Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does Dual Enrollment mean?
A: Dual Enrollment is an opportunity for high school students, who meet admissions standards, to enroll in public postsecondary institutions in South Dakota and simultaneously earn credits for both their high school diploma and postsecondary degree or certificate.

Q: How do I know if I can take Dual Enrollment courses and how do I sign up?
A: You will need to contact the Counseling Office at your high school. They will be able to lay out what your options are and can assist you in the application and registration process. You can fill out an application at www.wdt.edu under the Admissions tab on the Dual Enrollment page.

Q: How much does it cost to take Dual Enrollment courses?
A: Through a new program approved by the legislature, dual enrollment coursework is available to public high school students and home school students in grades 11-12 at the rate of $40 per credit hour. Students are responsible for the cost of the course, but books and supplies will be covered by WDT.

Q: How will the Dual Enrollment program save me money?
A: At WDT, you will save $147 per credit hour. For a 3 credit hour class, that is a cost savings of $441. Plus you won’t have to pay for books or any additional supplies, so that saves another $75 to $300 for each course.

Q: Where can I take Dual Enrollment courses?
A: You can take a number of courses both on-campus and online, including general education courses and technical hands-on courses. Contact WDT for more information on course offerings.

Q: Can I transfer my credits from Western Dakota Tech to another college?
A: There are several general education courses that can be transferred to the other technical schools and Board of Regent schools in South Dakota, but not all. Make sure to check with each post-secondary institution before registering.

Q: I want to take Dual Enrollment courses but I’m not sure they will fit into my schedule?
A: By taking Dual Enrollment courses you are fulfilling your high school graduation requirements as well as the institution you’re taking the course from. Check with your high school counselor to determine if Dual Enrollment courses will work with your high school schedule.

Q: Do I have to commit to Western Dakota Tech after high school if I take Dual Enrollment courses there?
A: You aren’t committed to WDT after high school graduation. However, all courses you take at WDT will apply toward your degree if the class you’ve taken pertains to the degree you choose to enroll in.

Q: Who can I talk to at Western Dakota Tech if I have questions or need assistance?
A: Western Dakota Tech has a Dual Enrollment specialist who will work with you and your high school throughout the process. Email jill.elder@wdt.edu or call 605-718-2565 for more information.