



Dual Enrollment

High School Handbook

Academic Year 2021-2022

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BACKGROUND

Reading Area Community College has partnerships with 15 high schools, two career and technology centers (CTC's), and two private high schools. RACC has delivered dual enrollment courses at area high schools since 1995. Participating high schools include Antietam High School, Berks Career & Technology Center, Berks Catholic High School, Blue Mountain Academy, Brandywine Heights High School, Conrad Weiser High School, Daniel Boone High School, Exeter High School, Fleetwood Area High School, Governor Mifflin High School, Hamburg Area High School, Kutztown High School, Muhlenberg High School, Oley Valley High School, Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center, Schuylkill Valley High School, Tulpehocken High School, Twin Valley High School, and Wilson High School. Dual enrollment course offerings are determined by each high school's program of studies.

Any high school student earning college credit through RACC is considered a part of Early College Programs. A large part of Early College is RACC's dual enrollment in the high schools, which enriches its high school curriculum. Dual enrollment, referred to as "concurrent enrollment" in the Pennsylvania Department of Education School Code, offers college-bound students increased academic rigor while they fulfill their high school requirements and earn college credits. While dual enrollment in Berks County high schools refers specifically to courses delivered in the high schools by RACC-approved high school instructors and course syllabi, the PDE refers to concurrent enrollment as any college course students take before graduating high school. Dual enrollment is one aspect of RACC's Early College Programs. Additional early college programs include Early Admissions, Technical Academy and Teacher Academy. For Technical and Teacher Academies, students are enrolled at both the Career and Technology Center and RACC while in high school, taking college credits towards one of three Program areas: Computer Technology, Mechatronics or Early Childhood Education.

Dual Enrollment Agreements

Reading Area Community College and partnering high schools renew agreements each spring (Appendix A). Superintendents and RACC's President sign these agreements.

Student Readiness

Students taking dual enrollment courses at their high school complete RACC's Early College Programs application.

High school students are allowed to register for dual enrollment courses providing they meet the high school's guidelines for dual enrollment and course prerequisites. School counselors and teachers often determine if a student is ready to take a dual enrollment course by reviewing the student's academic history and motivation to succeed in a college-level course. School counselors submit high school transcripts for each student taking dual enrollment courses at their high school.

All students who enroll in RACC courses at participating high schools are required to demonstrate academic readiness for college-level course work. One or more measurements such as RACC placement test, SAT or standardized test score, high school transcript, high school counselor recommendation and / or high school teacher recommendation will be used for determining student readiness.

RACC Resources for Dual Enrollment Students

Dual enrollment students have access to all of RACC's resources, such as computer labs, the Yocum Library, and tutoring center. Students should have their high school identification card with them, and RACC student ID number readily available when on campus. If a student takes a course on RACC's campus, they will be issued a RACC ID.

The Yocum Library Distance Services/Reference Librarian is available to assist dual enrollment students and instructors with reference and/or classroom materials. Please call 610-607-6237.

RACC's Academic Success Centers have peer and professional tutors available to assist students with writing, reading, and math. Check RACC's website for semester hours of operation.

The Transfer Center, B209, has hours Monday – Friday. A Transfer Specialist will assist students with transfer questions, transfer@racc.edu or 610-607-6245. Because RACC has Transfer Agreements with 4-year colleges and universities that students may attend after graduating with an associate degree, making an appointment with RACC's Transfer Center will help them design a pathway that can maximize the transferability of their dual enrollment credits. Dual enrollment students are also strongly encouraged to discuss the transferability of RACC credits with the transfer specialists at their 4-year schools of choice.

RACC encourages high school students to take full advantage of being a RACC student. Students and instructors participating in RACC's dual enrollment program are eligible for reduced ticket prices for Miller Center events. Contact: Kristen Marcinko, Assistant Director of Early College Programs, to arrange tickets to events.

DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

At the beginning of the school year, students are provided registration information. If students are new to RACC, they must first complete an online application at the early college programs page: <https://www.racc.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment-application-and-course-registration>. At this web page, students will also be prompted to complete course registrations and FERPA submission, in addition to parents' and counselors' signatures. Paper registrations are also available.

Registration information is provided to the school counseling office in August and each school decides how to disseminate information. School counselors assist with completion of forms and provide students' most recent high school transcripts to RACC's Academic Affairs Office. RACC collects Fall registrations through mid-October, and Spring registrations the first few weeks in February.

Once a dual enrollment student's application and registration are processed at RACC, the Registrar's office sends a schedule and bill to the student's home address.

Parents and/or guardians pay RACC's Cashier's office directly.

Dual enrollment tuition is \$99 a credit hour. RACC waives fees for dual enrollment courses. Most Dual Enrollment are courses taught at the high school and considered "dual credit" because the competencies of the courses align. For instance, AP Literature and Composition covers the same competencies as RACC's Introduction to Literature (ENG 125). "Dual credit" fulfills high school graduation requirements at the same time it fulfills credits for a college course.

High school students are not eligible for State and Federal financial aid. A student who registers for Fall and Spring semester courses will be billed for each semester. A 3-credit course costs \$297, and a 4-credit course costs \$396. Some AP courses are equivalent to two RACC dual enrollment courses. If the Fall semester invoice is not paid, then a student's registration for Spring semester will not be processed and RACC credits will not be issued for either semester.

Timely registrations are important for Reading Area Community College's accurate reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. To ensure accuracy, the Academic Affairs office sends rosters to Dual enrollment teachers to verify registrations.

