



Application to the New Kent Early College Academy: 2022-2023

NOTE: If you submitted an “Intent to Apply” form in the past, it does not substitute for this actual application. To be considered, 10th graders must submit this application by Wed., Dec. 14. Applicants will be considered beyond Dec. 14, on a case-by-case basis.

PROGRAM INFO.:

Earning the full associate degree requires extremely careful planning of your high school course schedule to satisfy the 61 dual enrollment credits, while pursuing the advanced high school diploma. There is also a certificate level of Early College Academy that is roughly half of the associate degree credits. The certificate level is tailored for each student, but does require many of the same classes as the associate offered at NKHS. This page constitutes the application to submit, so indicate which program you seek admission to and submit by the deadline. You will work closely with RCC’s High School Navigator, Mr. Sean Moore, and your school counselor to determine your course sequence.

The courses listed on the pathway page maximize NKHS’ AP and DE offerings. Each student may tailor his/her pathway, based on pre-requisites met and success moving through the requirements. The certificate program allows for more flexibility in course options. Please be aware that course availability at New Kent High School and RCC are subject to change based on staffing. If there are questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Peggy Spiak, College, Career, and Life Readiness Coordinator, at pspiak@nkcps.k12.va.us.

Submit this application to the School Counseling Office no later than **Wed., December 14.** Upon submission of this completed application, the student’s academic record will be reviewed and students and parents will be messaged by Mrs. Spiak about the student’s status. Pay particular note to the program qualifications on the next page.

NOTE: The student’s math sequencing and performance will ultimately determine program placement. However, choose a desired level below.

Associate Degree

Certificate Program

STUDENT INFORMATION:

First Name

Last Name

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MAILING ADDRESS:

Street: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

First Name

Last Name

Email: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

How Do I Qualify?

- ❖ Must be a current sophomore to apply. It is preferred that 9th submit this "Intent to Apply" form to School Counseling, but it is not required to apply in 10th.
- ❖ Must be on track with verified credits and the Advanced Diploma. Attendance must also be excellent.
- ❖ Able to pay for and participate fully in the SDV 100 (College Success Skills) and ITE 119 (Information Literacy) RCC classes hosted in the summer after 10th. Courses may be offered in virtual or hybrid format.
- ❖ **FOR FULL ASSOCIATE LEVEL: Math:** must be in position to take DE math by senior year. This means taking Trigonometry junior year, with a strongly-preferred B+ or better. **Science:** typically be positioned to take DE Chem or DE Bio by junior year, requiring completion of Chemistry in sophomore year.
- ❖ **FOR CERTIFICATE LEVEL:** Complete at least Algebra II (strong preference of a B+ or higher), Biology and preferably Chemistry by the end of 10th. (in addition to other standard 10th classes)
- ❖ Students will be advised on pathways by RCC—each student’s pathway may vary slightly.
- ❖ Students must also complete world language and consecutive elective requirements to earn an Advanced Diploma. It is recommended to finish these as soon as possible to free up schedule space. Economics & Personal Finance, also required for graduation, may be taken either junior or senior year.
- ❖ Applicants should have an “A” average or better (min. 3.5 cumulative unweighted GPA). Students with a “B” average (3.0 unweighted GPA) will be considered. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 at RCC and NKHS.
- ❖ Qualify for DE college-credit classes, based on GPA requirements set forth by RCC. School Counseling will verify.
- ❖ Upon admission, pay tuition and fees for the first summer’s classes to the bookkeeper by the deadline. You will be notified by Mrs. Spiak as to due dates for payment via a meeting around Spring Break and via Schoology messages. Students are expected to check Schoology for messages on a weekly basis, as this is an important part of their responsibilities as a student.

What Counts as a Completed Application for Admission?: submission and completion of the following

- ❖ **Submit the first page of this packet, the Application for the New Kent Early College Academy.**
- ❖ **Check your student email and stay up on Schoology Updates from School Counseling and Mrs. Spiak.**
- ❖ **Mrs. Spiak will evaluate all applicants and message student and parent.**
- ❖ **School Counseling will have every student who signs up for Dual Enrollment apply to RCC online & submit a DE consent form.**

Early College Timeline:

Thur., Nov. 17 : Student & Parent Virtual Interest Meeting, 6:30 PM

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/wti-mhfq-aes?hs=122&authuser=0>

Wed., Dec. 14: Applications & Intent Forms- due to School Counseling by 3 PM (future forms will be distributed to those accepted)

November-January:

As applications are received, Mrs. Spiak will email the student and parents about the student’s pathway and progress. She will also share vital course scheduling recommendations. End the semester strong!

February:

Start the semester off great. If you feel like you’ll need help, don’t wait to ask your teacher. Keep any eye on your school email for reminders and messages from Mrs. Spiak.

Late March-Early April:

Attend the mandatory spring meeting for ECA students about the two summer classes and payment details.

