



# Navigating PSEO

## Jumpstart Your Future

Crown offers a variety of ways for high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college courses that simultaneously earn them high school and college credits. 11th and 12th grade students who reside in Minnesota can take advantage of PSEO, which is a free program offered by the State. Crown offers on-campus, online, and partnership PSEO programs.



### What are the qualifications?

- A PSEO student must be a Minnesota resident
- Must be in 11th or 12th grade
- Have a minimum GPA requirement of 3.25 for on-campus status
- Have a minimum GPA requirement of 3.0 for online status
- Complete our [Application Process](#)



### The Benefits

- PSEO is a gift of FREE college!
- Save a lot of money and time.
- Be challenged academically!
- Get a jumpstart on earning a college degree
- Crown is a fully accredited college that offers quality academics, convenient online options, and a boldly Christian environment.



# PSEO 101

*PSEO is Minnesota's FREE dual enrollment program funded by the State. It allows qualified high school students to take college classes that simultaneously earn them both high school and college credit.*

## Does PSEO cost anything?

PSEO classes (and books/materials required for PSEO classes) are FREE for qualified high school students who are residents of MN.

## What qualifications are required to be a PSEO student?

To qualify for Crown PSEO student status, a student must follow our application process and be accepted. Crown offers PSEO to 11th and 12th grade students who are residents of Minnesota.

## How are PSEO classes offered?

Crown offers on-campus, online, and partnership options that use a hybrid format.

Contact us to learn more about our homeschool group partnership opportunity.

## Things to consider:

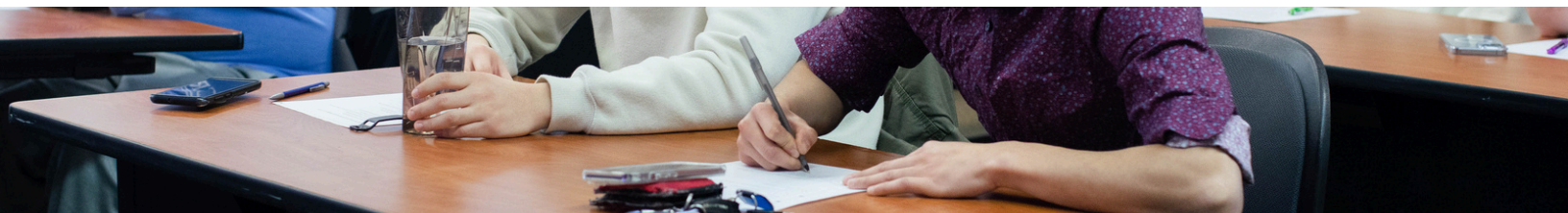
- **Technology**
  - Students will need sufficient technology requirements, such as a laptop and reliable internet.
- **Independent learner**
  - In general, online classes are most suited for students who are independent learners.
- **Community**
  - On-campus options allow students to participate in on-campus events and other activities; this is a great option for students who desire an in-person boldy Christian community, however, it's important to keep in mind that college campuses are considered adult communities.

## What about 10th grade PSEO?

- 10th-grade PSEO programs have different requirements and eligibility
- Only offered at schools that offer technical degrees
- No private 4-year colleges offer 10th-grade PSEO
- For more information about 10th grade PSEO, please see [MDE PSEO for 10th graders](#)

## Where can I find more information about PSEO in general?

- Read the [MDE webpages](#)
- Contact our PSEO department to talk with an advisor



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## Is PSEO right for me?

PSEO is a fantastic option for many diligent students. However, before diving in, it is recommended to take into consideration the following:

- Your maturity level
- Your learning style
- Your time management skills
- Your stress management skills
- Your communication skills

*Do you learn best in traditional classrooms or online?*

*Do you know how to prioritize tasks and assignments?*

*How do you handle stress?*

*Do you have clear and confident communication skills?*

*Are you a diligent student?*

Having the discipline to stay on top of deadlines to turn in assignments on time and feeling confident to communicate clearly (by email or in person) with professors and advisors are important skills of a successful PSEO student.

PSEO students take college classes with college-level work, expectations, deadlines, and consequences. Grades are recorded on the permanent college transcript that will follow you, so it's important to be prepared and know your limits.



*Being prepared and knowing your limits will help set yourself up for a successful PSEO experience*

*Being educated about PSEO makes the process less overwhelming for parents and students.*

*It's helpful to contact a PSEO Advisor to inquire about the admissions process and course offerings when planning out your early college journey.*

## How many classes should I take?

For some students, taking a full load (4-5 classes) is not a problem and can thrive. It's best to know your limits and what you can handle to set yourself up for a successful experience. One of the great things about PSEO is that there isn't just one right way to participate; a student can take a full load or just 1-2 classes per semester.

Most institutions, including Crown, have an add/drop deadline within a week or so of classes starting. It's important to be aware of these deadlines as it allows you to see the syllabus and get a feel for the class; if it doesn't feel right, dropping the class by the deadline is a option. It's important to review Crown's add/drop and withdrawal deadlines on our [Academic Calendar](#). For public school students, it's also important to check your school's policies on withdrawing from a class (a drop is different than a withdrawal).



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## Can a student take PSEO classes at more than one college at a time?

Yes. Sometimes having two options for PSEO is beneficial depending on the degree you are considering. However, keep in mind this will require you to manage different application processes, emails, deadlines, and learning management systems.

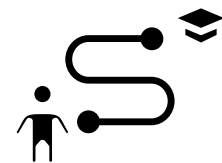
## Can a student still pursue CLEP, AP, and DSST and also do PSEO?

