



Concurrent Scholarship Campus Procedure 510.2 Student Affairs

I. Purpose and Scope

Numerous research studies provide strong evidence that concurrent enrollment increases college completion rates. As a result, the demand for concurrent enrollment at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville has increased significantly. In addition to demand, state government has enacted legislation providing for the establishment of the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship program. This program requires institutions of higher education who choose to participate in the program to “discount” by at least 50% the cost of tuition and fees for concurrent students. This Operating Procedure provides the process by which the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville awards institutional concurrent scholarships (aka, “discounts”).

II. Definitions

Act 456 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly and Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Policy approved October 25, 2019 both address what is known as the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program. Both define an “approved institution of higher education” as an institution of higher education that, “Offers at least a fifty percent (50%) discount on the tuition and mandatory fees of endorsed concurrent enrollment courses or certificate program to a student who is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate programs...” Additionally, a “student” is defined as “a person who has junior or senior status and who is enrolled at a) public high school in Arkansas, b) private high school in Arkansas, c) home school, as defined in § 6-15-501 et seq.”

- a. A home school is defined in § 6-15-501 as “a school provided by a parent or legal guardian for his or her own child.”
- b. § 6-15-503(a)(1) provides prerequisites for home school to include, “Parents or guardians desiring to provide a home school for their children must give written notice to the superintendent of their local school district of their intent to provide a home school for their children...”
 - i. For a home school student to be eligible to participate in the UACCB concurrent scholarship program they must have written notice of intent to home school to the superintendent of a school district which has an active Memorandum of Understanding to Offer Concurrent Enrollment Classes in place with UACCB.

III. Procedure

1. UACCB provides scholarships to eligible concurrently enrolled high school students.
2. Cost to the student after applying the UACCB concurrent scholarship is \$50 per credit hour plus a one-time per semester \$15 administrative fee.
3. In addition to the UACCB concurrent scholarship, students eligible for the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship may be awarded one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) for up to two (2) endorsed concurrent enrollment courses per semester by the state.
4. The UACCB concurrent scholarship applies to all classes taken as concurrent enrollment during the fall and spring semesters; however, it is limited to six credit hours in summer semesters.
5. Special program fees still apply. Examples include welding fee, EMT fee, science lab fee, et cetera.
6. Concurrently enrolled students are expected to meet the same standards and abide by the same catalog requirements, student handbook, and academic calendar requirements as regularly admitted UACCB students.

Eligibility

1. To be considered an eligible concurrent high school student the following criteria must be met:
 - a. Must have successfully completed the eighth grade.
 - b. Completed application for admission to UACCB.
 - c. Must be non-degree seeking (may be working toward a degree, but status must reflect non-degree/high school program).
 - d. Submits all required test scores (ACT, Accuplacer, et cetera).
 - i. Meets all placement test scores and prerequisite requirements for the course(s) requested as outlined in the UACCB catalog.



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- e. Submits an official high school transcript.
- f. Submits a letter of recommendation from the student's high school principal, superintendent, or counselor (must submit updated letter each semester of enrollment).
- g. Submits proof of two (2) immunizations against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
- h. Student must attend a school district which has an active Memorandum of Understanding to Offer Concurrent Enrollment Classes in place with UACCB.

Examples of scholarship application

- a. Student registers for one three-credit hour class for the semester. Cost to the student is 3 (credit hours) x \$50 (tuition per credit hour) + \$15 (administrative fee) for a total of \$165.00.
- b. Student registers for two three-credit hour classes for the semester. Cost to the student is 6 (credit hours) x \$50 (tuition per credit hour) + \$15 (administrative fee) for a total of \$315.00.

IV. Related Information

Arkansas ACT 456

V. Revision History

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