



# High School Collaborator's Guide



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Current program director and other contact information can be found on the Connect to College webpage at [www.southeastmn.edu/C2C](http://www.southeastmn.edu/C2C).



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## Connect to College (C2C) Purpose Statement

Connect to College (C2C): The Minnesota State College Southeast (MSC Southeast) concurrent enrollment program provides high school students the unique opportunity to earn college credits through high quality, academically challenging, introductory freshmen-level courses taught in the high school by credentialed high school instructors mentored by college faculty. C2C is one form of Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) as established by the Minnesota Legislature and governed by the Minnesota State Board Policies and MSC Southeast.

## Connect to College Program Summary

Connect to College (C2C) partners with regional high schools. The classes are college courses offered at the high school to eligible students. The classes are offered during the school day and follow the high school calendar. High school students save time and money by earning both high school and college credits.

Instructors are high school teachers who meet Minnesota State faculty credentialing requirements and deliver content approved by college faculty. Course syllabi, assignments, labs, assessment methods, textbooks, exams, and grading requirements are equivalent to those at the college. College faculty from MSC Southeast mentor high school instructors. Faculty collaborators take great pride in developing meaningful relationships with their high school collaborators. These connections help to provide eligible high school students with a college experience that engages and encourages them to continue to challenge themselves in rigorous coursework through high school and beyond.

Courses are contracted through MSC Southeast where the high school pays one flat fee for each Collaborator relationship. MSC Southeast offers course options in the disciplines of Natural Science, Social Science, Health Science, Humanities, English, History, and Mathematics to regional high school partners. While MSC Southeast offers courses such as medical terminology, the majority of the other courses are general education courses in areas such as biology, chemistry, engineering/CNC, English, literature, speech, psychology, sociology, Spanish, mathematics, history, and statistics that have been certified as meeting the requirements of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). This designation indicates the course meets state-wide curricular standards. Students who successfully complete courses (with a grade of C or better) are assured of course acceptance at any Minnesota State (formerly MnSCU) college or university. Generally, the courses are accepted at any college or university. These courses offer participants educational options for their future college careers and support statewide higher education goals.

# Student and Class Eligibility

## Student Eligibility

Minnesota State College Southeast follows Minnesota State Law 124D.09, Minnesota State Policy 3.5 and Procedure 3.5.1 and MSC Southeast PSEO Policy 230. Eligibility criteria can be found at [www.southeastmn.edu/c2c](http://www.southeastmn.edu/c2c).

Once the college determines the student meets one of the above requirements, he/she will receive a general acceptance letter verifying acceptance into the C2C program.

Some courses within the C2C program may have additional prerequisite requirements.

## Registration of Students

Students must begin the registration process by contacting their high school counselor and applying online to MSC Southeast.

## Classroom Viability

A high school class may be a blended class of students taking for college credit and/or high school credit.

## High School Class Orientation

The Director of Secondary Relations facilitates the college orientation with the high school for students enrolled in a concurrent course. The orientation includes college policies and procedures, course requirements, as well as other important information. A college student handbook and college resource guide are provided.

# Faculty Credentialing for High School Collaborators

## Criteria for Approving C2C Instructors

- Master's degree in the discipline or
- Master's degree and 18 graduate credits in the discipline or
- In field credentials for technical/business/trade

## Process for Approving High School Collaborators

1. Academic dean and high school Principal/Superintendent meet to discuss C2C course/instructor.
2. C2C instructor submits application to include unofficial transcripts, licenses, and additional documentation regarding advanced coursework/seminars/workshops and years of experience.
3. Materials are reviewed by division chair, college collaborator, and dean of academic area.
4. Initial introduction meeting, much like an informal interview, is set up with high school instructor and Director of Secondary Relations and may include other staff or faculty from the college or high school.
5. Recommendation is made to Academic Dean to include all documentation.
6. Approval letter is sent to the high school instructor, principal, and Academic Dean.

## Non-compliance

MSC Southeast may determine that a high school instructor is non-compliant based on two areas:

### 1. Content and delivery, depth and rigor

If the C2C collaborator is reported as not delivering the course content at a college-level depth and rigor, the instructor may need to demonstrate compliance by providing documentation to be reviewed by the college and/or additional site visits carried out by various college staff or faculty. The steps outlining the process of non-compliance follow:

- a) A conversation between the high school and college collaborator regarding non-compliance issue takes place.
- b) If the issue is not resolved, the college collaborator informs the C2C Program Administrator/Academic Dean outlining the concern. The C2C Program Administrator/Academic Dean notifies the high school Principal and high school Collaborator outlining the concern.
- c) The response of the high school collaborator and principal are brought back to the college collaborator and college departmental faculty. This includes documentation that the issue was properly addressed.
- d) If the concerns are not properly addressed, the high school principal and high school collaborator are informed that the students will not be receiving college credit because the college course is not being delivered at the depth and rigor required.
- e) If the non-compliance issue is properly addressed, an approval letter to continue to deliver the curriculum is sent to the high school principal and high school collaborator. If not, a letter of denial is sent to the same parties.
- f) As with any faculty member, all documentations are kept in the administrator's files for that particular faculty member.

