

# Running Start at Olympic College

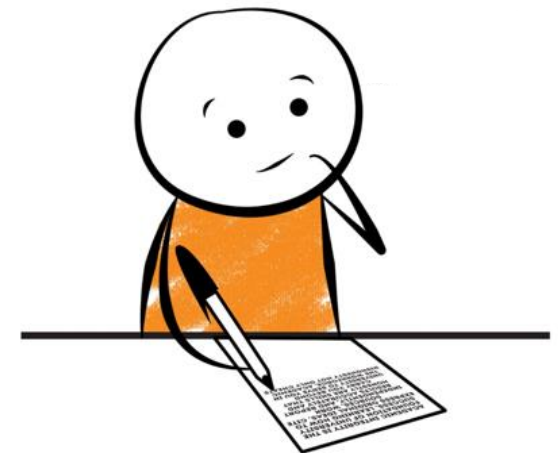


# Dual Credit Options

- Dual-credit programs allow high school students to earn both high school and college credits in the same course, at the same time.

Program	Type	Setting
Tech Prep (TP)	Course	High School
Advanced Placement (AP)	Test	High School
College in the High School (CHS)	Course	High School
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Test	High School
Running Start (RS)	Course	College

What is the best option for me?



# What is Running Start?

- A student choice
- Tuition-free college classes for high school juniors and seniors
- Earn high school and college credit
- Vocational or academic classes
- Flexible and challenging



# Who is Eligible?

Students who:

- Are classified as a junior or senior
- Are under age 21 at the beginning of the school year
- Not a high school graduate
- Qualify for college level classes
  - Limited access options
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or above
  - Appeal process available

# Benefits

- Save college tuition and time towards a college degree
- Experience a diverse and challenging learning environment
- Flexible schedule options
- Earn more high school credit faster



# Considerations

- Classes cover more material in depth at a faster rate
- Transportation and scheduling constraints
- Different social interactions
- Adult atmosphere

# Program Options

- Transfer Preparation (AA, AS, AFA)
  - Two-year degree pathways for university transfer
  - General, Nursing, Business, Science, Engineering
- Professional Technical Programs (ATA, AAS-T and certificates)
  - Skills development for job preparation
  - Examples: Culinary, Medical Assisting, Electronics, Cosmetology, etc.
- Undergraduate Degrees (BAS, BS)
  - Four-year degree pathways for specific majors
  - Nursing, Information Systems, Filmmaking, Organizational Leadership

# Schedule Options

- Delivery (face to face, online, hybrid)
- Schedule (day, evening, weekend, 1-5x/week)
- Locations (Bremerton, Poulsbo, Shelton)
- Enrollment
  - Full-time (up to 15 credits)
  - Part-time (less than 15 credits)
  - 2 years (juniors)
  - 1 year (seniors)
  - Can adjust status as needed



# Credits and Equivalency

- A full-time RS student can earn 9 HS credits per year
- HS counselors work with students to relay which OC classes are equivalent to specific HS requirements
- 5 college credits = 1 high school credit
- In general:

# of HS Classes		Eligible College Credits*
0 (or advisory only)	=	15 credits (3 classes)
2	=	10 credits (2 classes)
4	=	5 credits (1 class)
5-6	=	3 credits

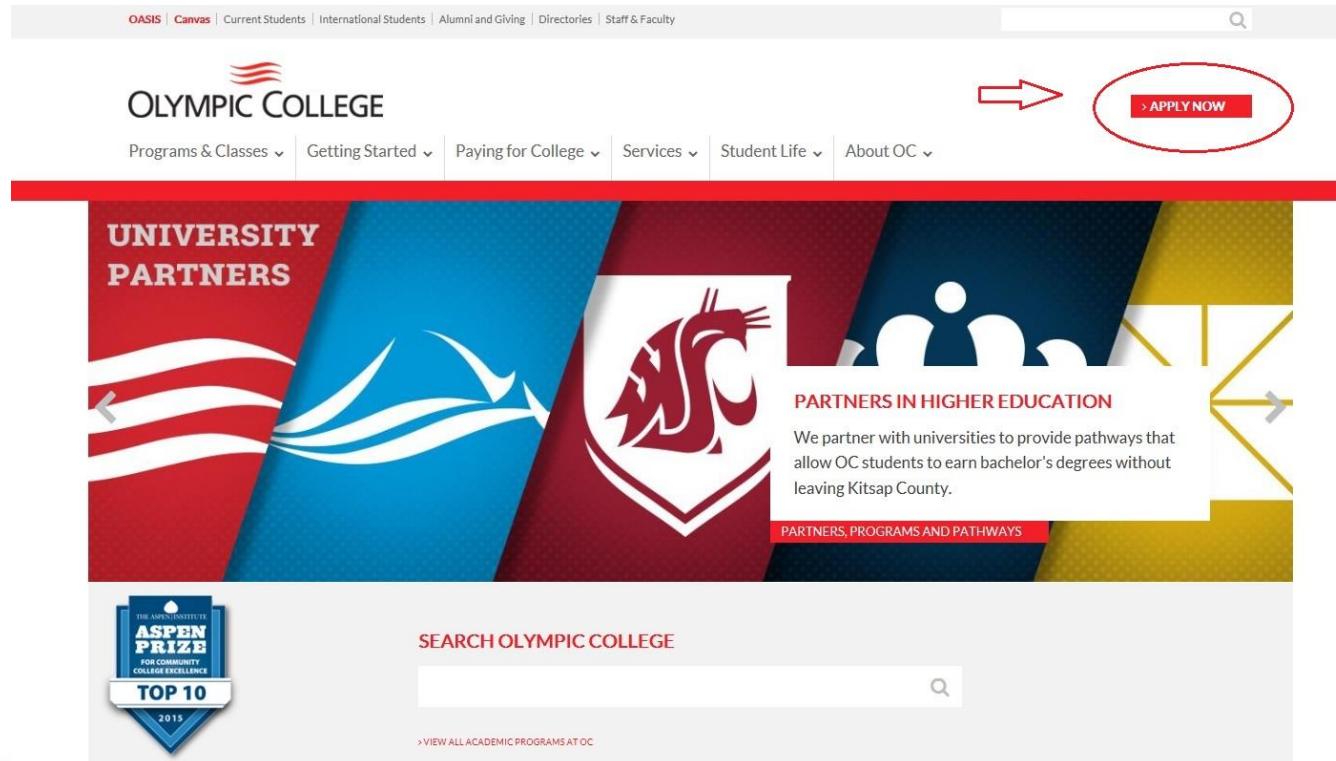
\*College credit eligibility is based on actual minutes enrolled at the high school

