

Frequently Asked Questions - Post-Secondary Option

Who is eligible for this program? Public high school students who meet certain academic criteria are eligible to participate. Students may participate as fulltime or part time students. Non public high school students may participate through state-provided forms. Funds for non public school participants are provided on a limited basis.

1. **How do I qualify for PSEO?** Students and parents are required to meet with high school counselors to determine if the PSEO is right for the student. Many high schools have spring meetings about PSEO options. Topics to discuss include:
 - High School graduation requirements
 - Coordination of high school and college classes
 - High school and college calendar differences
 - Availability of courses
 - Students enrolled in PSEO are subject to the same administrative policies, grading policies, and standards as all other NSCC students.

2. **What is the application process?** Northwest State Community College requires the following for application:
 - ❑ A completed PSEO packet which includes an NSCC PSEO application for admission.
 - ❑ The \$20 NSCC application fee.
 - ❑ A copy of the high school transcript
 - ❑ Successful qualifying scores on the NSCC COMPASS.

Deadlines: Complete application process by June 1 for fall enrollment; December 1 for spring enrollment.

3. **What are the NSCC academic qualifications for PSEO?** For PSEO NSCC requirements are:

Freshman and Sophomores: minimum high school GPA 3.5 on 4.0 scale
Juniors and Seniors: minimum high school GPA 3.0 on 4.0 scale
PSEO candidates must achieve COMPASS scores qualifying them for the PSEO program. The student MUST score at least 69 in Writing, 66 in Reading, and a 40 in Algebra to qualify for PSEO at NSCC. Students are eligible for one retest per academic year. A \$20.00 retesting fee is

required at the time of retesting. A minimum of a 2.0 Semester GPA must be maintained for continuation in the PSEO program.

4. **What classes can I take?** PSEO students may take any course for which they meet the academic pre-requisite and program requirement, excluding developmental coursework. PSEO students may not enroll in developmental coursework. PSEO students may not enroll in any specific college course through PSEO if the student has not achieved a minimum of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the same subject area in high school. Course choices are made with the approval of the student's high school guidance counselor.
5. **Can I take summer classes in the PSEO program?** No. PSEO is only for fall and spring semesters. All courses taken in the summer at the NSCC are the financial responsibility of the student and/or parent.
6. **Where do I get the application packet?** This link <http://www.northweststate.edu/News/?a=&aid=20070302102519> will take you to the packet on our website. Your high school guidance counselor also has PSEO packets as well as in the Admissions Office at NSCC.
7. **Can I take night classes courses?** Yes. PSEO students may take night courses, weekend courses, or online courses with their guidance counselor's approval.
8. **What happens if I fail a class?** Students who complete courses, but receive failing grades will be required to reimburse their high school for the costs associated with taking the course. The failing grade becomes a part of your College transcript and your high school transcript.
9. **Will my courses transfer to another college?** Colleges and universities determine transfer of credits. Students and parents concerned about future credit transfer should contact the college or university the student may be interested in attending. Transfer.org is a useful tool to investigate transfer possibilities.
10. **Who pays for PSEO courses?** Courses taken under Post - Secondary Enrollment Options Program (Option A), all cost of education is the responsibility of the student/parent. Students participating in (Option B), the cost of tuition, fees, and necessary books and materials will be paid for you by your school district.
11. **Can homeschooled students participate in the PSEO program?** Home-Schooled students may consider existing options:
 - a. Enroll at the local public high school as a fulltime student and be governed by the school districts policies and procedures for PSEO.
 - b. "08" homeschools under Ohio Administrative Code 3301-35-08 are eligible to participate in Ohio's Post Secondary Enrollment Option.
 - c. Contact the Ohio Department of Education for other options.