

Welcome to Concurrent Enrollment

**Welcome to the Concurrent Enrollment Program!**

We are excited that you will be a part of this endeavor. Concurrent enrollment, sometimes referred to as dual enrollment, provides high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Concurrent enrollment courses introduce students to the rigors of college coursework early. Additionally, recent studies have shown that many students who participate in concurrent enrollment programs are more likely to go on to complete plans of study and receive a college degree.

As a high school instructor, you are an integral part of the Concurrent Enrollment Program at PNW. Your role is to provide college coursework to your students. To support you in your efforts, the Office of Concurrent Enrollment Programs at PNW will provide you with the following supports:

* A meeting arranged with the PNW Liaison early in the semester to review course syllabi, objectives, learning outcomes, and common assessments.
* A classroom observation visit, typically occurring around midterm.
* A *Follow-up Visit* with you will also be scheduled prior to the end of the semester. Its purposes are to discuss grade submission, professional development opportunities and to determine if there are any problems or needs with which you might need assistance.
* Participation in professional development opportunities with members of the Academic Department that is home to the course you are teaching.

This handbook should serve as a valuable resource for you during this experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or other members of the Office of Concurrent Enrollment team.

Again, it is a pleasure to have you as part of the Concurrent Enrollment Program at PNW!



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Mission, Vision and Values

**Mission**

Provide an academically rigorous introduction to college for high school students in Northwest Indiana.

**Vision**

PNW will be the institution of choice in Northwest Indiana and beyond as the center for education, innovation, economic development and culture.

**Values**

The students, faculty, staff, alumni and entire PNW community:

* Embody a commitment to excellence in all we do.
* Foster a culture that supports growth and success for students, faculty and staff.
* Create a welcoming, collegial environment that celebrates diversity.
* Demonstrate respect, caring, dignity and inclusion for all.
* Promote global citizenship, through learning, interconnectedness, strong stewardship and focusing on improving social outcomes.
* Promote growth and mutual success through developing and leveraging partnerships throughout the area.
* Act with honestly and integrity, adhering to the highest ethical standards of personal and professional behavior, in communicating, learning, teaching, research and public service.
* Accept personal and institutional responsibility for everything we do.
* Innovate to increase lifelong learning.
* Demonstrate pride in our university, community, ourselves and one another.

Program Overview

***Concurrent Enrollment Program***

PNW collaborates with 35-plus partner high schools in the Northwest Region of Indiana to offer college-level classes taught in high school classrooms by qualified high school teachers.

Concurrent Enrollment courses:

* provide the opportunity to learn what full-time college coursework will be like
* provide an opportunity to learn more about their area of academic interest
* develop college-level study habits and time-management skills
* provide the experiences of college expectations and academic rigor
* allow students to save time and gain flexibility in college by completing credits in high school

Concurrent enrollment course offerings span the academic disciplines and include many courses listed on the Indiana Core Transfer Library—a list of courses that will transfer among all Indiana public college and university campuses, assuming adequate grades (see <https://transferin.net/earned-credits/core-transfer-library/> for more information).

As a Concurrent Enrollment Instructor, you will work to develop collaborative relationships with high school concurrent enrollment instructors to provide eligible high school students with a college experience that engages them and encourages them to persist in taking rigorous coursework throughout their high school and college careers. In this role, you will work closely with our high school partners to provide a high level of service in the areas of faculty mentoring and student support.

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| Common Concurrent Course Offerings |
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Concurrent Enrollment Program Commitment and Responsibilities

***PNW Responsibilities to Partner High Schools***

PNW is committed to serving our partner high schools with the utmost integrity, providing quality post-secondary educational opportunities for high school students.

The Office of Concurrent Enrollment is responsible for:

* Communicating all Concurrent Enrollment Program requirements.
* Supporting Academic Departments and Liaisons in providing annual professional development opportunities for high school teachers.
* Paying for administration costs associated with placement assessments.
* Registering high school students for transcripted college credit.
* Communicating and responding in a timely manner to all correspondence.
* Making on site high school visits (when requested) to meet with students, parents, instructors and/or administrators.
* Collecting and maintaining data for students enrolled in concurrent courses.
* Providing departments with data summaries following grade submission at the end of each term.
* Maintaining an up-to-date record of high school teacher qualifications, eligibility and any coursework needed to attain/maintain eligibility to teach.
* Maintaining Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) and Course articulations for each school.
* Confirm semester course offerings with high schools and Academic Departments.
* Maintaining materials and documentation of professional development and training provided to high school teachers that includes attendance, written description of training provided for new concurrent enrollment teachers, etc.
* Providing High School Instructors with student feedback each semester.
* Providing superior customer support for any day-to-day occurrence.

