

Inver Hills Community College

PSEO Program



The PSEO advantage at Inver Hills

Minnesota law allows high school juniors and seniors (whether currently in public, nonpublic, or home schools) to take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions. Students must meet the admissions requirements of the post-secondary institution, but do not pay for tuition, fees, or books. They earn high school course credits and if students continue their education beyond high school, colleges or universities may choose to transfer their PSEO completed coursework as college credits.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: July 1

Spring Semester: December 1

What is required to be accepted?

High School Seniors	Rank in the top one-half or 50th percentile of graduating class Hold a 2.5 cumulative GPA Achieve IHCC assessment scores of ENG 1108, and MATH 1101
High School Juniors	Rank in the top one-third or 66th percentile of graduating class Hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA Achieve IHCC assessment scores of ENG 1108, and MATH 1101

What is the application process?

1. Fill out a PSEO application
2. Complete Sections 1 and 2 of the Minnesota Department of Education Notice of Student Registration Form
3. Submit official high school transcript(s) with cumulative GPA and class rank
4. Come to the campus of Inver Hills Community College and take Assessment Tests
5. Read the frequently asked questions (FAQs) below. After reading the FAQs, contact Jeannie Lindgren if you have questions at 651-450-3505 or jlindgr@inverhills.edu.

Inver Hills assessment tests

The assessments are computerized and usually take approximately two hours. It is free and appointments are not needed. The assessment center is located in the Library building, second floor.

Students must present a government-issued picture I.D. in order to take assessments. Assessment test results will be available upon completion.

Students may begin taking assessment tests between 8am-7pm Monday-Thursday and 8am-12pm on Friday.

The Assessment Center closes at 9pm Monday-Thursday and 2pm on Friday. Call 651/450-3650 or email Assessment@inverhills.edu to confirm hours of service.

Who pays PSEO tuition?

Tuition, books, and lab fees are paid for by the State of Minnesota's Post Secondary Education Option Program. These expenses are covered as part of your high school education.

Who pays for PSEO books and supplies?

Books and supplies required for the PSEO courses belong to Inver Hills Community College. All books and supplies must be returned to the Inver Hills Bookstore at the end of each semester. If you do not return the borrowed materials, you will be billed. All bills must be paid before your transcript will be released to other institutions.

What is the maximum number of credits I can register for each semester?

16 credits. Credit hours indicate the hours of class per week. For example, sixteen credits would mean the student spends approximately 16 hours in class per week.

Who helps PSEO students choose classes and register?

PSEO students are required to meet with an Inver Hills counselor at a PSEO orientation session and again during the first semester prior to registering for second semester. After completing the first semester, PSEO students are highly encouraged to meet with an Inver Hills counselor every semester or as needed.

Do I have to maintain a certain GPA?

PSEO students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and complete 67% of credits in order to remain eligible for the program. This is in compliance with the college's satisfactory academic progress policy. If a GPA of 2.0 or better is not maintained, or if a student falls below 67% completion of credits, students will be placed on academic probation for the following semester.

How often do I meet with my high school counselor?

You must meet with your high school counselor every semester to complete the Notice of Student Registration Form. You need to work closely with your high school counselor to ensure that the college courses you take will meet your high school graduation requirements.

What if a PSEO student fails an IHCC class?

This is one of the risks a PSEO student takes in this program. If a class which is required for high school graduation is not passed, the student might not be able to graduate with his or her high school class. In addition, the student's permanent college transcript will record the failing grade. It is important for students to realize PSEO grades will permanently appear on the college transcript.

What if a student withdraws from a course?

The student may withdraw from a class until two weeks prior to the first day of final exams by completing the necessary forms in the Enrollment Center. Students should consult with the instructor and a counselor prior to officially withdrawing from a course. Regardless of course length, students may NOT withdraw from a course after the last scheduled class or after final course grades have been determined. If a class which is required for high school graduation is not completed, the student might not be eligible for high school graduation.

Is coursework more difficult than high school?

Generally, college courses are more challenging than high school courses. The responsibility of learning is primarily on the student. For every hour of class, the student should plan to spend two hours outside of class studying. For example, a three credit class requires three hours of seat time per week and six hours of independent studying per week; nine hours per week should be devoted to a three credit course.

Is PSEO offered during the summer?

No. If a student chooses to take classes during the summer, he/she is responsible for tuition, fees, and books.

What is expected of the PSEO student at Inver Hills Community College?

Inver Hills Community College is committed to the success of our PSEO students. We believe the student needs to be accountable in order for his/her educational experience to be meaningful and productive. We expect the student to:

- Attend class regularly.
- Enroll in no more than 16 credits per semester.
- Only register for courses numbered 1000 and above.
- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA each term in order to remain eligible for the program.
- Keep in contact with the high school counselor to ensure high school graduation requirements are met.
- Contact the PSEO Coordinator, Jeannie Lindgren, if any problems should arise regarding academic success.