Once enrolled in the college, students receive a welcome letter that contains MyRACC portal log-in instructions, as well as a RACC student ID number.

Process for a Student Withdrawing from Dual Enrollment Class

If a student wishes to drop or withdraw from a course, s/he must notify the high school counselor immediately and send an email to RACC's Records office at records@racc.edu. The fall withdrawal deadline is October 20th and the spring withdrawal deadline is March 20th.

RACC must receive a written request because RACC is obligated to report dual enrollment registrations to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. RACC has to record an explanation for any changes to enrollment numbers for auditing purposes. To facilitate the reporting of withdrawals, the student or parent has to submit the following information to records@racc.edu:

- a. Full student name
- b. High school attending
- c. Student RACC ID or Social Security #
- d. Course(s) to be dropped – name and section, i.e. English Composition, COM121####; each #### will be different depending on the high school and term. If in doubt – please call your RACC contact.
- e. Reason the student wishes to drop

If a student does not drop a course by the official deadline, he/she may be charged for part of the tuition. Students who withdraw from a course after the deadline are assigned a "W" for that course on his/her transcript. Students with a "W" are billed for the course. This is standard procedure for all RACC students.

Coordination of Offices

RACC'S Academic Affairs Office coordinates dual enrollment registrations with the Registrar's and Cashier's offices. The High School Counseling office and the Academic Affairs office work together to register students for courses. Any questions about dual enrollment registration that have already been processed, and particularly payment questions, can be directed to RACC contacts:

Kristen Marcinko, RACC Liaison, Assistant Director of Early College Programs: Communicates general information about RACC's dual enrollment program, works directly with the Dean of Instruction and Associate Deans on approving new courses and instructors, works with high school principals and

school counselors on implementing and/or improving dual enrollment programs, ph: 610-372-4721 x 5127, kmarcinko@racc.edu.

Khady Gueye, Academic Affairs Administrative Assistant: Maintains records of instructor transcripts and applications, syllabi, annual dual enrollment contracts, student registrations, and high school course offerings. Quality checks that all grades have been entered into RACC's databases, ph: 610.607.6214, kgueye@racc.edu.

Record's Office: Handles student course changes and transcripts: records@racc.edu.

Cashier's Office: Handles student payment for dual enrollment courses, ph: 610-607-6235 or 1-800-626-1665, ext. 6235

DUAL ENROLLMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

Reading Area Community College is accredited by The Middle States Commission on Higher Education. To be accredited, RACC must adhere to the accreditors Seven Standards of Excellence. High schools that have dual enrollment courses are "additional locations" and therefore programs and courses offered as part of RACC's high school dual enrollment must "meet standards comparable to those of other institutional offerings." Below is a brief summary of additional accreditation standards that speak to key sections of this handbook.

Accreditation Standard II: Ethics & Integrity

According to Middle States Standard II, Middle States views dual enrollment courses as additional sections of the same course and/or program of study taught on campus and online, and held to the same standards. Under Standard II, RACC is committed to "honesty and truthfulness in public relations announcements, advertisements, recruiting and admissions materials and practices, as well as in internal communications." Dual Enrollment programs are appropriate to RACC's mission and services in its commitment "to promote affordability and accessibility; to enable students to understand funding sources and options, value received for cost, and methods to make informed decisions about incurring debt."

Accreditation Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience

RACC faculty must have the professional qualifications and appropriate preparation for the positions they hold. RACC is responsible for clearly defining roles and responsibilities of dual enrollment faculty. Middle States also requires that RACC has clearly defined criteria for the appointment, supervision, and review of teaching effectiveness for part-time, adjunct, and other faculty consistent with those for full-time faculty.

The Assistant Director of Early College Programs will work with faculty on dual enrollment course curricular concerns, and in partnerships with the Dean of Instruction to ensure DE teachers hold the appropriate professional qualifications. Course syllabi demonstrates DE teachers' understanding of college rigor, clear design of activities to demonstrate assessment of student learning. Teachers demonstrate through Instructor Profile (Appendix B), application, and undergraduate and graduate transcripts that they are "qualified for the positions they hold and the work they do;" and that RACC provides to them regular, equitable expectations, policies and procedures disseminated in writing.

Accreditation Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience

Across all educational experiences, RACC recruits and admits students whose interests, abilities, experiences, and goals are congruent with its mission and educational offerings. Because dual enrollment students will most likely be transferring their credit, RACC is committed to helping participants, counselors, administrators, parents and students understand and are assisted in the transfer process. Specifically, Standard IV speaks to RACC having processes designed to enhance the successful achievement of students' educational goals including certificate and degree completion, transfer to other institutions and has policies and procedures regarding evaluation and acceptance of transfer credits.

Accreditation Standard V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment

Student learning is at the heart of the mission of most institutions of higher education and K12 partners, and thus the assessment of student learning is an essential component of the assessment of RACC's institutional effectiveness.

Assessment must be based on clearly articulated learning outcomes and used to improve teaching and learning. Learning outcomes have been defined for all programs, courses, and relevant student services at RACC, a schedule for assessing outcomes has been established, and a process for reviewing the results of the assessments and using the results to improve teaching and learning is in place. Student learning that takes place in dual enrollment courses must be assessed by the same process used for courses offered on campus.

Courses approved for general education at RACC each contribute to student achievement of one or more particular institutional core competencies. Student learning assessment is conducted in the context of general education courses to inform improvements in teaching and learning needed to assure student achievement of institutional core competencies.