***Academic Department Responsibilities***

The Academic Departments are responsible for:

* Recruiting, assigning and supporting high quality faculty liaisons to support the high school teachers.
* Review the transcripts of high school to determine faculty qualifications to teach; the length of eligibility to teach; the course(s) for which a teacher is qualified; and/or to determine if additional coursework is needed (and, if so, what types of courses). This information is communicated to the Office of Concurrent Enrollment so that an up-to-date record is maintained.
* Review course syllabi and materials to determine if course(s) is comparable to university course(s). This information is communicated to the Office of Concurrent Enrollment so that an up-to-date record is maintained.
* Review and sign annual MOU with each school in which a concurrent enrollment course from their department is being taught. This information is communicated to the Office of Concurrent Enrollment so that an up-to-date record is maintained.
* Construct, maintain, and provide access to a Blackboard course shell for the concurrent course offerings. This shell shall contain resources, materials, course philosophy, curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment for the course that can be used by the high school teachers in training and alignment.
* Collaborate with the Office of Concurrent Enrollment to offer annual professional development and course-specific training for high school teachers.

***PNW Liaison Responsibilities***

Each Academic Department will appoint a Concurrent Enrollment Program Liaison for its courses. This person is vital to the program’s success and serves as the key connection between high school students, high school instructors and PNW.

The Liaison will:

* Provide information and relevant updates to all high school teachers about PNW.
* Communicate and respond in a timely manner to all correspondence.
* Understand and adhere to FERPA laws.
* With a new mentoring relationship, where either the concurrent enrollment teacher, course, or liaison is new, the liaison completes two class observations, submitted as videos in Brightspace or in person, and reviewed using the provided rubric (based on the *NACEP Issue Brief: The Classroom Visit)* in Brightspace*.* Liaisons also conduct a pre-class meeting with the high school instructor, which can be done using technology and they can also conduct their remaining meetings using technology or in person.
* With a repeat mentoring relationship, where the concurrent enrollment teacher has taught the course before and has been mentored by the same faculty member, the liaison completes one observation, submitted as a video in Brightspace or in person, and uses the provided rubric (based on the *NACEP Issue Brief: The Classroom Visit)* in Brightspace.
* Provide support, guidance and mentoring for concurrent enrollment high school teachers to ensure the delivery of a quality, collegiate-level learning experience for concurrent enrollment students.
* Review the course syllabus with the high school teachers to ensure consistency in course outcomes and expectations.
* Review grading practices to ensure standards are similar to on-campus courses.
* Review assignments and assessments to ensure students are being assessed using similar methods to on-campus courses.
* Mentor the high school teacher on disciplinary content, course guidelines, required materials, exams, grading, testing procedures, and common assignments and/or assessments.
* Provide information for the high school teacher on PNW academic policies and procedures.
* Monitor student performance at determined points within the semester for the early identification and intervention with students who may need additional supports for academic success.
* Ensure high school students have access to library and other college services to assist them in their academic success.
* Collaborate with the Academic Department and the Office of Concurrent Enrollment to create and deliver the annual professional development day for high school teachers.

***High School Teacher Responsibilities***

High school teachers will:

