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Academic Programs
(found on p. 42 of the 2020-2021 Catalog)

Honors Coursework
The Honors Institute at Collin College provides a student with a challenging learning experience designed for students with advanced academic skills and a commitment to learning. The courses taught as Honors sections are designated as such in the registration schedule by an “H” at the end of a course number. Enrollment in and completion of an Honors course will be recorded on the student’s transcript and may qualify the student for a variety of scholarships. The student must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) to be eligible for enrollment in honors courses. Interested students should visit the Honors Institute webpage for information on eligibility to enroll in Honors courses: https://www.collin.edu/academics/honors/

College Credit for Prior Learning
(found on p. 13 of the 2020-2021 Catalog)

Various assessment options enable persons who have acquired knowledge and skills in non-traditional ways to demonstrate academic achievement. The primary goal of Collin College’s Credit for Prior Learning procedure is to recognize the diverse ways that students acquire knowledge and skills outside a traditional college setting. Awarded credit for prior learning may accelerate completion of a certificate and/or degree for students who have met college and program admission requirements. For enrolled Students with a must declare the program, or students enrolled within the past year, for which credit may be given for non-traditional learning experiences also known as prior learning credit or prior learning assessment. Students may petition for prior learning credit if they:

- are currently enrolled or have been enrolled at Collin College within the past five years, and
- meet the admission requirements of the declared program for which they intend to petition for credit for non-traditional (or prior) learning experiences.

The act of petitioning for credit for prior learning does not guarantee that credit will be awarded to the petitioning student; rather, the petition provides the student the opportunity to have the knowledge and skills obtained via prior learning experiences assessed for the award of college credit.

Note: Non-refundable assessment, administrative, and/or transcript recording fees may apply. Certain prior learning assessments may have expiration periods or limited time frames during which credit may be awarded.

**Award of Prior Learning Credit on Transcripts and Application to Requirements for Degrees and Certificates**

- Credit awarded through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) will be added to the transcript only upon request and after the student has earned
six three semester credit hours of non-developmental course credit at Collin College. Course credit awarded through Prior Learning Assessment will not be used to compute student grade point averages, and students should be aware that credit earned by prior learning assessment is not guaranteed to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to another institution should consult with the receiving institution on GPA requirements and course transferability before petitioning for credit by PLA. A student completing any degree or certificate at Collin College must earn at least 25% of the credit for the degree or certificate by completing coursework at Collin College. Under no circumstances will credit awarded by PLA exceed 75% of the coursework applied toward a degree or certificate. Students are encouraged to talk with the academic department of interest for details on the maximum amount of credit that may be awarded and applied toward a specific degree or certificate by PLA. While there is no limit on the number of hours that can be earned through non-traditional credit, a minimum of 25% of the semester credit hours required for a degree or certificate must be earned at Collin College.

LIMITATIONS ON CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Prior learning credit may not be requested –

- for a previously completed credit course in which the student earned a performance grade (A-F) or a “W”. (Please note: a course must be dropped before census date to avoid a “W” grade. If a student is currently enrolled in a course for which he/she wishes to request PLA credit, the student must withdraw from the course prior to the census date of the enrolled semester in order for the PLA request for that course to be eligible for consideration.)
- for partial credit.
- more than once for a specific course.

Prior learning credit previously applied at another institution of higher education does not automatically transfer to Collin College.

For more information on Prior Learning Credit, please visit http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/index.html
http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/pla/

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION (AP)

Students who have received college-level training in secondary school and who have scores of three, four, or five on the appropriate Advanced Placement examination may be granted, on request, placement and credit for comparable courses at the college.

- Students must be currently enrolled have a declared program and must have completed six three semester credit hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on the student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this six three-credit hour requirement.
- For more information contact the Director of Testing. Please refer to the Collin College website for the full list of allowable credits for AP exams: https://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/creditbyexam/ap.html

MILITARY ARMED FORCES CREDIT

In addition to using credit earned at other institutions to achieve advanced placement at Collin College, students may receive such standing by presenting evidence of having satisfactorily completed a program of military training for which equivalent college credit may be given in accordance with the American Council on Education Standards and Recommendations. The degree plan coordinator evaluates Armed Forces credit. If awarded, credit for military training will be awarded upon receipt of a student’s DD214 or documentation of active service (Reserves, active duty, or honorable discharge).

- Students must have a declared program and must have completed three semester credit hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on the student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this three-credit hour requirement.
**ARTICULATED COLLEGE CREDIT FOR SELECT HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

Students who elected to take Collin College articulated courses in high school may be eligible to receive college credit for those courses upon high school graduation. These credits are completely tuition free and are awarded based on successful completion of an end-of-course assessment. Non-developmental courses are not eligible.