Further discussion of the role of dual enrollment courses and faculty in assessment of general education can be found in the sections of this handbook on assessment and on general education.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

A high school teacher who wishes to become a dual enrollment instructor should discuss the course or courses he/she wishes to offer with the high school principal before beginning the credentialing process with Reading Area Community College (RACC). Identifying new courses should be done in the semester before the course or courses are scheduled to be offered.

Most dual enrollment instructors teach college-level freshmen and sophomore courses that students would take in their first two years of college. These courses are general education courses which are transferable to many accredited colleges and universities.

Faculty Credentials

All high school faculty teaching RACC courses within participating school districts must meet the same degree qualifications and criteria as applied to RACC faculty. Thus, a master's degree in the discipline or related field is required for general education courses, though some technical courses may require a lesser credential.

Process for RACC Credentialing an Instructor

High school instructors seeking approval for teaching a dual enrollment course must complete a RACC employment application and submit official college transcripts, Curriculum Vitae, and Dual Enrollment Instructor Profile to the Academic Affairs office for review and approval by the Dean of Instruction. All these documents should be sent simultaneously so there is a full understanding of the candidate's credentials and professional experiences.

This same credentialing process applies to career and technical education instructors who usually do not possess a master's degree, but who may have a bachelor's degree, an associate degree, certification, or work experience in a particular field. Once these teachers have submitted a RACC employment application, official transcripts of any and all college work, and the Dual Enrollment Instructor Profile, the credentialing process begins with an examination of any work experience listed on the Dual Enrollment Instructor Profile. The Dean of Instruction may consider the length of time the teacher has been employed in an educational setting. A combination of some advanced schooling/training and employment experience may qualify a career and technical education teacher to instruct dual-enrolled classes.

Completion of the Credentialing Process

As soon as a high school teacher has submitted his/her RACC application and current resume to the Academic Affairs office, and after all of the official transcripts have been received, the credentialing process can begin. Once the official transcripts have verified the necessary degrees and course work to qualify him/her, the Assistant Director of Early College Programs notifies the high school counselor with a copy to the instructor of the credentialing outcome.

When approved, the high school teacher is recognized as having met RACC's criteria and standards to become a college-level instructor. The approval of a teacher's credentials to teach a college-level course is one part of a tandem process for approving a section of a course taught at a partnering high school. The instructor must submit an individual syllabus of the course he or she has proposed for approval, discussed later in this handbook. Once the high school teacher and his/her individual syllabus have been approved by the Dean of Instruction, the Academic Affairs office issues the instructor a username and password for submitting grades, discussed later in this handbook.

Professional Development

RACC offers the following resources and/or opportunities:

1. Canvas content (RACC's Learning Management System), most courses taught in the high school are Common content courses and are available upon request.
2. Subject Area Specialist - Academic dean is available to work with the Dual Enrollment instructor on curriculum and content questions and/or concerns.
3. Instructors may audit an online version of the dual enrollment course. RACC can provide a description of the activity (course) and the number of hours. Teachers should talk to their individual school Administration to award ACT 48 credit.
4. All new instructors may be provided an evaluation copy of the textbook, if one is available, to follow in their classes. Common assessments, for example, Psychology, are available upon request.

RACC's Academic Affairs Office Expectations for Dual Enrollment Instructor

1. At the start of each academic year, submitting individual section syllabus.
2. Teaching with a Division approved text and meeting the same competencies as described in the master syllabus.
3. Posting grades in Canvas by the end of the semester and/or academic year.
4. Participating in RACC course assessment as part of Middle States accreditation.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Process for RACC Approval of Dual Enrollment Courses

New Dual Enrollment courses can be proposed to RACC's Academic Affairs office throughout the year.

1. The dual enrollment high school teacher and/or school counselor identifies an equivalent RACC course. These courses are "dual credit." It is up to the high school to gain approval for new dual enrollment courses through their governances. The Academic Affairs office will present course offerings and RACC competency-based curriculum to curriculum committees and school boards, upon request.
2. The high school submits an individual section syllabus to the Assistant Director of Early College Programs, who forwards to the Dean of Instruction.
3. The Dean renders decision on the new course, or in some cases, may ask for additional information to help in making decision.
4. The instructor follows up with any requested information and/or syllabus revisions.
5. The Assistant Director of Early College Programs coordinates the course approval process through both Academic Affairs and high school academic office until syllabus is approved.

RACC's initial approval of a course is through an evaluation of the dual enrollment instructor's credentials to teach the content area and his/her syllabus.

Process for Renewing Dual Enrollment Courses

The Academic Affairs office formally requests courses for the next academic year during spring semester. High school counselors receive a listing of the current academic year's courses and instructors to review, update, and make changes for the next academic year. The guidelines below should be followed:

1. Any changes of instructors teaching a course will need approval by RACC's Academic Affairs office.

New instructors will need to follow the credentialing process as outlined in this handbook.

2. Any course changes of substance will need to be reviewed by RACC's Academic Affairs office.

RACC's Academic Affairs office will send a final confirmation of courses for the next academic year by August of each year.

Developing a Dual Enrollment Course Syllabus

Essential to the educational experience of the dual enrollment student is the recognition that the student will be taking a college-level course (s), and, as a result, the content of the course must be based on instructional criteria of its campus counterpart. The following definitions are to help dual enrollment instructors create syllabi for approval.

