

Can I Enter College While I Am Still Attending High School?

EARLY ADMISSIONS

The Early Admissions program offers educational opportunities for academically qualified high school students, including home schooled students. To participate in the program, the student must complete and submit the following documents to the Admissions and Records Office:

1. Online UH System Application
2. Early Admissions Approval Form (A new form must be submitted each semester for continued participation in the program)
3. Health Requirements
4. If homeschooled, the State of Hawai'i Department of Education Exceptions to Compulsory Education Form 4140 (disregard high school counselor reference in Section II)

Early College is an initiative that allows high school students to take college classes on their high school campus. For the most part, students in an early college class are taught by college professors and take the class with their high school peers. Students who successfully complete the college class receive both high school and college credit. If you're interested in learning more about what early college opportunities are available at your high school, please talk to your high school counselor.

Running Start is a program that allows "eligible" high school students to take a college course at a University of Hawai'i system campus as part of their high school coursework. The unique partnership between the Hawai'i State Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i System allows public and charter high school students to attend college classes during the fall, spring, and summer while earning both high school and college credits.

Visit <https://www.hawaii.edu/dualcredit> for more information about Early College and Running Start.

Jump Start is a pilot project that allows public high school seniors to enroll full-time in career and technical education programs at Honolulu Community College, Kapi'olani Community College, Leeward Community College, or Kaua'i Community College. Students earn high school credit for college courses they successfully complete during their senior year. Students can also still participate in their high school co-curricular activities such as sports, clubs, band, prom, and special committees.

Visit <http://www.uhcc.hawaii.edu/jumpstart> for more information about Jump Start.

Academically-accomplished or vocationally-gifted home schooled applicants, 16 years of age or older, and not currently enrolled in a public, private, charter, or independent high school may also enroll in college classes. A valid copy of the State of Hawai'i Department of Education Exceptions to Compulsory Education Form (4140) is required.

Contact the Admissions and Records Office arkauai@hawaii.edu for more information.