The requirements to receive college credit are:

- Students must be currently enrolled have a declared program and must have completed six three semester hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on the student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this six three-credit hour requirement.
- Submit the petition for articulated credit within 12 months of high school graduation to a special admissions coordinator.
- Earn a passing grade* on the end-of-course assessment in high school.
- Submit an official final high school transcript along with the petition. Articulated high school credits must be notated on the high school transcript.

Upon completion of the above steps, the college credit that a student is qualified for will be applied to the college transcript at the end of the college grading cycle. For more information, call the Dual Credit Office at 469.365.1850.

*Passing course grades may vary, check with a special admissions coordinator for details.

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA (IB)**

The International Baccalaureate diploma is an international program of courses and exams offered at the high school level. Collin College will award specific college credit in subject appropriate areas on all IB exam scores of 4 or above, with an IB diploma or certificate. Student must have an official IB transcript sent to Collin College. Please refer to the Collin website for the full list of allowable credits for IB exams:

https://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/creditbyexam/ib.html

**COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)**

Most publicly-supported colleges and universities have agreed to accept as transfer credits all CLEP credit granted by regionally accredited institutions using the criteria below. Students planning to use CLEP credit to meet degree requirements at other institutions should check the requirements of the receiving institution. CLEP General Exams are not evaluated for credit at Collin College. The college uses the following criteria for CLEP Subject Examination evaluation:

- Students must be currently enrolled have a declared program and must have completed six three semester hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on the student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this six three-credit hour requirement.
- CLEP credit shall be recorded on transcripts with a “CR” in order to be clearly recognized as credit earned by examination.
- Collin College will not replace an existing grade with CLEP credit, including a grade of “W.” Please note: a course must be dropped before census date to avoid a “W” grade.
- Credit is awarded for CLEP Subject Examination scores at or above specified levels. See the Collin College CLEP web page (address shown below) or contact the Director of Testing for specific passing scores. Official score reports should be sent to the Director of Testing. The college code for Collin College is 2290.

For each CLEP examination, a non-refundable administrative and examination fee will be charged. For information on taking a CLEP subject exam, please contact the Director of Testing. Please refer to the Collin College website for the full list of allowable credits for CLEP exams:

https://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/creditbyexam/clep.html
**Certifications and Licenses**

In some academic departments, the faculty has determined equivalent course credit for professional certifications and state licensures. Course credit is based on competencies demonstrated through successful completion of the certification or state licensure assessment.

- Students must have a declared program and must have completed three semester credit hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on a student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this three-credit hour requirement.
- Certifications and state licenses must be current and valid.

**Credit by Exam (Departmental Exams)**

Credit for some courses may be granted upon successful completion of a comprehensive examination over the content of the course. A nonrefundable fee is charged for each course examination.

- Students must be currently enrolled have a declared program and must have completed six three-semester hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on the student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this six-three-credit hour requirement.
- Credit by exam may be attempted only once for any given course.
- Students currently enrolled in a course that they wish to test out of must test or withdraw prior to the census date of the enrolled semester.
- The student must score at or above the 70th percentile to receive credit for the course.
- Passing scores and exit competencies are based on learning outcomes of the course and are determined by faculty in the appropriate academic department. Please review your program’s minimum passing scores and requirements
  
  http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/pla/pla_department_contacts.html
- Although a maximum of PLA credit may not exceed 75% of your degree or certificate requirements that can be earned by examination, course exam availability vary by program.
- Credit earned by examination may not be earned in any course for which the student has previously received a grade, either at this institution or elsewhere. (Grades of 'F' and 'W' are included)
- Prior learning credit previously applied at another institution of higher education does not automatically transfer to Collin College.

**Credit for Prior Learning Through Linked Continuing Education Courses**

Students who have taken for example Cisco Networking (CCNA only) or real estate licensure courses through Collin Continuing Education may be eligible to receive college credit for those courses. Continuing education (CE) students have an opportunity to have academic credit awarded for completing certain non-credit courses. CE courses that are offered in a linked format with a corresponding credit section of the same course are eligible for credit to be awarded. Students completing an eligible CE course (linked) are held to the same rigorous standards of learning as credit students. The requirements to request college credit are:

- Students must be currently enrolled admitted to Collin College, must meet the requirements of their declared credit-bearing program, and must have completed six three-semester credit hours at Collin College before credit is awarded on the student’s transcript. Developmental education courses do not count towards this six-three-credit hour requirement.
- The CE courses must have been completed within the past 12 months.
- Must have successfully completed the same end-of-course final assessment(s) as the students completing the credit course.
- The course was not repeated more than once.