Master Section – serves as a blueprint for all sections of a course, maintains consistency of learning goals (referred to at RACC as course competencies) across all sections of a course, and provides the basis on which faculty build individual instructor syllabi.

Information in the Master Syllabus includes the following: course description, rationale of the course, and course competencies.

Should the College's Master Section change, the high school will be notified so that such changes can be incorporated for the upcoming academic year or semester.

Individual Instructor Section — represents the course from an individual instructor's perspective. Every instructor must prepare a syllabus for each course she/he teaches. An Individual Instructor Section must include the following:

1. **BASIC INFORMATION** – Course title, credit hour, prerequisites, instructor's name, contact information, and academic year. Include all course titles; for example, AP Biology may also be BIO 150 and BIO 155.
2. **COURSE DESCRIPTION** which incorporates the course description from the RACC college catalog along with other comments that the instructor wishes to make about the course. For a description of each dual enrollment course offered, see Course Descriptions in this handbook.
3. **TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS** for a particular course, which is available through each Academic Division office. RACC recommends that the dual enrollment class use the same textbook as the one used by the College; however, recognizing the expense, the College will review and approve textbooks that cover the same topics of the course.
4. **PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**—Statements of what a student must do to demonstrate learning, specifically mastery of the course competencies.
5. **GRADING POLICY**—Grade scale and grade percentage and/or points allotted each assignment.
6. A policy on **ACADEMIC HONESTY, PLAGIARISM, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF BOTH**.
7. **ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE**—outlines the topics, assignments, and assignment due dates.

When constructing a dual enrollment syllabus, the instructor needs to align the master syllabus competencies to the individual instructor syllabus which includes critical performance objectives. Performance Objectives outline assignments which the student will complete in order to demonstrate the competencies of the course. As assignments and assessment of those assignments are critical to understanding student learning outcomes, including performance objectives will ensure the syllabus is approved by the Division.

RACC'S CURRICULUM

Dual Enrollment Course Offerings

The particular dual enrollment courses offered at the high school are dependent upon the high school's curricular needs and teacher qualifications, so each high school participating in dual enrollment may offer a different collection of courses. The High School Counseling office has a listing of courses offered.

As previously discussed, many dual enrollment courses are taught in the Advanced Placement sections. In some cases, students can earn credits for two college-level courses for their AP courses. Each high school offers courses based on its resources.

All high school dual enrollment sections are held to the same standards as their campus section counterparts. Specifically inherent in RACC's long history with dual enrollment in local high schools, high school AP courses and dual enrollment courses are often taught within the same section, and although not identical courses, have equivalent competencies. RACC dual enrollment courses taught within the high school AP sections may be initially approved as equivalent courses based on the following criteria:

1. All courses meet the minimum standard contact hour requirement as required by Reading Area Community College.
2. All high school AP syllabi list course competencies outlined in RACC's master section.
3. The high school catalog and Individual Instructor Section will include RACC's course description and prerequisites.

To help students achieve the competencies for any given dual enrollment course, instructors are to be clear about the objectives of class, offer activities that address the diverse learning styles of students, and continually assess the effectiveness of their instruction. Thus, the individual instructor syllabi are annually reviewed by the Academic Deans and/or Dual Enrollment Subject Area Specialists. The Subject Area Specialist works with the dual enrollment faculty member in completing competency and performance objective matrices/crosswalks.

Because RACC is accredited by Middle States, the Academic Affairs Office maintains documentation of individual syllabi and evaluations for demonstrating consistency between dual enrollment sections and its campus counterparts.

Transferability of Dual Enrollment Courses

Dual enrollment courses are often general education courses used to transfer to many colleges and universities. Although the receiving institution still ultimately decides how and if they will accept dual enrollment credits, RACC dual enrollment credits have seamlessly transferred to colleges and universities within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and to colleges and universities affiliated with the state system. RACC dual enrollment credits have also transferred seamlessly to many private institutions. RACC completed a 10 year study in 2018, pulling data from the National Clearinghouse and RACC transcript requests. The study showed that RACC credit transferred to 780 colleges and universities.

RACC's dual admission agreements also ensure transferability of dual enrollment courses. These dual admission agreements include the students' completion of a RACC associate degree before entering RACC's partnership schools. Please refer to this site for transfer services through RACC - <https://www.racc.edu/services/dual-admissions>.

ASSESSMENT AND ARTICULATION

In addition to Dual Enrollment credit, students can receive credit for educational experiences other than RACC classes.

TYPES OF CREDIT

Dual Enrollment – RACC has partnered with area high schools to offer college credit for college-level courses students take at their high school. The courses taught at the high school must cover the same competencies as courses taught at RACC and the teacher must meet adjunct faculty qualifications. Dual Enrollment students concurrently complete their requirements for high school graduation at the same time they earn college credit.

