



# Chinook's Edge Dual Credit Overview

## 2016 - 2017

### What is dual credit?

A high school student who is involved in dual credit is taking either a high school or a post-secondary course that results in both high school credits and post-secondary credits being earned. Students are enrolled in both the high school and the post-secondary institution at the same time. High school credit is awarded through the use of CTS courses that have been aligned to college courses.

**All opportunities are posted online in the Dual Credit Manual on the Chinook's Edge School Division website under Services/Learning/High School Programming/Dual Credit Manual.**

### Why dual credit?

There are a number of benefits for students in dual credit programs, including increases in student engagement and achievement, high school completion and transitions to post-secondary, and career and life goal setting. Dual credit provides students an opportunity to "test drive" post-secondary courses while still in high school.

### Who is eligible for dual credit?

Generally, students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible to apply for dual credit courses and programs. In some cases, grade 10 students also may be eligible. Students who are interested need to connect to their school's Career Counselor, discuss the dual credit options and if they meet the requirements will complete a Dual Credit Application Package through their high school. The application packages vary depending on the college, but usually includes a college application form, a current course mark listing, and a written statement of intent. Parental and high school consent are required for all dual credit courses and programs.

### What does it cost to take a dual credit course or program?

Tuition for all dual credit courses and programs is paid for by the school district. Some courses and programs require materials and textbooks; these are paid for by the students/parents. All transportation to the college, including any parking fees, is also the responsibility of the students/parents.

### Where are the courses being offered, and what courses will be available?

For the 2016-2017 school year, we have a number of opportunities available for CESD students through Olds College, Red Deer College, Lakeland College, and NorQuest College. These opportunities are offered in a variety of delivery methods, including on site at a college, online, and blended (online and onsite). A summary of the current opportunities is provided on the following pages. Please check with your Career Counselor or school administrator for complete details.

New courses and programs are added throughout the school year, and are available through your high school Career Counsellor and school administrator. **All opportunities are posted online in the Dual Credit Manual on the Chinook's Edge School Division website under Services/Learning/High School Programming/Dual Credit Manual.** All applications must be submitted through your high school.