A minimum of 25% of the semester credit hours required for a degree or certificate must be earned at Collin College. A non-refundable fee will be assessed for each course that is transcripted.
Field of Study (FOS) Certificates
(found on p. 45 and p. 59 of the 2020-2021 Catalog)

Fields of Study are available in the following disciplines:

- Business
- Communication*
- Computer Science & Information Technology*
- Criminal Justice
- Drama*
- Economics*
- Engineering
- Fine Arts*
- Music
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

*In July 2020, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) voted to further review the new Field of Study curricula that were scheduled to go into effect in Fall 2020. Collin College has five FOS Certificates that were affected by this action. The THECB action may limit the applicability toward the corresponding majors at state-supported colleges or universities. Students enrolled in one of these Field of Study certificates are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor and/or contact their transfer institution to make sure courses in the certificate will be degree applicable to their bachelor degree at the transfer university.

Workforce Degree Plan by Program

Included below are new programs approved by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Banking and Financial Services

Department Website:
http://www.collin.edu/department/banking/

Program Options:
AAS – Banking and Financial Services
Certificate Level 1 – Banking
Certificate Level 1 – Financial Services

The Banking and Financial Services degree and certificate programs at Collin College are designed to prepare students for a variety of positions in the Banking and Financial Services sector. Students will learn about the frameworks of laws and regulations in the Banking and Financial Services sector as well as gain a broad knowledge of business activities.

AAS – Banking and Financial Services
60 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
BNKG 1303 Principles of Bank Operations
BNKG 1347 Bank Marketing
BUSG 1304 Financial Literacy

SECOND YEAR
First Semester
ACCT 2302 Principles of Managerial Accounting
BNKG 1340 Money and Financial Markets
BNKG 1356 Analyzing Financial Statements
BUSA 1313 Investments
GEN ED Humanities/Fine Arts course
Second Semester
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications
BMGT 1341 Business Ethics
BUSA 1315 Investments and Securities (Capstone)
GEN ED Speech course

Certificate Level 1 – Banking
18 credit hours
First Semester
BNKG 1303 Principles of Bank Operation
BNKG 1347 Bank Marketing
BUSG 1304 Financial Literacy
Second Semester
BNKG 1345 Consumer Lending
BNKG 1349 Commercial Lending (Capstone)
MRKG 2333 Principles of Selling

Certificate Level 1 – Financial Services
18 credit hours
First Semester
BNKG 1340 Money and Financial Markets
BNKG 1356 Analyzing Financial Statements
BUSA 1313 Investments
Second Semester
BMGT 1341 Business Ethics
BUSA 1315 Investments and Securities (Capstone)
Elective*

*Elective (3 credit hours): ACCT 2301, BCIS 1305, BNKG 2380

Click here to view new course descriptions.

Urban Sustainable Agriculture
Department Website:
http://www.collin.edu/department/agriculture/

Program Options:
AAS – Urban Sustainable Agriculture
Certificate Level 1 – Controlled Environment Agriculture
Certificate Level 1 – Sustainable Agriculture

Collin County has a rich agricultural history, that continues to be strong today. According to the USDA census data, 50% of acreage in Collin County is identified as agricultural, and although the sizes of local farms are decreasing, the number of small farms is increasing. Small footprint farms are producing more crops per square foot with less water and a smaller environmental impact! Agriculture is the art and science of raising plants and animals for human benefit. It is the foundation of civilizations and contributes to food security. The urban sustainable agriculture program offers students an opportunity to learn sustainable practices, incorporate precision technology, and develop food solutions for an ever-increasing population. Students will develop the skills to create their own small farm, develop the technical knowledge and marketable skills needed to manage controlled-environment growing operations, and market locally sourced produce to chefs and families. Students will learn how to manage a small farm growing operation and create a local farm-to-table program.

Collin’s Urban Sustainable Agriculture is a multidisciplinary program that will prepare you to work in the agriculture industry including sales, management, entrepreneurship, conservation practices, and marketing of agricultural products directly to consumers and restaurants.

AAS – Urban Sustainable Agriculture
60 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
AGCR 2305 Entomology
AGCR 2371 Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
CHEF 1305 Sanitation and Safety 1
ECON 1301 Introduction to Economics (see Social/Behavioral Sciences courses)
HALT 2421 Small Farming

Second Semester
AGCR 2313 Soil and Water Conservation Management
AGRI 1415 Horticulture
AGRI 2303 Agricultural Construction
HALT 2308 Greenhouse Management
HALT 2402 Greenhouse Crop Production

SECOND YEAR
First Semester
AGRI 1325  Marketing of Agricultural Products
BCIS 1305  Business Computer Applications
BUSI 1301  Business Principles
MATH 1324  Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences (See Mathematics options)
ENGL 1301  Composition I

Second Semester
AGCR 2586  Internship – Crop Production
CHEM 1405  Introduction to Chemistry 1
GEN ED  Humanities/Fine Arts course

1. Certification in ServSafe and Food Protection Management
2. May substitute CHEM 1411. Please check with your transfer institution for degree applicability. CHEM 1411 has MATH 1314 College Algebra as a prerequisite.