Advanced Placement – AP is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

SOAR (Students Occupationally and Academically Ready) – SOAR prepares students for college and careers in a diverse, high-performing workforce. A student from any state-approved program from any CTC in the state can transfer these program credits (9 or more) to any college offering these programs. SOAR credits are earned by submitting transcripts to RACC for evaluation. SOAR credits are free except for a small posting fee. Further information regarding assessment and articulation, including Reading Area Community College's Articulated Credit Policy can be viewed here: [assessment and articulation; articulated credit policy](#)

GRADING SYSTEM

The College's letter grade policy system:

Letter Grade % of Points

A 93% or higher

A- 90-92%

B+ 87-89%

B 83-86%

B- 80-82%

C+ 77-79%

C 70 -76%

D+ 67-69%

D 60-66%

F below 60%

The College uses the following grade point system:

Letter Grade	GRADING SYSTEM Definition	Quality Points
A	Excellent Performance	4.0
A-		3.7
B+	Above Average Performance	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Average Performance	2.3
C		2.0
	CAUTION	
	Below Average – May Not Transfer; May Count Toward Graduation	
D+	Minimal Performance	1.3
D		1.0

TECHNICAL ACADEMY AND TEACHER ACADEMY OVERVIEW

The Technical and Teacher Academies were developed for academically advanced students looking for challenges above and beyond regular high school courses. Both Technical and Teacher Academy programs are college-credit career pathway programs with entrance requirements. Student entrance requirements include: grade 10 or 11 (preferably 10), 3.0 overall GPA (2.5 provisional), math proficiency, reading proficiency, remain in academic good standing, signed letter of understanding to attend RACC to earn an associate degree. Classes are taught at Berks Career and Technology Center and Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center, with senior year capstone courses taken on RACC's campus. Students will be advised and supported by a RACC faculty advisor, as well as the Assistant Director of Early College Programs. The enrollment period occurs at the beginning of the high school year. A RACC representative will assist students with applying to RACC and registering for courses to be completed by the student within the academic year.

COST OF CREDIT

The college credits earned while at the CTC in the student's sophomore and junior year will be tuition free if the student immediately attends RACC to complete their associate degree. A release of the high school graduates' official college transcript to an institution of higher education other than RACC will occur after a student has paid the prevailing dual enrollment credit hour rate and fees at the time the courses were taken at the CTC. A student can also attend RACC until they have fulfilled 12 RACC credits at the prevailing credit hour rate and fees.

The Technical and Teacher Academy brochure are distributed to schools and students and available upon request.

Appendices

Appendix A

Dual Enrollment Sample Agreement



Dual Enrollment Agreement with «High_School» 2021-2022 Academic Year

GUIDELINES OF THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Reading Area Community College (RACC) administers the Dual Enrollment program to provide qualified high school students the opportunity to simultaneously earn college credits while completing approved courses at their high school. Dual Enrollment, as defined by RACC: Courses approved for dual credit are taught by high school faculty at the high school during regular school hours. RACC's program offers a wide range of course options that introduce students to the challenges of college-level work and prepares them to make a successful transition to post-secondary education. RACC faculty and administration work in cooperation with the administration and faculty at participating high schools to ensure the program meets its goals of providing college-level teaching and learning to dual enrollment students. Dual enrollment courses are offered mainly to sophomore to senior students with some freshman course offerings. In all cases, students' college readiness is reviewed and approved by high school and college officials.

Course Guidelines

1. The courses that will be offered in this program will be determined through mutual agreement between the high school and Reading Area Community College. Should the College's curriculum (master course syllabus) change, the high school will be notified so that such changes can be incorporated for the upcoming academic year or semester.
2. All courses offered through the Dual Enrollment Program must meet the standard contact hour requirement as required by Reading Area Community College.
3. Most courses offered would be typical freshman-level classes found in first or second year college curricula. In some cases, however, the College and the high school may offer certain occupationally specific courses with appropriate approval. These courses will be part of a two-year (A.A.S.) or certificate program at Reading Area Community College.
4. All Dual Enrollment courses, instructors, and textbooks must be approved by the appropriate Academic Division at Reading Area Community College before a course can be considered for equivalent credit. The high school instructor must follow the master syllabus provided by RACC, and the individual instructor syllabus must be approved by the Academic Deans.
5. The Dean of Instruction must approve any changes of instructor.

6. The College reserves the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment.
7. In the event the Assistant Director of Early College Programs cannot perform the duties related to RACC's dual enrollment policy, the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost may appoint a designee in his/her stead from a member of the Academic Team.

Instructor Guidelines

1. All high school instructors teaching RACC courses within participating school districts must possess the same degree qualifications and criteria as applied to RACC adjuncts.
2. The requirements (assignments, tasks, and assessments) specified in the high school instructors' individual syllabi must fulfill the course competencies of the master syllabi. If the Academic Division requires specific performance objectives, the instructors' individual syllabi must also include those performance objectives.
3. At the start of the academic year, high school instructors are to submit course syllabi to their guidance counselors, who forward these to RACC's Academic Affairs Office for review by an appropriate Academic Division.
4. All high school instructors will teach with a Division approved text.
5. High school instructors or high school representative will post grades on Self Service by the end of the academic year.
6. All high school instructors will participate in RACC program assessment as part of Middle States accreditation.
7. Any remuneration of high school instructors is the responsibility of the school district.

Student Guidelines

1. College credit will be awarded by Reading Area Community College to participating students upon successful completion of all course work. These courses have the same academic rigor and meet all College standards in the same manner as regularly scheduled RACC classes.
2. All students who enroll in RACC courses at participating high schools are required to demonstrate academic readiness for college-level course work. One or more measurements such as RACC placement test, SAT or standardized test score, high school transcript, and/or high school teacher recommendation will be used for determining student readiness.
3. Students must declare their intention to earn RACC credit through the Dual Enrollment course(s) prior to the registration deadline.
4. Students/parents are responsible for all tuition charges for Dual Enrollment course(s).
5. Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses must follow the policies and regulations of the high school and Reading Area Community College. These include, but are not limited to, withdrawal deadlines, drop/add dates, and refund guidelines. Adherence to these policies includes the completion and submission of RACC forms as appropriate.