Does a PSEO student have to take classes during both semesters?

Students can participate in PSEO during one semester or both. Semester courses conclude at the end of each semester and new classes can be taken during the next semester.

Where can PSEO students eat on campus?

The Fresh Stop Café is open to everyone. Students need cash or checks for the exact amount. An ATM machine is located in the College Center, near the Fresh Stop Café.

Where do students park?

PSEO students are allowed to park in any lot they choose. Parking permits are covered by student fees for which PSEO students are not responsible.

Can PSEO students participate in IHCC campus clubs and organizations?

Yes. Because PSEO students are regarded the same as any other student on our campus, we encourage involvement to enrich the college experience. Students at Inver Hills have organized and participate in such clubs as the Student Senate, Art Club, German Club, French Club, Spanish Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Math League, Native American Club, International Club, and Phi Theta Kappa (national two-year college honor society). Club activities often include planning for the organization, meeting to resolve matters of concern, and developing activities for members of the college community. For a complete listing of clubs and organizations, request a "Student Organizations Directory" from the Director of Student Life, Student_Life@inverhills.edu. Opportunities exist for as many kinds of clubs and activities as there are interests among students and staff.

At what age am I no longer eligible for the PSEO program?

Students are no longer eligible once they turn 21.

Inver Hills PSEO students contact for further information:

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Courses not covered by PSEO funding



- **All courses numbered under 1000**
- **All overseas study courses**
- **PSEO students who register for any of the below courses are responsible for all costs including tuition, fees, and books.**

Aviation (AVIA)

AVIA 1102 Private Pilot Ground School
AVIA 1105 Private Flight Lab
AVIA 2202 Professional Pilot Flight Lab I
AVIA 2206 Professional Pilot Flight Lab II
AVIA 2208 Professional Pilot Flight Lab III
AVIA 2241 Air Traffic Control II

Computer and Networking Technology (CNT)

CNT 1000 IT Career Success Skills and Strategies
CNT 1185 Special Topics
CNT 2189 Internship: Information Technology
CNT 2300 PC Hardware and Software (A+)
CNT 2310 Server and Network Operating Systems
CNT 2311 Administering Linux Operating Systems
CNT 2401 Administering Windows Operating System I
CNT 2410 Managing a Windows Server Environment
CNT 2420 Implementing a Windows Server Network Infrastructure
CNT 2430 Planning a Windows Directory Infrastructure
CNT 2440 Implementing Active Directory Services
CNT 2450 Designing Security of Microsoft Networks
CNT 2460 Managing Microsoft Exchange Server
CNT 2510 Networking Essentials
CNT 2520 Network Routers and Routing Fundamentals
CNT 2530 Switching Fundamental and Intermediate Routing
CNT 2540 Wide Area Network Technologies
CNT 2611 CCNP: Building Scalable Cisco Internetworks
CNT 2621 CCNP: Implementing Secure Converged Wide Area Networks
CNT 2631 CCNP: Building Cisco Multilayer Switched Networks
CNT 2641 CCNP: Optimizing Converged Cisco Networks
CNT 2710 Wireless LAN Technology
CNT 2720 Orientation to IP Telephony
CNT 2722 Orientation to IP Telephony
CNT 2725 Quality of Service
CNT 2726 Cisco IP Telephony Integration (Part I)
CNT 2728 Cisco IP Telephony Integration (Part II)
CNT 2731 IP Telephony: Enterprise Planning and Design
CNT 2810 Network Security Fundamentals
CNT 2815 Network Security Advanced
CNT 2820 Information Systems Security Fundamentals
CNT 2825 Information Systems Security Advanced
CNT 2830 Network Security Design

Emergency Health Services (EHS)

EMS 1105 Ambulance Operations
EMS 2228 Hospital Clinical I
EMS 2229 Field Clinical I
EMS 2230 Field Skills Lab 1
EMS 2234 Shock/Trauma Practicum
EMS 2236 Medical Emergencies and Pharmacological Intervention I

Humanities (HUM)

Hum 2250: Special Topics in Humanities: Holocaust through Multiple Lens

Music (MUSC)

MUSC 1131 Applied Piano
MUSC 1132 Applied Voice
MUSC 1133 Applied Guitar

NURS (Nursing)

All NURS courses

Physical Education (PHED)

PHED 1106 Bowling
ALL Physical Education 1135: Downhill Activities; Beginning Skiing, Advanced Skiing, Beginning Snowboarding, Advanced Snowboarding
PHED 2200 Flatwater Canoeing Skills
PHED 2201 Outdoor Activity Sampler
PHED 2208 Backpacking
PHED 2210 Winter Skills
PHED 2211 Rock Climbing
PHED 2214 Wilderness Navigation

All other non-credit courses are not paid for by PSEO.

This list is frequently updated and is subject to change. 10/1/09