June-Early August: Take the two RCC courses, SDV 100 and ITE 119. These classes are offered with your NKHS peers in a cohort and may be held in a hybrid format or purely virtual. To be enrolled, all fees for classes must be paid one week prior to start dates.

Description of the New Kent Early College Academy: A Pathway to the **Associate of Arts and Science Transfer Degree

The New Kent Early College Academy allows New Kent High School students to earn an Associates of Arts and Sciences Transfer degree from Rappahannock Community College while still enrolled in high school. The program is designed for high school juniors and seniors who desire a more rigorous academic program and who are highly motivated to complete the requirements for both the high school Advanced Studies Diploma and the A.A. & S. Transfer Degree. The Early College program includes a combination of Advanced Placement and Dual-Enrollment courses, with some course flexibility for students. Successful completion of the program requires necessary course grades in dual enrollment courses and scores on AP Exams of 3 or higher, summer classes at RCC to complete necessary courses, minimum scores on the VPT or other assessment to enroll in dual enrollment classes at NKHS and RCC, and thoughtful early course planning.

The Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in General Studies is a structured program for those who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university. The Early College curriculum includes a distribution of general education courses which are usually required in the first two years of many baccalaureate programs. Students successfully completing all course requirements will be awarded the Associate of Arts and Sciences in General Studies from RCC. Although earning an associate degree does not always guarantee junior status at a four-year college or university, Early College graduates may be prepared to enter as third-year students at many four-year colleges or universities.

Early College students are strongly urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the college or university to which transfer is contemplated and to consult with an advisor at the four-year institution for further transfer assistance. Completion of the A.A. & S. degree with a minimum required GPA may also give students access to the Virginia Community College System's Guaranteed Transfer Program to Virginia colleges and universities. Because most of the required courses are taught at New Kent High School, students and families only have to pay for the cost of related Advanced Placement Exams and tuition of \$15 per credit (subject to change) for dual-enrollment courses. The current cost of the program for families, subject to change, is approximately \$1300 for two years (61 credits-full associate's) of college work. There are also summer classes to take that are required for all RCC students. Depending upon their schedule and progress students may also need to take courses in the evening at RCC and during each summer, to include following high school graduation, at either the RCC New Kent Site or Glens Campus. An RCC advisor, Mr. Williams, will be assigned to the student in order to assist with course selection.

****There is also a certificate level of the program that equals roughly half of the full associates. Mr. Moore can tailor that to each student. He also has the specific pathway options for the certificate that can be shared. Parents may reach out to Mr. Moore or Mrs. Spiak for those specifics.**



RECOMMENDED COURSE PROGRESSION FOR STUDENTS PURSUING THE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE:

Grade 10 (or earlier)	Summer RCC	Grade 11 - Fall	Grade 11 - Spring	Summer RCC	Grade 12 - Fall	Grade 12 - Spring	Summer After Sr.
Trigonometry (with B+ or higher)	SDV 100 College Success Skills 1 Credit	*Math 154 DE Quantitative Reasoning 3 Credits	*Math 245 DE Statistics 3 Credits	Health or PE 1-2 Credit	General Elective -OR- *Math 167 DE Pre-Calculus 4 credits	General Elective -OR- *Math 263 DE Calculus 5 Credits	<u>Note: When offering AP sr. vr. srs. Won't walk in May</u>
Chemistry	ITE 152 Information Literacy 3 Credits	DE/AP English 111 Alternate Days DE/AP College Composition 1 3 Credits	DE/AP English 112 Alternate Days DE/AP College Composition II 3 Credits	Humanities (3 cr)	DE English 245 British Lit. I 3 Credits Alternate Days	World Lit. I 255 3 Credits Alternate Days	
		DE US History HIS 121-122 Alternate Days 6 Credits			DE Government PLS 135-136 Alternate Days 6 Credits		
			Economics/ Personal Finance				
		**DE Biology or DE Chemistry DE Science meets daily all year. 8 Credits			**DE Biology or DE Chemistry DE Science meets daily all year. 8 Credits		
					DE Psychology 200 & 230 (Alternate Days) 6 Credits		
NOTES: Must also take other 10 th gr. classes							<u>NOTE: Extra cr. may be req'd on top of sr. vr. classes with RCC.</u>

Important Notes:

*DE Pre-Calc. and DE Calc. may be taken junior year, with DE Quan. Reasoning & DE Stats senior year. Also, students may not have to complete four DE math classes. Depending on the student's pathway, four DE math classes may not be required.

**Both DE Chem and DE Bio may not be required for the full associate level. See RCC Navigator or Mrs. Spiak for options.

- > All classes and the curriculum are subject to staffing, availability, and changes.
- > Due to waiting for AP scores in July, many seniors cannot graduate with RCC in May. They will be summer graduates, pending qualifying scores/grades.
- > There are other optional RCC approved electives that can be taken online or in person during any semester. E.g. DE Intro. to Theater is an optional 3 credit elective, subject to NKHS availability. Students must submit a High School Dual Enrollment Form to Mr. Moore or Mrs. Spiak for approval.