The College uses the following grading system:

Letter Grade	% of Points
A	93% or higher
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	70-76%
D+	67-69%
D	60-66%
F	below 60%

At the conclusion of each semester, students can access their grades through Self-Service.

Tuition Guidelines

- Participating students will be charged the prevailing tuition rate for academic year 2021-2022, \$99.00 per credit, but will not be charged any fees.

Superintendent of Schools Date RACC President Date

President, School Board Date RACC Vice President/Provost Date

Appendix B

DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Name _____

Date _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Instead of an interview, RACC Assistant Deans would like you to answer the following questions in order to have a fuller narrative of your teaching and professional experiences. Your answers will be considered along with your curriculum vitae and transcripts. You may type your answers on a separate sheet and attach to this document.

1. Provide examples of professional experiences that qualify you to teach _____ course.
2. List credentials or certifications that qualify you to teach _____ course.
3. Provide a brief description of two assignments demonstrating college-level rigor.
4. What experience do you have with learning management systems (e.g., Blackboard, Angel, and/or Moodle) and instructional technology?

Appendix C

RACC General Education Competencies¹

Written Communication

A graduate will demonstrate understanding of purpose and style of various genres of academic discourse by focusing writing around a main idea; developing, analyzing, and interpreting credible and relevant evidence into cohesive written texts; and demonstrating strong sentence structure, grammar, and word choice appropriate for situation and tone.

Oral Communication

A graduate will explain key concepts and principles applicable to oral communication, apply those principles to the coherent delivery of relevant, well-planned presentations, as well as evaluate key features of audience and context that influence a mode of delivery, the efficacy of which the student will reflect upon.

Information Literacy

A graduate will identify the need for information, then access, collect, analyze, organize, interpret, evaluate, and employ information/data ethically and legally, using a variety of credible sources to support the purposes of a project or assignment.

Critical Analysis and Reasoning

A graduate will integrate knowledge, experience, and substantiated evidence to make sound judgments in a logical and rational manner. This involves evaluating the validity of ideas through critical thinking, which employs the skills of analysis, reasoning, logic and creativity. Using these skills, graduates will formulate an opinion or conclusion to present convincing arguments.

Quantitative Reasoning

A graduate will be able to interpret information presented in mathematical forms (e.g. equations, tables, graphs, charts); represent information using mathematical forms; perform mathematical computations; analyze and draw appropriate conclusions from given and/or derived data; make educated assumptions; and effectively communicate mathematical results & processes in oral and/or written form.

Scientific Reasoning

A graduate will be able to describe the methods of scientific inquiry; distinguish between science and pseudoscience; convert textual (scientific) information into mathematical forms (e.g. equations, tables, graphs, diagrams); extract & interpret quantitative information in scientific contexts; draw logical conclusions based on observations, testing, & results; and evaluate experimental methods & conclusions based on given information.

Cultural Understanding

A graduate will identify and analyze ways culture (learned shared ideas) influences group and individual behavior and can lead to intercultural misunderstanding and conflict. The graduate will also develop skills to respond sensitively to cultural and social diversity.

Digital/Technological Competence

A graduate will perform basic file management functions using computer-technology; understand and demonstrate the purpose and use of computer system components; use word processing, presentation and spreadsheet software; use

¹ The definitions in this section has been taken verbatim from General Education Competencies, Final Draft, September 2014, prepared by RACC General Education Committee in accordance to Transfer and Articulation Organizing Committee standards.

database management software to analyze data and create reports; access information via the Internet and other digital sources; use the computer to communicate; and recognize issues of social and ethical responsibility in the digital world.

Aesthetic Understanding

A graduate will identify and appreciate creativity in the expression, representation, and response to human experience.

A graduate will identify how literature, philosophy, or the visual and performing arts reflect, influence, or challenge human values past and present.



Academic Partnerships: Bachelor's Degree Agreements

Updated June 2021

- 1.) Albright College** – Renewed in Spring 2017, Albright College’s dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of a small liberal arts college. Albright College has advising guides for Biology, Business, Crime and Justice, Liberal Arts, and Psychology. Transfer scholarships available for RACC graduates based on cumulative GPA.
- 2.) Alvernia University** – Renewed in Fall 2018, Alvernia University’s dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of a Franciscan education. Alvernia College has created advising guides for health care professions, business, and criminal justice programs. Graduates can earn up to \$17,000 through merit and transfer scholarships. Also new to the agreement is a concerted co-branding marketing campaign.

