County Regional Center in Monticello; Kirkwood Center at the University of Iowa in Coralville, Linn County Regional Center in Hiawatha, or Washington County Regional Center in Washington.

2

Alternative Concurrent Enrollment – Online or at a Kirkwood Location

High school students join an existing college class. These courses are not solely dedicated to high school students, but are college courses high school students are eligible to join along with traditional degree-seeking students; many of these courses are offered online or at Kirkwood's Main Campus. In Alternative Concurrent Enrollment, students will be taking the course with a Kirkwood paid instructor.

3

Onsite at Partnering High Schools

Concurrent enrollment courses at the high school, taught by a Kirkwood-credentialed high school paid instructor. Onsite sections are created and dedicated to high school students.

UNDERSTANDING THE AWARDING OF COLLEGE CREDIT AND TERMS

Concurrent Credit – Term used to define college courses taken while in high school, allowing students to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. May also be referred as dual enrollment. Students will earn college credit by successfully passing the course.

High School Credit – Students with a passing grade will receive credit from their high school. Individual school districts determine whether the high school credit will be awarded to meet high school core curriculum requirements or elective requirements.

College Credit – Students will receive college credit from Kirkwood Community College. An official college transcript will be created and the grade earned will be reflected on the student's official college transcript. Students will earn college credit by successfully passing the course.

Transferring Credit – Students not planning to attend Kirkwood after high school graduation should plan to include their official Kirkwood college transcript as part of their application to other colleges and universities. Kirkwood strives to ensure that academic level courses transfer to other institutions and has transfer agreements with many state universities and colleges. If a student plans to attend a private college or an institution out-of-state, please contact that college directly to determine how credits earned will transfer.

Advanced Placement (AP) – A program that offers college-level courses and exams to high school students. Scoring well on the AP exam may result in earning college credit for the course, depending on the receiving college's policies. Most colleges require a minimum score of 3 or 4 to earn credit. See specific college websites for more information.

RAI Scores – Iowa's three Regent universities assign a Regent Admission Index (RAI) score based on test scores, class rank, GPA, and the number of core courses you've completed. Some of these classes may factor into your RAI. For more information, visit <http://www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI>.

Weighted High School GPAs – Some high schools use a weighted GPA scale to recognize the extra challenge of advanced courses like AP classes or concurrent enrollment/college credit courses. On a regular GPA scale, grades are measured on a 4.0 scale (with an A = 4.0). However, when a course is considered more rigorous, schools may give it extra weight on a 5.0 scale.

This system rewards students for taking more challenging classes, so strong performance in these courses can boost their overall GPA. Conversely, poor performance can effect them, too. Students should check with their high school counselor to learn how their school calculates GPA and if weighted grades are applied within their school district.

PROFILE OF A COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL (CCHS STUDENT)

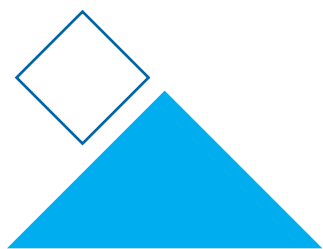
Experience the Kirkwood Advantage

- **75.5% of CCHS students enroll in postsecondary education** the fall semester after their high school graduation – compared to 50.4% of non-CCHS students.
- On average, those CCHS students who do enroll in postsecondary education directly after high school are **15.4% less likely to drop out**.
- CCHS students have **higher GPAs, higher graduation rates, change majors less and add minors and second majors more**, than students without CCHS experience.

Compared to students with no prior CCHS experience, Kirkwood CCHS graduates:

- Earn degrees in less time.
- Experience a higher 3-year graduation rate.
- Have less college debt.

Statistics via internal enrollment data at Kirkwood Community College and research from the Iowa Department of Education.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: SKILLS FOR LIFE AND CAREER

CCHS students benefit from experiences that build confidence and career readiness, including:

- Courses taught by industry-expert instructors.
- Hands-on learning in classrooms and labs.
- Development of professional skills valued by employers.
- Professional training that may include industry-recognized credentials and certifications.
- Earlier entry into the workforce with a stronger skill set.
- Greater confidence and preparation for success in college and career.
- Expanded network of mentors and peers: Students connect with instructors, classmates, and industry professionals who can open doors to future opportunities.

