



Start College Now (SCN) FAQs

Who is eligible to enroll in Start College Now (SCN)?

Start College Now allows high school students, usually juniors and seniors, the opportunity to take college courses at Wisconsin Technical Colleges. Students are expected to be in good academic standing, have an acceptable disciplinary record, meet course prerequisites, and have written approval from a parent or guardian. Not all students may be approved to take courses through Start College Now: they must meet their district's Board Policy requirements to be recommended for approval by the board. Submitting a Start College Now application and obtaining board approval does not guarantee that a student will be able to take a course. The technical college will determine if room is available in the identified course(s).

When do students apply for SCN?

Students must apply to their local school board by March 1 for the Fall term and October 1 for the Spring term. This is done by turning in the Start College Now Application to the school counselor of the school in which the student resides. You may want to double check with your district in case they follow a different procedure. Board approved applications can be scanned and emailed to Crystal Witt-Whybrow at wittwhybrow@ntc.edu.

Who is responsible for transportation costs?

The student is responsible for transportation costs to attend courses held on the college campus or other location.

Can students enroll in SCN for summer courses?

Start College Now is not an option for summer courses. ***If students are interested in summer courses, they should contact their high school counselor about potential options.***

Is there a limit to the number of courses a student can take through SCN?

There is not a limit to the number of courses a student may take per term. The high school district can establish a policy limit limiting the number of credits; however, a minimum number of 18 credits must be offered to a student over the duration of their eligibility in SCN.

Who is responsible for the costs associated with SCN courses?

The school district is required to pay for tuition, course fees, and books for technical college courses approved for high school credit that are not comparable to courses offered at the high school. The district may require that books be returned to the school district at the end of the course. Additional costs such as testing fees, background checks, and supplies are up to the discretion of the school district. The expectation of who will pay these expenses should be communicated to student(s)/parent(s)/guardian(s) in advance. A student may be required to repay his or her school district for tuition paid for any course(s) that the student fails or fails to complete.

How much high school credit will be earned through SCN?

The high school credit earned will be up to the discretion of the high school district.

Can students take courses through Start College Now and the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) at the same time?

No, per 118.55, 2(a), sub. (7t) (c), students can alternate programs by semester but cannot participate in both programs at the same time. Students may enroll in contracted courses and/or transcribed credit courses while enrolled in ECCP. This statute only refers to enrollment in SCN and ECCP.

How will students be contacted by NTC?

NTC's Pre-College Specialist will contact students using the email address on their application. Once students are approved for SCN course(s) and we have received their district approved application, we will work with the student and counselor to select course sections.

Who is a good fit for Start College Now?

Students taking courses through the Start College Now program need to possess individual, independent skills to be able to successfully navigate and complete coursework at the technical college level. Start College Now students are considered college students in the eye of the technical college.