* Work with their PNW Liaison to ensure that their syllabus and course is articulated with a PNW course. The syllabus and course articulation approvals occur prior to the course being offered; approval from the Academic Department is necessary for the course to be offered in the high school.
* Distribute the approved syllabus to their students.
* Meet with their PNW faculty liaison.
* Submit lecture videos to Brightspace or arrange in person site visits for observation by their PNW faculty liaison.
* For a new class, new instructor or new liaison, six meetings are required. At least one planning meeting between the liaison and high school teacher (which includes new teacher orientation) must occur prior to the start of the semester. At least two classroom observations will occur (via uploaded videos in Brightspace) and one follow-up meeting. Liaisons will record their observations and recommendations, which are submitted and reviewed by Academic Departments.
* Repeat course offerings with the same high school teacher and liaison are required to have three meetings. At least one of these meetings will be a classroom observation.
* Respond to communications from their liaisons in a timely manner.
* Schedule Jump Start (required for new instructors).
* Review class lists and work with the PNW liaison to communicate any and all changes to PNW.
* Submit grades in a timely fashion adhering to the Concurrent Enrollment Timeline.
* Stay in compliance with FERPA.
* Attend annual professional development in both the spring and fall semesters.
* Participate in PNW’s concurrent enrollment electronic surveys.
* Have access to the course and/or department Learning Management System (Brightspace) where resources and information is shared and communicated.
* Adhere to NACEP 2017 standards facilitating student connection with university learning resources and student support services.
* Receive and use feedback from students each semester using the university adopted student assessment system to improve instruction and the course.
* Report episodes of academic misconduct to the Office of Concurrent Enrollment immediately upon determining such activity occurred.
* Notify the Office of Concurrent Enrollment of plans to retire, change high school, or the high school’s plan to discontinue offering the course.

\*Dates are approximate – will vary based on academic year.

Concurrent Enrollment Program Timeline\*

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|  | Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
| Placement Exams Open | July 29th – Aug 27th | Nov 25th – Jan 28th |
| Registration forms from High Schools ***due*** to Office of Concurrent Enrollment | Aug 16th | Jan 27th |
| Verification forms sent to High Schools ***from*** the Office of Concurrent Enrollment (\*Free/reduced lunch roster included) | Aug 19th | Jan. 20th |
| Verification forms ***returned by*** High Schools to the Office of Concurrent Enrollment (\* with the Free/reduced lunch roster included) | Aug 26th | Jan 27th |
| Last day for student to ADD a concurrent enrollment class | Aug 26th | Jan 27th |
| Class lists shared with PNW Liaison | Sept 1st | Feb 1st |
| Last day for student to DROP concurrent enrollment class without penalty | Sept 27th | Mar 27th |
| OCE sends email to high schools with proposed course offerings for the next academic year | Nov 1st | |
| Student withdrawal from course deadline w/o impact on GPA | Nov 29th | Apr 24th |
| Final semester grades submission window | Dec 9th —  Jan 24th | May 11th -  June 15th |
| Deadline to confirm concurrent course offerings for next academic year | Dec 22nd | |
| MOU and Articulation Conferencing between Academic Departments and High Schools for next academic year | Jan 3- Feb 28th | |
| MOUs and Articulation agreements for the next academic year ***due to the Office of Concurrent Enrollment from the Department Chairs*** | March 1st | |

Learning Management System (Brightspace)

PNW uses *Brightspace* as our learning management system. There are 3 ways to access PNW Brightspace (all will lead you to the same destination).

Option 1

* Log in to <http://www.pnw.edu/mypnw/> using your career account username and password
* Locate the menu along the left side of the page and click **Brightspace**
* A box labeled Brightspace will contain a link labeled **Go to My Courses**
* You will then see a box labeled **My Courses** where you are listed as the “Instructor”. Simply click on the course name and you will have access to the course site with resources and information that you may want to incorporate into your instruction

The [Office of Instructional Technology](https://www.pnw.edu/learning-technologies/) is an excellent resource. Please visit their [website](https://www.pnw.edu/learning-technologies/) as it provides [assistance](https://www.pnw.edu/learning-technologies/online-program-support/) and [tutorials](https://www.pnw.edu/learning-technologies/student-support/).

All required accreditation documentation will be uploaded via *Brightspace*. Submission spaces for your course syllabi, key assessments, and online forums are available.

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships Standards

PNW is accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). As such, we adhere to the standards to help us advance and maintain the quality of college courses offered in our partnership high schools. A link to these standards is found here: <http://www.nacep.org/docs/accreditation/NACEP_Standards_2017.pdf>

New Instructor Orientation

PNW’s Office of Concurrent Enrollment is accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). As such, all new concurrent enrollment instructors must receive an orientation prior to teaching PNW course(s). Details of this required standard are below, including the evidence which must be collected to satisfy accreditation requirements.