Challenge yourself even further through the [Kirkwood Honors Project](#) — choosing a project based on your career interests or passion, competing for scholarships and cash prizes, showcasing your talents, and standing out to top universities.

Join [Phi Theta Kappa \(PTK\)](#) — the only internationally recognized honor society for two-year college students. Membership gives you a competitive edge through leadership and service opportunities, exclusive scholarships, and connections with other high-achieving students.

CCHS RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

CCHS students have access to a wide range of free personalized study supports and student resources.

Recognizing that each CCHS student's journey is unique, study support options are tailored to your preferences and learning styles.

Some examples of study support services include:

- Live Online 24/7 Study Support through Brainfuse
- Individual Learning Assistants
- Online Tutorials
- Center for Online Writing
- Much More!

Students should contact their local Student and Academic Support Coordinator (SASC) to learn more and determine which study support resource will work best for their needs.

NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CCHS STUDENTS

As part of Kirkwood's College Credit in High School (CCHS) program, your student is participating in college-level coursework.

It's important to understand a few key points about FERPA and the college classroom experience.

FERPA and Student Records

Under the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#), colleges are legally required to keep student records confidential. This means that most communication regarding grades, assignments, and course progress will go directly to the student. You are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication with your student and support them in checking their accounts. Some tips for staying informed:

- Most instructors use a class management system called Talon. Your student should be able to log in and show you assignments, grades, and attendance.
- Midterm grades or pass/fail indicators are available each semester through your student's MyHub account.
- If you have a concern, work through your high school counselor. Our partnership with school districts allows us to maintain communication regarding concurrent enrollment courses.
- In certain cases, students may choose to release FERPA information to parents or guardians. Contact our office for guidance on this process.

College Classroom Expectations

College courses are designed to prepare students for higher education and career success by introducing new ideas, developing critical thinking, and building communication skills. Because of this:

- Faculty may present topics that are different from what students typically encounter in high school, encouraging students to think in new ways.
- Students may interact with classmates and instructors who have different experiences, perspectives, or beliefs. College classrooms are intended to be safe spaces for respectful discussion and civil discourse.
- Each course has specific learning outcomes that all students must achieve, no matter the instructor, delivery method, or location. This consistency ensures that:
 - Credits transfer smoothly to Kirkwood's partner institutions,
 - Students are fully prepared for the next course in a sequence, and
 - Students meet prerequisites for college programs and advanced coursework.
- Faculty may use different teaching approaches based on their expertise, but the standards ensure students develop the skills and knowledge necessary for success both in college and beyond.
- Students are expected to actively engage in the learning process by respecting different viewpoints, participating in discussions, practicing critical thinking, and taking responsibility for their own learning and growth.

CAREER ACADEMIES OFFERED AT THE KIRKWOOD REGIONAL CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IN CORALVILLE*

Career Academy programs prepare students for post-secondary education and careers by offering a college-preparatory curriculum focused on a specific career theme.

Career Academy experiences often feature partnerships with employers, community organizations, and local colleges, providing access to resources and experiential learning opportunities.

Academies consist of three or more courses in a career-focused series, where students learn alongside peers with similar career interests.

- Architecture, Construction & Engineering (ACE)
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Business
- Criminal Justice and Human Services
- Introduction to Cybersecurity
- Digital/Visual Arts, Social Media & Marketing
- Early Childhood
- Education
- Emergency Medical Technician: EMT
- Patient Care Exploration
- Pre-Med, Nursing, and Professional Health Careers
- Pre-Nursing with Nurse Aide Certification
- Arts & Sciences

*Iowa County area students have access to Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa Career Academies.

ALTERNATIVE CONCURRENT CCHS OPPORTUNITIES

Online or at a Kirkwood Location

Depending on a student's location, the alternative concurrent enrollment course could be offered at Kirkwood's Main Campus or online.

Why Consider Online Classes?

Online courses offer a flexible and convenient learning option for students with varying schedules and commitments. High school students are busy balancing school, part-time jobs, family, or extracurricular activities and more. Online learning opportunities provides the ability to access coursework from anywhere, at any time. These courses often allow for self-paced study, enabling you to learn at your own speed while still meeting required deadlines.