Absolutely! Review Crown's [CLEP/DSST \(credit for prior learning\) policies](#) to find out the details on transferring exam credits. Earning credits through CLEP, AP, or DSST can help lighten your PSEO load.

## Will my PSEO credits transfer?

A better question to ask is, "Will these PSEO college credits fulfill a requirement for the degree I would like to pursue?" Most PSEO credits will transfer easily from one institution to another. If a course does not fulfill a specific course within a degree requirement, it will likely transfer as a general elective. Some degrees require several electives, however, others do not, therefore, it's beneficial to think ahead and start with an end point in mind in order to plan correctly.

Factors to consider when evaluating whether or not a PSEO class will transfer and fulfill a degree requirement at another institution are the number of credits, the course level, and the content of the class. We recommend saving the syllabus of all your PSEO classes to have for future reference.



## PSEO Pathways

We make it easy for you to apply your PSEO coursework to one of Crown's degree programs. Ask us about our PSEO Pathways Program!



## Scholarships

Scholarships are available to students who attended Crown as PSEO students and then enroll as full-time first-year students the following academic year.



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## What about earning an A.A. Degree through PSEO?



### Accelerate Your Academic Career

Through the PSEO program, Crown College can help you earn an Associate Degree while you are still in high school, providing you with a valuable head start on your education and your employment.

Explore your career options and expand your earning potential before committing to a specific major. Because Crown has the highest level of accreditation, your degree will be accepted almost anywhere.

Crown has developed a list of recommended courses that will help you earn an Associate of Arts degree during the two years you are enrolled in the PSEO program. This degree opens a pathway to a variety of academic pursuits.

Because the state of MN does not fund the three Bible courses that are required for an A.A. degree, Crown offers these classes as proficiency courses through [CMTI.crown.edu](http://CMTI.crown.edu). These courses are self-guided courses students take on their own with a professor available to answer questions. Students who pass with a score of 80% or higher earn articulated credit for the course, which can be applied to their A.A. degree.

- THE3520: Foundations of Christian Thought must be taken the summer after the student graduates from high school.
- Proficiency classes are \$470/course
- Articulated course will not transfer to other colleges and universities.

### Start Early

- Declare your interest in an A.A. Degree early.
- Students must take 12-15 credits per semester to complete all the required courses in two years.
- To lighten the credit load each semester, students may consider AP, CLEP, or DSST credits.
- Students can apply 6 proficiency credits from these options toward an AA degree.
- An advisor will create an advising worksheet to help map out your coursework each semester to ensure you complete the 60 credit requirement.



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## For Parents and Guardians

### How to prepare your student for PSEO

#### Study Skills

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- Be sure that your student has excellent study skills; work on note-taking, reading, and active listening skills.

#### Time Management

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- PSEO classes will require your student to be very diligent about turning in assignments on time and knowing when exams are coming up in order to prepare sufficiently. Deadlines are important!
  - Work on time management skills with your students prior to starting PSEO classes.
  - PSEO students are high school students who have jobs, sports, and important social lives. Be sure that your student is ready to manage all of that and be able to prioritize their classes so they don't get behind.

#### Communication


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- From the very start of the PSEO process, your student needs to be confident and independent enough to clearly communicate and reach out to PSEO advisors and professors by phone, email, and text.
  - Encourage your student to be assertive and reach out to professors when they need help or clarification about an assignment. It never hurts to ask questions!
  - Email Etiquette
    - Most communication will be through email. Please make sure your student knows how to use email properly
    - Teach your student to check their email daily and respond promptly
    - Be sure your student uses greetings, proper nouns, complete sentences and grammar when emailing. A little goes a long way!

#### Ownership

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- PSEO is an incredible gift that the State of MN is giving to your student! Encourage them to be grateful for it and do not take it for granted.
  - Help your student understand why PSEO is a great opportunity. The more they understand the benefits (financially and time-saving), the more motivated they will be to succeed.
  - Your student needs to own this opportunity with guidance and encouragement from you.
  - PSEO is an excellent opportunity to slowly introduce your student to adult college life; the perfect time for you to come alongside your students and guide them as they navigate complicated and overwhelming information and processes (and an adult community for those on-campus students).
  - This is an excellent time to help your student learn critical thinking and communication skills.
  - We encourage parents to resist the temptation to do everything for your student. Please assist your student while he or she fills out the application, reads the emails, activates accounts, logs into their LMS, and checks their own email. It's great to have parents guide students, but ultimately, the student will need to be able to take initiative.



At Crown College, we inspire you to be bold in your faith,  
purpose, and leadership to impact the world for Christ.



# Apply Now!

## Where do I begin and what can I expect?

For the fall semester, our PSEO application will be live on our website by February 1st. Be sure to pay attention to deadlines.

- March 1st: Deadline for on-campus applications
- August 1st: Deadline for online applications
- December 1st: Deadline for spring semester applications

## To complete your application, you will need to submit:

- An online application
- The State required form (MDE NOSR)
- Your high school transcript

Follow the detailed steps on our [application process webpage](#).

The admissions process takes time and requires attention to detail, follow-through, and some technical setup upon acceptance. It's important to check your email after applying and be sure to follow all steps once you receive more information on how to proceed.

*Following instructions, being proactive, and being responsive will ensure a more efficient admissions process.*



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Submit Application & Forms

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Get Accepted

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Follow Instructions

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Register for Classes



- Keep in mind that applying and being accepted does not mean you have to register for classes.
- It's best to apply and get accepted early. The application process is what takes the most time; but you can change your mind later if you decide not to proceed to registration.

Scan to Apply



- No standardized tests required
- Must be a MN resident
- Continuing students do not need to re-apply

Be **BOLD**

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