

PREPARE - RI

A TOOLKIT FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



This toolkit will help you understand how to use the PrepareRi Program resources. There are Career Readiness pathways and College Readiness pathways.

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WHAT IS PREPARE-RI?

PrepareRI is a program for **ALL** Rhode Island students

- to get the skills they need for good jobs that pay

PrepareRI tries to close the gap between:

- what students learn in school
- what they need for high-demand jobs of the future

All young people will need some form of education after high school to be successful in their careers.

Life After High School

**Do you want
to get a job?**



**Do you want to
go to college?**

Start your exploration with an **Individual Learning Plan, or ILP.**

WHAT IS AN ILP?

An ILP is a plan that students make and use to make decisions about what:

- high school classes to take
- colleges to apply for
- jobs to plan for

HOW DO YOU MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN?

Go to: [MyNextMove](#) to answer questions about

- what you like to do
- what you think is interesting
- what you think you are good at doing
- to learn about your talents and what jobs they match.

These answers will help you and school counselors choose your courses.

WHAT IS THE ADVANCED COURSE NETWORK?



Advanced Course Network or ACN

Students can choose courses from four different career pathways to

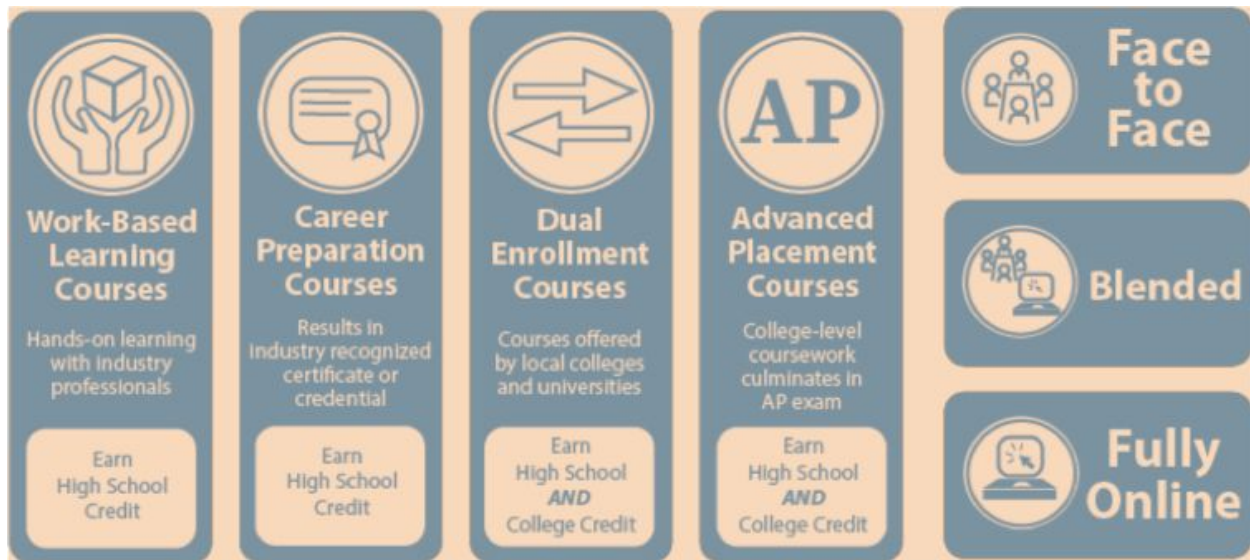
- get more experience with different jobs and to
- get college credit before they finish high school

Students can take courses at:

- High schools that are in the network
- Colleges and universities
- Community agencies

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Here are the types of courses you can take:



The ACN has four parts and three ways to take courses.

The Four Parts:

1. Work-Based Learning Courses
2. Career Preparation Courses
3. Dual Enrollment Courses
4. Advanced Placement Courses

WORK-BASED LEARNING COURSES

Internship

Students go to the professionals for training.
Students can earn High School credit.

There are five different types of internship courses.

Student works in an organization

- sometimes without pay
- get work experience
- satisfy requirements for a credential
- and/or gain course credit

Internships may be organized by schools, or through the [PrepareRI Internship Program](#)



Apprenticeship

Students can

- get job training experience with people who do the job.
- learn how to do a job that is often skill based

Go to [RealJobsRhodeIsland](#) for more information about apprenticeships.



Service-Learning

Students do

- community service projects
- to make connections
- between learning in school
- and helping in the community.



School-Based Enterprise

Students:

- make and sell things in school
- or do work in school
- to learn business skills and
- entrepreneurship



Industry Project

Students can work

- alone
- in small groups
- or as whole classes

- students work on a question or problem
- related to a particular industry
- with help from industry professionals.



DO YOU WANT TO TAKE COLLEGE COURSES BEFORE FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL?



Before you graduate from high school you can:

1. Take college classes
2. Get college credit
3. Take AP classes

There are three ways to get college credit now:

1. Dual Enrollment Courses
2. Concurrent Enrollment Classes
3. Advanced Placement Classes

Dual Enrollment Classes

High school + College

- take regular high school classes
- take up to 2 college classes in the fall and spring and 1 class in the summer
- college classes at CCRI, RIC, URI
- get college credit and high school credit

[Information for Families](#)

Concurrent Enrollment Courses

High School

- students can take classes at their high school to get double credit
- classes are taught by a secondary teacher

Advanced Placement Classes

Students take courses at their high school and can earn college credit and/or qualify for more advanced classes in college.



Are there prerequisites for taking Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment, or Advanced Placement courses?

School Counselors can help students decide if any of these college prep course are right for them. Some of the courses require prerequisites, some do not.



CCRI SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

[Information about programs at CCRI](#)

Three program options:

1. Running Start Program
2. High School / CCRI Enrichment Program
3. High School Partnership Program

The Running Start Program

A dual enrollment program for seniors.

- take college courses
- earn college credit
- earn high school credit



The **application deadline is March 1** for the following year.

Students must:

- be high school seniors
- have a 'B' average.
- send their transcripts to CCRI
- get their parents to approve
- get guidance department recommendation

Why should you take classes at CCRI?

- get credit for college and high school at the same time
- get to learn about their area of interest
- get to see what college is really like

High School/CCRI Enrichment Program

[High School Enrichment Program](#)

- for high school juniors and seniors
- take up to six (6) credits each semester
- must get approval from parents
- must get school counselor recommendations
- ACCUPLACER is a test necessary sometimes
- some courses cost money



The High School Partnership Program at CCRI

[Partnership Program Information](#)

- students get college credits for high school courses that CCRI approves
- many high schools in Rhode Island participate in the program
- a variety of academic and technical courses are approved
- credits can be earned for further study at CCRI for an associate degree or a certificate





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