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| NACEP Faculty Standard 2 (F2) | Faculty Liaisons at the college/university provide all new concurrent enrollment instructors with course-specific training in course philosophy, curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment prior to the instructor teaching the course.  Required Evidence:  1. For each discipline, a sample of course-specific training materials and agenda for new concurrent enrollment instructor training.  2. For each of these examples, a description written by the faculty liaison of how new instructors are trained. Include a description on how the materials provided for evidence are used.  3. Attendance tracking report documenting the date each new concurrent enrollment instructor received initial course-specific training. |

The OCE will coordinate an administrative New Instructor Orientation for new instructors. Department Liaisons and Department Chairs will provide the required discipline-specific orientation for new instructors in their subject area. Following the orientation, the liaison will submit the required evidence listed above into New Instructor Orientation space in OCE Brightspace page.

Syllabus and Key Assessment Review

To ensure quality and comparability in our high school CEP sections, the liaison should review the course syllabus and key assessment(s) prior to the start of the class and submit copies to the OCE Brightspace page. NACEP Curriculum standard 2 addresses the syllabus requirement, and Assessment Standard 1 addresses the Key Assessment.

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| NACEP Curriculum Standard 2 (C2) | The college/university ensures the concurrent enrollment courses reflect the learning objectives, and the pedagogical, theoretical and philosophical orientation of the respective college/university discipline.  Required Evidence:  1. Paired syllabi from on campus and concurrent enrollment sections from one course per discipline, with the learning objectives highlighted.  2. A Statement of Equivalency for each discipline written by each discipline’s faculty liaison that follows the NACEP Statement of Equivalency Guidelines. A standard response is not appropriate. |
| NACEP Assessment Standard 1 (A1) | The college/university ensures concurrent enrollment students’ proficiency of learning outcomes is measured using comparable grading standards and assessment methods to on campus sections.  Required Evidence:  1. A Statement of Equivalency written by each discipline’s faculty liaison that follows the NACEP Statement of Equivalency Guidelines. A standard response is not appropriate.  2. Paired student assessment tools from on-campus and concurrent enrollment sections – one paired example from each discipline for side-by-side comparisons (such as final exam, lab exercise, essay assignment, or grading rubric). |

From the above, it is clear that NACEP also emphasizes the Statement of Equivalency to ensure equivalence in courses. The Statements of Equivalency are on file in the OCE and will be sent to Department Chairs and Liaisons annually for review and updating, if necessary. This process takes place at the end of the academic year.

PNW Policies and Resources

A more complete list of PNW policies and resources can be found at <https://www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/student-handbook/>

**Academic Integrity Policy**

The Academic Integrity process is one component of an overall system promoting academic integrity at Purdue University Northwest. Academic dishonesty comes in many forms, including (but not limited to) cheating on exams and committing plagiarism on assignments. Academic dishonesty need not be intentional. Instructors are charged with the responsibility of responding appropriately and promptly to instances of academic dishonesty that occur among students in their courses. An instructor who determines that academic dishonesty has occurred possesses the authority to impose on the student(s) in question any grading penalty he or she deems appropriate, up to and including issuing a failing grade for the course.

**Academic Standing Regulations**

A student must maintain a minimum 2.0 semester **and** cumulative GPA to remain in Good Academic Standing.

**Academic Probation**

A student at Purdue University will be placed on Academic Probation if either semester **or** cumulative GPA at the end of any fall or spring semester is less than 2.0.

A student on academic probation can return to good academic standing at the end of the first subsequent fall or spring semester in which they achieve both semester **and** cumulative GPA’s 2.0 or higher. Academic Standing is not assessed in summer sessions.

**Access and Accommodation**

PNW is committed to providing equal access to education for all students. Students that have a disability or believe they may have a disability are invited to contact the PNW Disability Access Center to determine eligibility and/or submit accommodation requests (<https://www.pnw.edu/disability-access-center/)>.

**Appeals**

Students who wish to appeal their GPA and/or assessment score requirements need to work with their high school teacher and the PNW Liaison to complete the appeals process (see <https://www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/purdue-university-northwest-student-grade-appeals-policy/> ).

