

## SECTION VIII

# College Credit Opportunities for High School Students

## College Credit Opportunities for Students Still in High School

WVU Parkersburg offers high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Taking college courses while still in high school can result in considerable cost savings for the student and has been shown to increase academic achievement. All college-level courses earned are transferable to other West Virginia colleges and universities and to most other institutions of higher education throughout the nation. More information about the West Virginia Core Coursework Transfer Agreement please is available in the *Student Information/Transfer of Credit to Other Institutions* section of this catalog.

Three programs offer college credit opportunities to high school students: Early Admission, EDGE, and Transitions to College. WVU Parkersburg also engages in a special partnership with Wood County Schools for programs offered at the Caperton Center for Technology.

### Early Admission program:

Early Admission classes are college classes offered to select high school students either on the campus of WVU Parkersburg, online, or at the student's high school. Early Admission classes usually include general education courses, such as history or psychology. Early Admission classes are subject to tuition and fee charges. According to WVCTC Series 19 policy, students still enrolled in high school are not eligible for financial aid.

**Early Admissions Student Qualifications:** To qualify for early admission high school status, applicants must:

- **Submit an Early Admissions application form** to the Admissions Office located in the Student Welcome Center, at the Parkersburg campus, or at the Jackson County Center in Ripley.
- **Be at least a Junior in high school and have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.** A high school counselor must submit a high school transcript to the Admissions Office, located in the Student Welcome Center. Students will not be allowed to register until the college has received a transcript verifying the grade point average. High schools reserve the right to set a higher minimum GPA for their students.
- **Achieve a minimum ACT or Accuplacer placement test score for certain courses. Prerequisites are listed in course descriptions in Section 11 of this catalog.**



All college-level courses earned are transferable to other West Virginia colleges and universities and to most other institutions of higher education throughout the nation. However, it is up to the receiving institution to determine the application of any credits received at WVU Parkersburg.

More information about the Early Admission program is available at [www.wvup.edu/high-school-students/earlyadmission/](http://www.wvup.edu/high-school-students/earlyadmission/) or by contacting the Student Welcome Center at **(304) 424-8310**.

#### **EDGE (Earn a Degree-Graduate Early):**

EDGE stands for Earn a Degree – Graduate Early. The EDGE program makes it possible for participants to earn free community and technical college credit in West Virginia while still in high school. EDGE courses generally consist of skilled and career technical classes offered in high schools and technical centers, such as welding or early childhood development. As EDGE credits are offered as high school credit which can be articulated into college credit, there is no charge for EDGE courses. Based on WVCTC Series 28 policy, a complete listing of current EDGE credits at WVU Parkersburg is available at <http://www.wvup.edu/high-school-students/about-edge>.

#### **EDGE Student Qualifications: To qualify for EDGE credit, a student must:**

- Be enrolled in a course that is eligible for EDGE credits at the high school or technical center.
- Receive end of course national certification or a score of at least 75% on an approved end-of-course exam.

More information about the EDGE program is available at <http://www.wvup.edu/high-school-students/about-edg/> or by contacting the Student Welcome Center at **(304) 424-8310**.

#### **Transitions to College:**

The College Transition 101 course is available for some high school students and is intended to increase participation of select students in developing a career pathway to postsecondary education. The College Transition Program provides more students the opportunity to acquire college credit courses while in high school and to provide additional ancillary services necessary to effectively and efficiently transition from high school to postsecondary education.

#### **Transitions to College Qualifications:**

- Attend a high school or technical center with a Transitions to College program
- Other qualifications may apply upon recommendation of a high school guidance counselor

Information about the Transitions to College program is available by contacting the Admissions Office located in the Student Welcome Center at **(304) 424-8310**.

#### **Caperton Center for Technology**

West Virginia University at Parkersburg, Wood County Schools and area business, industry and labor are collaborating as partners to prepare and develop the region's workforce to meet the needs of current and potential employers. The Caperton Center for Applied Technology offers the best the region has to offer in instruction and training for those interested in the challenges of sophisticated technology careers:

- Wood County Schools' high school students can pursue college programs while in high school and earn college credit while enrolled in the Caperton Center.
- WVU Parkersburg students can obtain associate and bachelor's degrees at the Center.
- Area residents can upgrade and learn in-demand skills – all through the Center's flexible offerings.

The Center is lauded as a unique facility where high school and college students share classrooms, faculty and a cutting-edge curriculum. This is a new response to providing students with the skills and training they need to be successful in preparing for the future.

More information about programs through the Caperton Center for Technology is available by calling the Caperton Center for Technology at **(304) 424-8365**.