For students who thrive in independent environments, online courses can be an excellent way to pursue educational goals without the constraints of a traditional classroom schedule.

What Types of Students are Successful in Online Courses?

Success in online courses often comes down to self-discipline, time management, and a proactive approach to learning. Students who excel in online courses tend to be organized, motivated, and comfortable with technology. They are able to set aside dedicated time for studying and consistently manage their workload without needing frequent reminders from instructors. Strong communication skills are also key, as online learners need to engage with their peers and instructors through digital platforms.

If you value flexibility and are self-driven, online courses can be a perfect fit for achieving your academic and career goals.

Course Registration Deadlines:

Fall 2026 Registration Open Dates/Deadlines

Courses available in dual enroll: March 23, 2026

On time registration deadline: Aug. 11, 2026

Late start registration deadline: Sept. 8, 2026

Winter Session Open Date/Deadline

Courses available in dual enroll: Oct. 12, 2026

On time registration deadline: Dec. 1, 2026

Late start registration deadline: Not applicable

Spring 2027 Registration Open Dates/Deadlines

Courses available in dual enroll: Oct. 12, 2026

On time registration deadline: Dec. 15, 2026

Late start registration deadline: Jan. 26, 2027

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE PATHWAY: EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Are you motivated, dedicated, and ready to challenge yourself?

Kirkwood Community College's **Early College Experience Pathway** gives high school students the unique opportunity to earn an **Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree** while still in high school. This option is designed for students who want to accelerate their education and open doors to future college and career opportunities.

Through a combination of courses offered at your high school, on a Kirkwood campus, and online, you can complete the requirements for an A.A. degree at the same time you're earning your high school diploma.

Planning is key. Because this pathway requires careful coordination, students must meet with an academic advisor to create a personalized degree plan before getting started. Academic advising appointments will also be required at different points along the way to make sure you're meeting both high school and Kirkwood graduation requirements.

Start early. The earlier you plan, the more flexible your schedule can be and the smoother your path toward completing the degree will be.

Is this pathway for everyone? Not necessarily. Earning a college degree while still in high school takes strong commitment, excellent time management, and a willingness to take on challenging coursework. But if you are motivated and dedicated, the payoff is big: you'll graduate high school with a college degree in hand, and a head start on your future.

To learn more and see if this opportunity is right for you, contact your Student and Academic Support Coordinator (SASC).



KIRKWOOD CCHS

APPLICATION & REGISTRATION

STEP-BY-STEP

1

Meet with your School Counselor or your Kirkwood Student and Academic Support Coordinator.

Review your four-year plan to determine if you are on track for graduation and college credit requirements.

2

Complete a College Credit in High School Application.

www.kirkwood.edu/cchsapply

If you have not already applied, please complete an application. The application link above must be used by high school students.

3

Check the email account you used to apply.

Your email will give you directions on accessing your welcome letter with your k-number.

Delay may occur between Steps 2 and 3.

4

Setup Your k-number and Password.

www.kirkwood.edu/setup

Check your email for directions on accessing your k-number.

Register for Your Classes and Complete Steps.

<https://kirkwood.dualenroll.com>

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- a. **Registration for Regional Center Career Academy courses** opens in February 2026. Choose the “Regional Center” term and select your Career Academy. Complete all required steps.
- b. **Registration for Alternative Concurrent/Online courses** have strict registration deadlines. Registration deadline for Fall 2026 term is Aug. 11, 2026 Registration deadline for Spring 2027 term is Dec. 15, 2026. Choose “Alternative Credit” term. Complete all required steps.
- c. **Registration for onsite classes** happens on the first day of class at your high school. Choose “At Your High School” term. Complete all required steps.

6

Complete Orientation.

Students must complete CCHS Orientation in Talon.

Log into www.kirkwood.edu/talon to complete the requirement.

Regional Center students and parents are required to attend the **Career Academy Onboarding Night** event that covers expectations and the Regional Center experience. Dates/times for this event will be emailed to your Kirkwood student email.

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