Post-secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Earn a marketable degree by the time you graduate from high school. More information at www.dctc.edu/pseo.
Admission to our PSEO and academic programs operates on a first come first served basis. Applicants must complete all of the following admissions steps by the deadline to be eligible for admission. Per state statute, PSEO students may not take the place of a traditional student. Placement into high demand programs is not guaranteed. PSEO students will only be considered for a program once they have completed both the PSEO and the program admissions requirements, been accepted to the college, only after the waitlist has been exhausted.

**Checklist**

**Application Deadline:**
- June 1: Priority deadline for fall semester
- July 1: Deadline for fall semester
- December 1: Deadline for spring semester

**General PSEO Admissions Requirements**

- **Determine if PSEO is the right choice for you.** Talk with a high school guidance counselor about your high school graduation requirements.
- **Submit the PSEO application.** Complete the online or paper application and submit. Apply online at dctc.edu/applynow.
- **Submit high school transcripts.** Transcripts must be from the same high school that is listed on the Notice of Registration.
- **Submit the Notice of Registration.** Notice of Registration form must be for the correct school year.
- **Submit the PSEO Contract.** All items on the contract must be initialed and signed by both the PSEO student and a parent.
- **Take the Accuplacer test.** The Accuplacer test assesses reading comprehension and math skills. Results of the test will be used for course recommendation and placement. For a testing schedule, call 651-423-8000 or visit dctc.edu/accuplacer.
- **Meet grade appropriate qualifications.** The State of Minnesota has provided multiple ways to qualify for PSEO based on a student’s grade level. Visit dctc.edu/pseo for a list of ways to qualify.
- **Submit immunization records.** Only required for homeschool students.

**Additional Admissions Requirements for Technical Programs**

- **Submit the high demand program form.** Talk with a high school guidance counselor about your high school graduation requirements.
- **Complete program specific requirements.** Please visit dctc.edu/admissions for additional requirements.
- **Complete a traditional student application.** Start date should be listed for the first semester after high school graduation. This ensures students are able to start the program of their choice at the earliest availability if unable to start as a PSEO student.

**Optional Documents to Submit**

- **Authorization to Release Data.** When a student enters a postsecondary institution at any age the data privacy rights provided by FERPA to parents transfer to the student. DCTC will not talk to any parent of a PSEO student without the PSEO student completing this form in person at the Enrollment services desk.
- **PSEO Advising Form.** This form is meant to help students work with their high school to make a plan for which classes they will be taking as a PSEO student. Visit dctc.edu/pseo for a copy of the form.

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The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program was established as a means to “promote rigorous educational pursuits and provide wider variety of options for students.” (Minnesota Statute 124D.09) Dakota County Technical College provides opportunities for students to participate in the PSEO program and has established specific criteria/requirements for enrollment into the program.

**Note:** You are not legally required to provide the information the college is requesting on the application; however the college may not be able to effectively process your application if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials, including faculty who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent:

- to other schools in which you seek or intend to enroll, if you are first notified of the release;
- to federal, state, or local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit, or evaluation;
- as appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of, financial aid;
- to your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes;
- if the information is sought with a subpoena, court order, or otherwise permitted by other state or federal law, and
- to an institution engaged in educational research of an accrediting agency.
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Today’s Date: ________ / ________ / ________

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name (first, middle, last)                    Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Name used in high school records or in other educational records and transcripts (if different from above)

Social Security Number

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Many colleges/universities use social security numbers for student identification purposes on student records. Providing your Social Security number is voluntary. If you do not provide this number, your application will still be processed. This data is requested for purposes of administration, program evaluation and consumer and alumni data. Your number also may be used to create summary information about Minnesota State programs through data matches with other state agencies.

Current Mailing Address

City State ZIP County

Home Telephone
( )

Cell Phone
( )

Email Address

Are you a resident of Minnesota?  □ Yes  □ No
If yes, how long?  Years _____  Months _____
If not, what state are you a resident of?

Are you a U.S. Citizen?  □ Yes  □ No
If you answered no, do you have status as  □ Resident alien  □ Refugee/asylee  □ Temporary protected status  □ None of these

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION INFORMATION

Anticipated high school graduation date:  Month ________  Year ________

High school attending

Institution Type  □ Public  □ Private  □ Homeschool  □ Online

Name

City State

ACTIONS INFORMATION

Grade you will be in your first semester of PSEO  □ 10th  □ 11th  □ 12th

Choose your course of study  □ PSEO General Education  □ Program Specific

Educational intent at Dakota County Technical College

□ Take courses  □ Earn a certificate  □ Earn an associates degree
□ Take courses and transfer to a university  □ Earn a diploma  □ Earn an associates degree and transfer

Semester and year you intend to start

□ Fall  □ Spring  Year ________  □ Full-time (12 credits or more)  □ Part-time (fewer than 12 credits)
COLLEGE EDUCATION INFORMATION

If you have attended previously, list all colleges/universities attended (attach additional sheets of paper if needed)

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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Providing the following information is voluntary and will assist Minnesota State in evaluating student recruitment and retention policies; it will not be used as a basis for admission.