# Running Start Costs & Funding

- Tuition is free for up to 15 credits per quarter (fall, winter, spring)
  - College-level courses numbered 100 and above
- Students/families need to plan to pay for:
  - Fees
  - Textbooks and supplies
  - Transportation
- Assistance is available for low-income families
  - Running Start Tuition and Fee Waiver
  - Running Start Textbook Library

# Application Steps

1. Complete an *OC Application for Admission*. You will receive an OC Student ID number.



The screenshot shows the Olympic College website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for OASIS, Canvas, Current Students, International Students, Alumni and Giving, Directories, and Staff & Faculty. Below this is the Olympic College logo and a search bar. A red arrow points to a red button labeled "> APPLY NOW" which is circled in red. Below the navigation bar are several menu items: Programs & Classes, Getting Started, Paying for College, Services, Student Life, and About OC. The main content area features a large banner with the text "UNIVERSITY PARTNERS" and "PARTNERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION". The banner includes logos for the University of Washington and a graphic of three stylized figures. Below the banner is a search bar labeled "SEARCH OLYMPIC COLLEGE" and a link to "VIEW ALL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT OC". In the bottom left corner, there is a badge for "THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ASPEN PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE TOP 10 2015".

# Application Steps

## 2. Schedule the Accuplacer assessment online

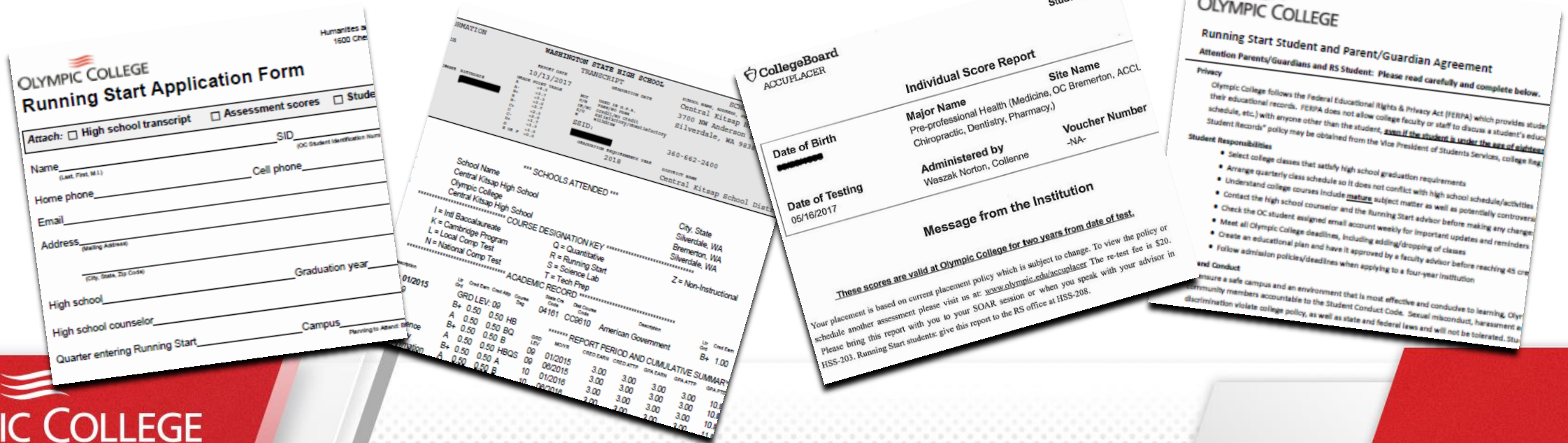
- \$20 Fee (each session)
- 3 Test Subjects:
  - Reading Comprehension
  - Sentence Skills
  - Math (Arithmetic, Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics, Advanced Algebra & Functions)
- Test Tips:
  - Utilize test prep sites
  - Take all subjects
  - Review don't cram
  - Consider waiting to test



# Application Steps

## 3. Submit Application Packet to the Running Start Office:

- Running Start Application
- High school transcript (and appeal letter if GPA is below 2.5)
- Accuplacer scores or Smarter Balanced Assessment Scores
- Student & Parent Agreement form



# 2020 Timeline

- January – May: Apply online, prep for the assessment test and compile application materials
- April: Take the Accuplacer test
- April - June: Submit your Running Start application materials
- Mid May: Meet with HS counselor **and** Running Start advisor
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Register for classes
- August or September: Attend Running Start New Student Orientation
- September 21<sup>st</sup>: Fall classes begin

# Next Steps

- Have a discussion with your parents to decide if Running Start is the right choice for you
- Visit with your high school counselor to talk about your interest. Discuss graduation remaining high school requirements
- Complete the online Olympic College application
- Take the Accuplacer
- Submit your Running Start application with your scores and transcript.

# Questions?

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**THANK YOU!**



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