Alvernia University has committed to a new RACC Scholars program, modeled after the Reading High Alvernia Scholars program, starting fall 2019. Details about how the program will work are still being designed by Alvernia. RACC’s commitment will be to recruit at least 10 RACC students from the incoming freshman class.
- 3.) Bloomsburg University** – First signed in Spring 2014, Bloomsburg University’s articulation agreement was crafted for students in RACC’s Technical Academy at Berks Career and Technology Center and Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center and in career programs. RACC students in more than 20 associate of applied science degree programs can choose Bloomsburg’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership program where courses can be completed using online technology and classes on RACC's campus. A block transfer of 60 credits will be accepted from RACC, with up to 75 RACC credits applicable to Bloomsburg’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership. A renewal agreement is being reviewed by Bloomsburg, which includes a Letter of Understanding for use of RACC resources, sent to Bloomsburg on February 20, and was created from a similar LOU with LCCC for the BAS-TL agreement.
- 4.) Boise State University** – Renewed June 2020, Boise State University’s program-to-program, “Degree Advancement” agreement was crafted as a pathway for graduates of RACC’s AAS in Respiratory Care with the earned credential of being a Registered Respiratory Care Therapist by the NBRC to complete their Bachelor’s of Science in Respiratory Care through a completely online program. This degree completion agreement provides an affordable and online option for a BS in Respiratory Care for a nationally recognized program with respiratory care practitioners teaching all courses.
- 5.) Bucknell University** – First signed in August 2015, Bucknell University’s program-to-program agreement was crafted as a stackable pathway from Early College, targeting students taking either Project Lead the Way and/or STEM Academy courses and RACC dual enrollment at their high school. Bucknell accepts at least 54 credits of the Engineering Transfer degree, including high school dual enrollment credits into the College of Engineering. RACC students who maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA for their AS in Engineering Transfer Program are eligible for admission consideration to one of Bucknell University's Bachelor of Science programs of study: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

- 6.) **California University of Pennsylvania** - Renewed in Spring 2015, California University of Pennsylvania's program-to-program agreement was crafted for RACC graduates in Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Machine Tool Technology and Electric Utility Technology with minimal loss of credit. Students transfer their associate of applied science to the Bachelor of Science in Technology Management program at California University of Pennsylvania.

This pathway provides a 2+2+2 articulation model that allows students to progress seamlessly from the secondary CTC, to RACC's associate of applied science, to California University of Pennsylvania's Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology Management.

- 7.) **Chamberlain University** – First signed Spring 2016, Chamberlain University's RN – BSN online pathway accepts the entire nursing program. Chamberlain is a highly reputable nursing school with a 10% discount on tuition.
- 8.) **DeSales University** – First signed Summer 2018, DeSales University's core-to-core dual admission agreement accepts the full programs for associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of applied science of Criminal Justice. The agreement allows for students to take a DeSales course at no cost to "try out" the University. Graduates will receive ½ off the prevailing tuition rate when enrolling as full-time students. RACC graduates are considered junior status.
- 9.) **Drexel University eLearning, Inc.** First signed Spring 2012, Drexel University's e-learning Letter of Understanding (LOU) was crafted for graduates of RACC's ADN and licensure. Up to 90 credits accepted with 40% off tuition rates for this online program.
- 10.) **Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)** – Renewed Spring 2017, Eastern Mennonite University's agreement was crafted for an RN – BSN pathway. EMU is a hybrid/online model and accepts up to 80 RACC credits (71 Nursing + 9 additional general education credits).
- 11.) **Elizabethtown College (EC)** – First signed Spring 2018, Elizabethtown College's Dual Admissions agreement was crafted for graduates of eleven guided pathways. Up to 64 RACC credits are accepted. RACC students who sign a letter of intent prior to 30 credits with RACC are eligible to take two tuition-free courses with Elizabethtown College. Phi Theta Kappa students are eligible for scholarships as well as RACC associate degree graduates are eligible for scholarships based upon their GPA.
- 12.) **Kutztown University** - Renewed in Spring 2017, Kutztown University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates' seamless transfer of general education core requirements. Transfer scholarships are available to RACC graduates. Changes to the Spring 2017, agreement include GPA minimums for admissions to specific programs, such as Education, and scholarship dollars for tuition and books.

RACC has a reverse transfer agreement with Kutztown University, and through this agreement, KU sends to RACC students' transcripts who have transferred to KU prior to graduating with RACC. Reverse Transfer allows for students to earn their associate degree with RACC through transferring KU credits to RACC. RACC's completion coach works with these students to graduate them in a program.

Fall 2018, Kutztown University began to implement the BSW Cohort Agreement. This agreement outlines an on-campus RACC program for graduates of RACC's AA in Social Work. Students take 39 upper-level social work credits with Kutztown University in an accelerated model and the remaining credits of general education and electives with RACC to fulfill the 120 credit BSW program requirements. Two cohorts are currently running at RACC's campus.

Fall 2021, Kutztown University will begin its BSED (PreK-4) Cohort Agreement. This agreement outlines an on-campus RACC program for graduates of RACC's AAS in Early Childhood Teaching and begins coursework through the Teacher Academy, a partnership with the Career Technology Centers (CTC)

13.) La Salle University – First signed Fall 2017, La Salle’s Dual Admissions agreement was crafted for seamless transfer of the general education core requirements. Sizable merit scholarships are available to students.

La Salle University also has a program-to-program agreement crafted for graduates of the AA in Social Work to complete their Bachelor’s of Social Work on an accelerated pathway or a traditional day pathway.

14.) Lebanon Valley College – First signed Fall 2018, Lebanon Valley College’s Dual Admissions agreement was crafted for seamless transfer of the general education core requirements. A small, regional liberal arts college close to home and the right size for many of Berks County high school students, Lebanon Valley College offers sizable merit scholarships to students. Students seeking degrees in Actuary Science, Analytical Finance, Music Business, and Accelerated Accounting/MBA Program.

15.) Lock Haven University - First signed in Spring 2010, Lock Haven University’s program-to-program agreement was crafted for graduates of the AS of Science and want to complete a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology, Biology/Chemistry, and Science with a minor in Nanotechnology.

16.) Lycoming College – First signed Spring 2016, Lycoming College’s program-to-program agreement was crafted for graduates of the AA in Sociology/anthropology or Liberal Arts. A beautiful liberal arts school in Williamsport, PA, the students have opportunities to study abroad and develop service learning projects. Transfer scholarships available for RACC graduates based on cumulative GPA.