Certificate Level 1 – Controlled Environment Agriculture
17 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
AGCR 2313  Soil and Water Conservation Management
AGRI 1415  Horticulture
AGRI 2303  Agricultural Construction
HALT 2308  Greenhouse Management
HALT 2402  Greenhouse Crop Production

Certificate Level 1 – Sustainable Agriculture
16 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
AGCR 2305  Entomology
AGCR 2371  Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
CHEF 1305  Sanitation and Safety 1
ECON 1301  Introduction to Economics (see Social/Behavioral Sciences courses)
HALT 2421  Small Farming

1. Certification in ServSafe and Food Protection Management

Click here to view new course descriptions.

Vocational Nursing

Department Website:
www.collin.edu/department/lvn/

Program Option:
Certificate Level 2 – Vocational Nursing

This is a twelve (12) month program to receive certification in Vocational Nursing at Collin College and then to become eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam for licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) by the Texas Board of Nursing. LVNs/LPNs work under the supervision of an RN, physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner (NP or APRN), dentist or physician’s assistant (PA). They can perform basic nursing duties independently and assist RNs and physicians in more complex nursing situations. LVNs/LPNs work in a variety of healthcare settings including many areas of acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities/nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, long-term acute care hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, substance abuse centers, dialysis centers, schools, clinics, adult and child daycare centers, correctional facilities, doctor offices, surgery centers, hospice and home healthcare among others.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:
Minimum educational credentials required by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) to be admitted to an LVN Program are a high school diploma or GED/HiSET certificate. The TSI exam is NOT required for the LVN Program.

Attendance at a Vocational Nursing Information Session is required. See www.collin.edu/department/lvn/ for dates, times and locations. This session takes approximately 75 minutes to explain details of the program.

Admission to the VN Program is a selective process. Students will be selected for the program based on a point system. The Collin College LVN Program will use the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) entrance exam by Advanced Technology Institute (ATI). Score on the TEAS entrance exam will be highly prioritized for admission. To graduate, a final grade of C or better must be earned in every nursing course required for the program.
To comply with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Hospital Council requirements, blood titers are required to show immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B. Vaccinations against influenza and COVID-19 (when available) are required. Tuberculosis testing and annual physical exams are required.

Current CPR certification and personal medical insurance are required during the entirety of the program.

Drug screening will be done randomly on admission and throughout the program with non-positive results required.

**Licensure Notice:** All students must undergo an FBI criminal background by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) and be approved by TBON to attend a nursing program. Students who have been involved with the criminal system, are advised that your background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas.

Upon initial acceptance to the program, the TBON will require an FBI criminal background check. If you can answer, “YES” to any one of the questions below, the TBON may require you to submit police reports, lawyer and court reports, probation records and/or other documents at their discretion to approve your eligibility to be enrolled in a nursing program and take the licensure exam upon graduation.

- Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor (other than a class C misdemeanor traffic violation)?
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
- Have you ever pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- Have you ever received deferred adjudication?
- Have you ever been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- Have you ever been sentenced to serve jail or prison time or court-ordered confinement?
- Have you ever been granted pre-trial diversion?

Applicants may NOT apply for a Declaratory Order of Eligibility (DOE) from the Texas Board of Nursing before initial acceptance to a nursing program. Applicant names must be submitted by a College of Nursing.

Collin County healthcare facilities support the Collin College Nursing Programs. Several healthcare facilities throughout the Metroplex are used for the clinical experience.

**FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES/CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS STATEMENT**

After initial acceptance to this program, all students are required to meet specific functional abilities - with or without accommodations - for successful completion of the program and to function safely and effectively in the variety of the profession’s settings. The specific functional requirements are found in the Functional Abilities/Core Performance Standards documents provided in the program information on the Nursing website [http://www.collin.edu/nursing](http://www.collin.edu/nursing). Students who think they may not be able to meet the functional standards and need accommodation are encouraged to contact the college ACCESS department as soon as this program is of interest.

**ACCREDITATION/APPROVALS**

The Collin College Vocational Nursing Program has been approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Various scholarships are available to students when they have been accepted into the Nursing Program. Most scholarships are awarded based on financial need. Other types of monetary support
are available through the college’s Financial Aid Office.

**Certificate Level 2 – Vocational Nursing**

46 credit hours

**FIRST YEAR**

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