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all course meeting dates. Instructors may determine a specific policy regarding attendance in their class and the impact, if any, student non-attendance might have on their final grade. If an instructor decides that an attendance policy is warranted for his/her class, then that policy must be included on his/her syllabus.

**Drop/Add/Withdrawal**

Students needing to initiate a withdrawal from all their college courses can do so by contacting their high school teacher or PNW liaison. PNW encourages students to meet with their counselor before making a decision, as withdrawing may have an impact on satisfactory academic progress and future eligibility to receive financial aid and eligibility for enrollment in college. A student must drop a class within the first five (5) business days of a semester to avoid receiving a “W” (withdraw) on their permanent transcript. No entry will be made on the student’s academic record if a course is dropped within the first five (5) business days of a semester.

A student must withdraw from a course no later than the date on which eighty percent (80%) of the days in the academic semester have elapsed (i.e., end of week 13 in the semester). A full semester course dropped a after five (5) business days and before 80 percent (80%) of the semester has elapsed will appear on the student’s record as a withdraw (W). Should the student withdraw after 80 percent (80%) of the course has elapsed- a letter gradr “F” will appear on their permanent transcript.

**GPA Calculation**

Instructors have the option of assigning plus/minus letter grades. Quality points are allocated to each recorded grade according to the following scale:

Grade Scale

| **LETTER GRADE** | **POINTS** |
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| **A+, A** | 4.0 grade points per semester hour |
| **A-** | 3.7 grade points per semester hour |
| **B+** | 3.3 grade points per semester hour |
| **B** | 3.0 grade points per semester hour |
| **B-** | 2.7 grade points per semester hour |
| **C+** | 2.3 grade points per semester hour |
| **C** | 2.0 grade points per semester hour |
| **C-** | 1.7 grade points per semester hour |
| **D+** | 1.3 grade points per semester hour |
| **D** | 1.0 grade point per semester hour |
| **D-** | 0.7 grade points per semester hour |
| **F** | 0.00 grade points per semester hour |

### Semester Grade Point Average

To determine semester grade point average, you need to determine the number of total semester points earned during the semester and the total credit hours that were attempted.

Semester Points/Semester Credits Attempted = Semester GPA

### Cumulative Grade Point Average

To determine overall grade point average, you need to determine the number of total grade points earned and the total credit hours attempted beginning with the first semester of attendance.

Total Grade Points/Total Credits Attempted = Cumulative GPA

**Non-compliance Policy**

If a High School Instructor and/or secondary institution does not comply with their respective responsibilities and expectations, they will be cited for non-compliance with a verbal warning which will be followed by a written warning to the secondary institution’s administration if they continue to be in non-compliance.

The Office of Concurrent Enrollment Programs will communicate with the High School Instructor and institution to correct the non-compliance issues. If the High School instructor and/or institution fails to comply with the responsibilities/expectations, PNW has the option to end the class and/or partnership.

**Plagiarism Policy**

Plagiarism is the use of someone else’s words and ideas as one’s own. Any instructor who has evidence of plagiarism will provide the student with the opportunity to provide an alternate explanation for the evidence or admit fault. The instructor may choose one of the following options in dealing with this infraction:

1. Reprimand the student and require a revision of the work.
2. Lower the grade on the assignment/exam without the opportunity to regain the lost credit.
3. Withdrawal of the student from the course.
4. Enter the grade of “F” for the course.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Purdue University students enjoy the protections and freedoms afforded in the Bill of Student Rights. Privacy, expression, grades and more are addressed in this document. It is located at <http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/student_conduct/studentrights.html>

**Transcript Request**

Official transcripts of a student’s academic record are provided free-of-charge by the [Office of the Registrar at Purdue University](http://www.purdue.edu/registrar/currentStudents/students/transcripts.html). This is the method to be used when a sealed official transcript is required for a third party. Students may request either official (sealed) or unofficial (unsealed) transcripts in Lawshe Hall, Room 130, Desk 3 (Hammond Campus) or Schwarz Hall, Room 40 (Westville Campus). Students will be asked for a valid picture ID at pick-up.  Transcripts cannot be released to a third party.

**University Resources**

A list of additional resources available to students enrolled in Concurrent Enrollment Courses can be found here: <https://www.pnw.edu/dean-of-students/student-resources/>