

Running Start

The New Hampshire Running Start program is a unique higher-education initiative for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Specifically, this program enables high school students to enroll in selected college courses offered by Great Bay Community College at a significant reduction in tuition. College courses are offered during the day at high schools throughout New Hampshire. The Running Start program promotes a very special -- and important -- partnership with secondary schools. This partnership will play a significant role in promoting access to higher education and lowering the costs associated with obtaining a college education.

Program Goals

The Running Start program is focused on the following goals:

- Encourage more young learners to seek a higher education.
- Accelerate the process of higher education.
- Retain more residents in the New Hampshire public higher education system.
- Enroll more young students in the CCSNH.
- Reduce the cost of higher education.

Benefits for Students

- Students receive college credit and appropriate high school credit.
- Students will graduate from high school with a college transcript of earned credits.
- Students are recognized as Great Bay students with access to many college resources.

Assessment

In order to qualify to register for Running Start Math and English classes, students are required to meet SAT, Accuplacer scoring, or other placement requirements prior to registration.

Cost

The cost to enroll in a Great Bay course through Running Start is \$150 per course plus books and supplies (if not provided by the high school). This represents a substantial savings in college tuition costs. Any course less than three credit hours will be pro-rate.

Faculty Information

All teaching faculty come from the ranks of the secondary schools and meet or exceed the hiring qualifications for Great Bay faculty. There is no adjunct salary compensation for Running Start faculty. In addition to providing a faculty mentor, Great Bay welcomes Running Start faculty at departmental and other college activities as professional development opportunities. Great Bay will also issue one course voucher for every college course taught. Course vouchers cover the cost of \$323.00 toward tuition for any college course taken within the Community College System of New Hampshire (fees excluded) and are intended for the use of Running Start faculty. Running Start faculty may elect to transfer their voucher.

Transfer Opportunities

Running Start alumni have successfully transferred credits to many colleges and universities. Transferability policies vary from college to college and are dependent on a variety of factors such as major course of study.

[For Further Information](#)

Contact the Running Start Coordinator or your local high school regarding courses offered for college credit through the Running Start program.