

Ohio's College Credit Plus can help students earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from colleges or universities (either at your high school or on a college campus). The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a college course is free!

Financial Services Honors offers credits through Cincinnati State for all four courses that make up this program. Students enrolled in Financial Services for CCP credit will receive 5.0 AP weighting from NWLSD.

- ▶ **Strategic Entrepreneurship (College Course: MGT 120 Entrepreneurship)**
- ▶ **Financial Accounting (College Course: ACC 101 Financial Accounting)**
- ▶ **Fundamentals of Financial Services (College Course: FIN 100 Personal Finance)**
- ▶ **Corporate Finance (College Course: FIN 150 Business Finance)**

In total, students in Financial Services Honors can earn 12 college credits (a full semester of college) at no cost to parents. These credits can be transferred to most colleges in the US. Butler Tech pays the tuition for these college credits. There are several rules about qualifying for CCP and some important things for parents to keep in mind. THESE RULES ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR BUTLER TECH CLASSES, SO PLEASE READ THE DETAILS BELOW CAREFULLY!

Letter of Intent

Butler Tech assumes that all students enrolled in Financial Services Honors are interested in CCP since this is a college-prep program. This does NOT mean that students have to apply for CCP. It's just intended to make things easier for students and parents. Northwest does this a little differently, requiring a letter of intent in advance. We do not require this.

Application to Cincinnati State

Students interested in participating in CCP for Financial Services Honors will need to apply to Cincinnati State in the Fall. We will provide the required paperwork at the beginning of next school year. There is a testing requirement for admission to Cincinnati State. See below for details.

Testing Requirement

Acceptance into Cincinnati State will be based on the following (meet ANY ONE of these criteria):

- ACT Score is college ready in AT LEAST one category (English 18, Reading 22, Math 22). This is for students who have taken the ACT prior to the start of next school year. OR ...
- ACT Score is close to college ready in AT LEAST one category (English 16-17, Reading 20-21, Math 20-21) and you have a 3.0 GPA. OR ...
- Get a passing score on the ACCUPLACER Placement Test (in at least one category) ... your Sinclair one works (if you took it through Northwest for one of their CCP classes), or take one between now and the end of September. BUTLER TECH WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO TAKE THE ACCUPLACER TEST IN THE FALL AT NORTHWEST (and possibly other opportunities before then).

Things to Know

There are a few things that parents need to know about CCP. Most importantly, once you apply and are accepted into Cincinnati State, the college's rules about grades and dropping courses apply.

- If a student fails a CCP course, then parents may be responsible for paying the college tuition for the course. This cost is waived for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- A student can drop the course within the normal add/drop period for the college with no penalty. If a student drops after this period, then parents may be responsible for paying the college tuition for the course. This cost is waived for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This cost is also waived if a student moves out of the NWLSD school district.
- A student's grade in a CCP course will appear on their college transcript. That means that their grades in Financial Services Honors will not only impact their high school transcript, but also their college one!