### 2. Mandated professional development, site visit and course surveys

If the C2C collaborator is reported as not participating in professional development, site visits, and course surveys, the instructor will need to schedule a time to make up the missing mandates within a reasonable time in order to be in full compliance.

- a) A college faculty member or college collaborator in the same department will contact the high school collaborator to arrange a day and time to meet.
- b) The college faculty member or college collaborator writes, follows, and submits an agenda which outlines the dissemination of all information that will be discussed.
- c) Work required of the high school collaborator is gathered and submitted. This work may include a research paper on the discipline specific professional development opportunity missed.
- d) After the meeting has occurred, the college faculty member submits a narrative which summarizes the exchange of information required for compliance.

Failure to demonstrate compliance may result in one or more of the following depending on the infraction or infractions, non-compliance warning notice, probation or non-compliance letter. The course may be discontinued until all is once again under compliance.

## Responsibilities for High School Collaborator

### Teach the College Course

The main responsibility of the high school collaborator is to teach the same class that is being taught in the college. The college will assist the collaborator through an initial orientation and partnership with a college faculty member to facilitate alignment of the class.

### Orientation

After successful application, the high school collaborator will attend an orientation with the Director of Secondary Relations and the college collaborator.

### Align the high school course with the college course

With the help of a college faculty member, the high school collaborator will work to develop the high school course to meet the official MSC Southeast course outline. The high school course must meet the rigor, scope, and expectations of the college course. This alignment must be reflected in the course syllabus, which includes grading and student evaluation standards, text books, and course expectations and policies.

### Professional Development

The high school collaborator will engage in ongoing professional development, including completion of a "Professional Development Plan" and attendance at the annual C2C Symposium.

### Professional Development Plan

The high school collaborator will complete a "Professional Development Plan" in the first year of instruction with MSC Southeast.

In subsequent years, the collaborator will complete a “Professional Development Plan Progress Form.” This plan is typically due November 1st each academic year.

### **C2C Symposium**

High school collaborators must attend the annual Concurrent Enrollment Symposium, generally held the last Wednesday in April.

### **Course surveys**

High school collaborators survey students near the end of each semester using MSC Southeast’s online student survey tool. College collaborators will provide links to the survey. College collaborators will also provide the results of the surveys to the high school collaborator for discussion of potential course improvements.

### **Site Visits**

The high school collaborator will help coordinate visits to the high school with the college collaborator. The college collaborator will make two visits to the high school classroom during a first-time course and at least one visit per term for a repeated course.

The high school collaborator is encouraged and welcome to visit the college classroom. The site visit should be coordinated ahead of time with the college collaborator.

## Grading and Course Lists

High school collaborators are responsible for maintaining accurate class lists and submitting to the college collaborator college course grades at the conclusion of the course.

### Confirm course lists

Within the first week of the semester, the high school collaborator will verify the accuracy of the course's student list with the college collaborator and concurrent coordinator.

### Submit grades

Within 3 academic days of the end of the course, the high school collaborator will submit final grades by sending the grades to the college collaborator.

Please note: MSC Southeast uses only letter grades; no pluses or minuses. The grade for the college course may be different than the grade for the high school course.

## Department Assessment

High school collaborators may be asked to participate in ongoing department-wide and college-wide assessment activities. These activities will vary by department and may or may not require participation of the high school collaborator. These activities will be communicated through the college collaborator. Summaries of the data gathered are typically due October 1st each academic year.

## Concurrent Program Timeline

### Course Specific Activities

- End of first week: submit final aligned course syllabi
- End of first week: finalize course student list
- End of second week: complete Student Orientation with Director of Secondary Relations
- End of first month: complete equivalency form, with college collaborator
- Middle of course: complete site visit, with college collaborator
- Beginning of last month: survey students
- At end of class: submit grades

### Professional Development Activities

- November 1: submit Professional Development Plan (or the Plan Progress Form)
- Generally, last week in April: attend C2C Symposium on Red Wing or Winona campus or online

# Resources

## The Roost

The Roost is more than a computer lab--it's a place for all students, including C2C students, to receive assistance with their academic learning needs, to access computers, and to study. The Roost provides a variety of resources (computers, tutors, group study rooms, and a STEM resource room) to assist both faculty and students.

### In Person Tutoring

The Roost provides one-on-one tutoring for several basic skill areas, such as math, English/reading, and science. You can schedule an appointment with a tutor using our online sign-up system, [www.southeastmn.edu/tutorsignup](http://www.southeastmn.edu/tutorsignup). Tutors may also be available on a "walk-in" basis.