- Gender: [ ] Male  [ ] Female
- Are you Hispanic or Latino? [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Race and ethnic background (select all that apply)
- [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native
- [ ] Black or African American
- [ ] White
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

What is the highest level of education for your parent(s)/guardian(s)?

Parent/Guardian #1
- [ ] No high school diploma
- [ ] High school diploma
- [ ] Some college
- [ ] Two-year college degree
- [ ] Bachelor’s degree or higher
- [ ] Unknown

Parent/Guardian #2
- [ ] No high school diploma
- [ ] High school diploma
- [ ] Some college
- [ ] Two-year college degree
- [ ] Bachelor’s degree or higher
- [ ] Unknown

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Disclosure of Information from Education Records to Parents of Students Attending Postsecondary Institutions

At the K-12 school level, FERPA provides parents with the right to inspect and review their children’s education records, the right to seek to amend information in the records they believe to be inaccurate, misleading, or an invasion of privacy, and the right to consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from their children’s education records. When a student turns 18 years old or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, these rights under FERPA transfer from the student’s parents to the student. Under FERPA, a student to whom the rights have transferred is known as an “eligible student.” Although the law does say that the parents’ rights afforded by FERPA transfer to the “eligible student,” FERPA clearly provides ways in which an institution can share education records on the student with his or her parents.

While concerns have been expressed about the limitations on the release of information, there are exceptions to FERPA’s general rule that educational agencies and institutions subject to FERPA may not have a policy or practice of disclosing “education records” without the written consent of the parent (at the K-12 level) or the “eligible student.”

Students and Parents, please read and initial indicating you understand.

[ ] I am aware that by applying to the PSEO program, rights under FERPA transfer from the student’s parents to the student.

Applicant's Initials:__________  Parent’s Initials:__________

SIGNATURE

All of the information indicated is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit your completed application to:

Dakota County Technical College
Office of Admissions
1300 145th St. E.
Rosemount, MN 55068

The Office of Admissions will contact you shortly after receipt of your application to ensure that all of your questions have been answered.

DCTC abides by the provisions of Title IX, federal legislation forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or handicap and all other state and federal laws regarding equal opportunity. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 651-423-8000 or TTY: 651-423-8621.

DCTC IS A MEMBER OF MINNESOTA STATE AND AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATOR AND EMPLOYER.
The purpose of the contract is to create an understanding by both students and parents of the expectations Dakota County Technical College has of all PSEO students. Students and parents both, must read and initial all requirements below. Any questions or concerns about the requirements may be addressed to the PSEO advisor.

**Students and Parents, please read and initial each item below indicating you understand.**

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**Student** PSEO students are encouraged but not required to meet with the PSEO Advisor at Dakota County Technical College. Ultimately students are responsible for their education, course selection, and degree completion. It is highly encouraged that students meet frequently with the PSEO Advisor and ask questions as soon as they arise. Contact Student Services at 651-423-8000.

**Parent**

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**Student** PSEO students will be enrolled on a space-available basis and if they meet the required course prerequisites.

**Parent** Not all programs are available to PSEO students.

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**Student** PSEO students are expected to meet DCTC’s Satisfactory Academic Progress measures of a 2.0 G.P.A. and complete 67% of classes they enroll in. Students who do not meet these requirements may not be allowed to continue in the program.

**Parent**

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**Student** PSEO students cannot take developmental education courses (typically those numbered below 1000).

**Parent** Students with disabilities are responsible for their own education and need to reach out to Accessibility Services well in advance of the start of the semester if they wish to have accommodations. Contact Accessibility Services at 651-423-8469.

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**Student** Students who attend full-time classes at high school are not able to take college courses.

**Parent**

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**Student** 10th Grade PSEO students can only take ONE career or technical education course during their first semester. If the student receives a grade of C or better in the course, the student shall be allowed to take additional career or technical education courses in subsequent terms.

**Parent**

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**Student** 11th and 12th grade PSEO students can be part- or full-time students at DCTC depending upon their high school schedule.

**Parent**

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**Student** PSEO Students must attend PSEO Orientation prior to their first registration.

**Parent** Dakota County Technical College is not able to determine what students need for high school graduation. Students are responsible for choosing classes that will fulfill their high school requirements.

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**Student** PSEO students are not charged for tuition, books or lab fees, but they are required to pay for non-consumable tools, equipment, materials, and software.

**Parent**

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**Student** All textbooks and supplies must be returned at the end of the semester in acceptable condition or students will have to pay the cost of the books and supplies.

**Parent**

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**Student** Upon submission of application FERPA regulations will apply to student and Dakota County Technical College will need an Authorization for Release of Data on file to be able to discuss student’s account with any person (Parents included) other than the student.

**Parent**

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**Applicant’s Signature**

**Date**

**Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)**

**Date**