

A Newsletter for High School Partners of Ridgewater College Participating in PSEO & College in the Schools

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PSEO & CIS 2019-2020 by the numbers...

As we wrap up the 2019-2020 academic year, we wanted to share our yearly statistics!

Enrollment: 651 (unduplicated—includes PSEO & CIS) Number of Schools Participating in PSEO: 57 Number of Schools Participating in CIS: 10 (not every school offers classes each year)

High School Teachers Using the HLC Extension: 3 Number of Credits PSEO & CIS Students Registered Into:

Fall 2019: 5346 **Spring 2020:** 5275

New for 2020-2021: Online Orientation for **PSEO & Virtual Advising Appointments**

One of our biggest changes this year is that we are revamping the format of PSEO Orientation by moving it online! After the completion of the online orientation, new PSEO students will be directed to schedule a virtual appointment with an advisor for individual advising and registration. The orientation and appointments will be available starting May 4th, 2020. This change allows advisors to spend more time with students and it works better for student's summer schedules since they can schedule their appointment on a day that works best for them. NOTE: Even after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, we will still maintain the online orientation for all students, and virtual appointments by request.





New for 2020-2021: NOSR Form Deadlines

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires us to turn in a new Notice of Student Registration/MDE Billing Form* for each semester a student attends Ridgewater for PSEO. Due to COVID-19, multiple versions of the form are available online at the MDE website that can be completed electronically by students, parents, and high schools. MDE is now requiring students to indicate the date that they told their high school administration that they were taking PSEO.

Fall 2020 Semester forms: For current PSEO students, we will start collecting these with advising and registration appointments with a deadline of May 30, 2020**. For new PSEO students, this form is included in the PSEO application packet and is collected as they apply.

Spring 2021 Semester forms: In October 2020, we will be emailing all PSEO students and high school counselors from non-contracted schools a copy of the form with a deadline of December 1, 2020**

*This form is needed for students attending non-contracted high schools. Until we receive official communication that your school is contracted, your school will be considered non-contracted and we will be collecting the form from these students.

**Forms not in by these dates will result in holds placed on student accounts which will prevent them from getting their books. Forms not in by the 5th day of the semester will result in a course drop.

Time for PSEO Students to Register!

For PSEO students who are returning next to has been open since 5 For PSEO students who are returning next year, registration has been open since February. We've been working with students to get them registered for the full academic year. If you have students who have not yet connected with us or if you have further questions, please contact <u>Nellie</u> on the Hutchinson campus or <u>Kelley</u> on the Willmar campus for more information.

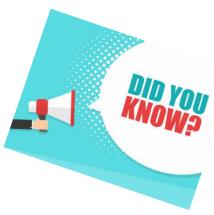
Placement Testing Updates

Because of COVID-19, Accuplacer testing has been suspended at Ridgewater College. While we aren't offering the exam, scores are still being accepted if the student has taken Accuplacer within the last 5 years for Reading and/or the last 2 years for Math. We will also accept ACT, SAT, and MCA scores as options for placement exploration. In addition, if a student does not have these scores on file with you or in our system, we can look at additional methods of placement in a college level course including GPA and/or grades in specific high school courses. Because of the variety of options, high schools are encouraged to connect with us for more information



College in the Schools Staff Update

In January, Kelley McClure Mork switched roles at the college and is now working in Academic Advising. While her role has changed, her involvement in College in the Schools has not! Any questions regarding College in the Schools classes, student enrollment, placement, etc. can still be directed to her. Questions about credentialing, setting up a new course, or billing should be directed to Dr. Missy Majerus, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.





Ridgewater College Achieves NACEP Reaccreditation

Ridgewater College also received word that the application for reaccreditation through NACEP was approved! We are thrilled to be continuing our dedication to helping our high schools offer college level courses that meet the NACEP standards of quality and rigor. The peer review team assigned to our application, as well as the NACEP commission, noted that our application was, "one of the best they've seen" and Allen Riddle, NACEP Commissioner, noted that our application was, "Outstanding and a clear indication of the quality program Ridgewater College has created." Thank you to our high school teachers, counselors, principals, and students for supporting our College in the Schools program!

CIS Friendly Reminders:

- As always, please let us know of your plans for next year, even if they're still tentative. This allows us to plan for mentoring assignments, professional development, site visits, and assisting your students with applications!
- With COVID-19 we have created an electronic application that allows for typed signatures. Students who do both College in the Schools and PSEO are encouraged to complete both applications for documentation and tracking purposes. The College in the Schools application can be found on the College in the Schools webpage: www.ridgewater.edu/cis
- For teachers who are still working towards their credentials to meet the 18 credits in their discipline, the deadline of September 1, 2022 is not far off! Teachers are asked to provide a yearly update on their course progress. Forms will be emailed to teachers directly.



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