### Online Tutoring

[Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com) is an online tutoring service available to all MSC Southeast students. [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com) provides tutoring in mathematics (basic through Calculus, including bilingual math), biology (Anatomy and Physiology I and II), chemistry (General, Organic, and Biochemistry), Introduction to Finance, Spanish and courses in physics, economics, accounting, statistics, and writing. Tutoring is available 24/7. [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com) allows students to:

- **Connect with an e-instructor** and live tutor.
- **Submit your writing** for any class for suggestions from their Online Writing Lab.
- **Submit a question** and receive a reply from a tutor.

To access [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com), log into D2L using your StarID and password; click on a course you are taking and look in the right hand column for the link to [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com).

## Library Resources

### Academic Data bases

All MSC Southeast faculty and students including C2C have access to academic databases on the Roost MSC Southeast website ([southeastmn.edu](http://southeastmn.edu)). Some are only available on campus or, when off campus through the Remote Desktop. For instructions on using Remote Desktop, see the Help Desk page on the MSC Southeast website.

## D2L Brightspace

D2L Brightspace is the learning course management tool used at MSC Southeast. This tool is available to high school collaborators and their students. Consult with your college collaborator to utilize D2L Brightspace.

## Student Handbook

The handbook is provided with orientation. It contains college policies and procedures that applies to all students, including C2C students.

## Student/Parent Guide

This guide is provided with orientation and after registration and contains specific information about concurrent enrollment and is intended to generate discussion at home about the program.



## Appendices

These documents can be downloaded from the High School Collaborators tab of the MSC Southeast website at:

[http://southeastmn.edu/academic\\_programs/ConnectToCollege.aspx](http://southeastmn.edu/academic_programs/ConnectToCollege.aspx)

- I. **Instructor Application**
- II. **Collaborator's Qualifications Review Form**
- III. **Comprehensive Course Listing**
- IV. **Statement of Equivalency Form**
- V. **Course Syllabus Form**
- VI. **Site Visit Form**
- VII. **Professional Development Form**
- VIII. **Spot Check Template**
- IX. **NACEP Standards**
- X. **Glossary**

**C2C.** Connect to College. The concurrent enrollment program at MSC Southeast

**Collaborator, College.** The discipline specific college faculty member assigned to work with the high School faculty.

**Collaborator, High School.** The high school instructor teaching the college class in the high school.

**NACEP.** National Accreditation of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships.

**MnCEP.** Minnesota Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships.

# Minnesota State College Southeast A STEP AHEAD

## Great courses. Excellent value.

Through PSEO or Concurrent Enrollment you will have college credit in your pocket. You will be well on your way to success.

Begin your education with MSC Southeast and boost your career goals!



## THE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVANTAGE

Same rigor as a four year college in a smaller environment and at a fraction of the cost!

### Average Annual full-time tuition and fees

**\$6,294** MSC Southeast

**\$9,521** State 4-year University

**\$16,108** University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

[www.minnstate.edu/admissions/tuition.html](http://www.minnstate.edu/admissions/tuition.html)

## EARN A DEGREE IN TOP GROWTH OCCUPATIONS

MSC Southeast offers many programs that will see top expected growth in MN and WI:

1. Registered Nurses (ASN)
2. Nurses (LPN)
3. Truck Drivers
4. Radiologic Technicians
5. Mechatronics
6. Accountants
7. Construction/Carpentry
8. CNC Machinists

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# CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Concurrent enrollment serves eligible Minnesota public high school students who are enrolled in a postsecondary course taught during the regular school day, at their high school, by their high school instructor, and offered through a partnership between a high school and a college or university.

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## QUICK FACTS ABOUT CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Qualified high school instructors teach the concurrent courses.

The courses are the same courses offered at the college.

High school students earn both high school and college credit without leaving the high school.

Both high school and college students are held to the same academic standards.

High school teachers must be approved by MSC Southeast and meet the institution's academic standards.

State reimbursement provides funding to districts to help defray the cost of offering concurrent courses in high schools.

There is no cost to the student to participate in these classes.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT?

### Benefits for high school students:

Students enjoy continued high school involvement

Development of college level study, communication and critical thinking skills

Demonstrate the ability to be successful at the college level

### Benefits for high school teachers:

Participate in MSC Southeast professional development opportunities

Develop professional relationships and share ideas and techniques with college faculty

Re-energize faculty through collaborative opportunities with other motivated colleagues

### Benefits for high school districts:

Satisfy parent/student demands for on-site, college courses

Provide high quality professional development opportunities

Establish professional partnerships with the college

Prevent loss of state student based foundation aid

Receive state dedicated concurrent enrollment reimbursement