17.) Millersville University - A long-standing agreement, Millersville University has a dual admissions agreement as well as a number of program-to-program agreements

- a. AAS in Nanoscience to AS in Nanofabrication Manufacturing Technology: Agreement is in conjunction with Pennsylvania State University (PSU) prepares students to enter the Bachelor of Science program in Industrial Technology with a concentration in Nanofabrication Manufacturing Technology at Millersville University. Of note, the summer semester, which is 18 credits with PSU, has a \$2500 laboratory fee.
- b. Signed in September 2016, Millersville University’s program-to-program agreements were crafted for graduates of the following:
 1. AA in Communication to BS in Speech Communication;
 2. AA in Liberal Arts to General Education Curriculum;
 3. AA in Business Administration to BS in Business Administration;
 4. AS in Science to BS in Biology, and
 5. AA in Secondary Ed to BS in Education.

18.) PA College of Health Sciences - Renewed Spring 2016, the PA College of Health Sciences program-to-program agreement was crafted for graduates pursuing the following pathways: RN in Nursing to BSN in Nursing, AS in Health Sciences to BS in Health Administration, AAS in Respiratory Therapy and Medical Laboratory Technician to BS in Health Sciences, and AAS in EHR to BS in Healthcare Administration.

19.) Penn State University – Berks Campus - New agreements signed Spring 2017, Pennsylvania State University – Berks Campus’ program-to-program agreements were crafted for graduates pursuing the following **program-to-program agreements**:

- a. AA in Business Administration to BSBBK in Business;
- b. AA in Communication to BA in Professional Writing;
- c. AA in Creative Writing to BA in Professional Writing;
- d. AAS in Criminal Justice to BS and BA in Criminal Justice;
- e. AA in Psychology to BA Applied Psychology;
- f. AS Science Transfer to BS Science, Life Science Option;
- g. AA Addiction Studies/Human Services to a BS in Rehabilitative Health and Human Services.
- h. Spring 2021, AS in Engineering to BS in Electromechanical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering with guidance from an RACC advisor. This pathway begins with the Technical Academy (see below for more details)

- i. Renewed in Spring 2015, the PSU – Berks Campus’ program-to-program agreement was crafted for students pursuing Nanoscience. This agreement prepares graduates to enter the Bachelor of Science in Science, General Science option with a concentration in Nanoscience. RACC graduates take a capstone semester studying at Penn State's main campus.

- 20.) **Purdue University – Calumet** - First signed in Fall 2008, Purdue University-Calumet’s program-to-program agreement was crafted for students pursuing Mechatronics engineering. RACC graduates with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechatronics can transfer up to 66 credits to Purdue’s Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics program.
- 21.) **Shippensburg University** First signed in Summer 2019, Shippensburg University’s dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of Shippensburg’s programs; in particular in engineering and business.
- 22.) **Southern New Hampshire** – First signed in Spring 2020, the fourteen Pennsylvania Community Colleges signed a general agreement, coordinated through the PA Commission statewide agreement. This agreement provides community college alumni 10% off tuition.
- 23.) **Susquehanna University** – First signed in Spring 2021, Susquehanna University’s dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates who will be considered juniors (third-year students), fulfilled general education requirements, and up to \$31,000 in scholarships based on GPA’s, and an additional \$5,000 for Phi Theta Kappa members.
- 24.) **St. Joseph’s University** – First signed Fall 2013, St. Joseph University’s dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking a bachelor’s in general studies or liberal arts, both programs housed in St. Joseph University’s Online College of Professional and Liberal Studies. Typically, though, the College of Professional and Liberal Studies serves an adult population, not direct-from-high-school graduates. The agreement allows for 75 transferrable RACC credits and a 10% reduction of St. Joseph’s tuition rates.
- 25.) **Temple University** – First signed in Fall 2013, Temple University’s dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of a Philadelphia university experience. Transfer scholarships available for RACC graduates.

In Fall 2017, RACC signed a Core-to-Core agreement enhances the dual admissions agreement by guaranteeing the general education requirements are met with a RACC associate of arts and associate of science degree.

Effective Fall 2020, RACC business administration students can transfer their complete program to Temple University’s Fox School of Business.
- 26.) **University of Cincinnati** – Renewed June 2020, this agreement details for two health professions program-to-program agreements. articulation of 60 credits, plus review of the math requirement (statistics)
 - a. AAS in Medical Laboratory Technician to the BS program in Medical Laboratory Science at the College of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Cincinnati. This is an online program, with working professionals as a target population.
 - b. First signed June 2020, Reading Area Community College’s AAS in Respiratory Care details a P2P for 70 credits fulfilling the BS in Respiratory Care. An online program, this agreement is great for working professionals.

27.) Higher Education Council of Berks County Cross Registration Agreement: The HECBC agreement allows full-time students (12+ credits a semester) attending Alvernia University, Albright College, Kutztown University, Reading Area Community College, or Penn State Berks to cross-register one course a semester at no additional tuition cost.

Reading Area Community College also participates in the Transfer Articulation and Oversight Committee and has statewide program agreements that allow graduates to transfer their program to a PASSHE school and complete their corresponding bachelor's degree in 60 credits. These statewide agreements include: Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Psychology, and Art. For more information on these agreements, please visit <https://www.collegetransfer.net>.
