



INTENT TO PURSUE A GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PRIOR TO GRADUATION

Please Print:

Student Full Name _____ Student ID Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

School Name _____ School Counselor _____

As a part of a Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) agreement, students are able to use a combination of high school and college courses to earn a General Education Certificate that is awarded by NOVA. A student must meet NOVA dual enrollment admissions requirements and at least 25 percent of the requirements (or 8 credits) must be earned through dual enrollment courses or courses taken through the college. The certificate provides a solid foundation for the first year of an Associate of Science degree. Students who complete the certificate will earn a minimum of 33 college credits. If the student plans to attend a four-year college or university, it is strongly recommended that he or she become familiar with all admission, transfer, and degree requirements for each college and/or university where he or she plans to apply before pursuing this option. NOVA articulation and guaranteed admission agreements are available at: <https://www.nvcc.edu/transfer/agreements/>. The transferability of these credits is based on agreements NOVA has with partner universities or an individual university policy. Each college or university makes the decision about how to consider high school students with a General Education Certificate. Further, admission to a college or university does not imply acceptance into any particular academic program and some programs have specific or additional requirements for admission.

By signing this form, you are indicating your intent to pursue a General Education Certificate. At any point you may decide not to pursue the certificate. Failure to complete the certificate, on its own, does not carry any academic penalties. Students who pursue the certificate will work with both their school counselor and a NOVA academic advisor to ensure FCPS graduation requirements and certificate requirements are met. The student will be responsible for discussing plans with both FCPS and NOVA, pursuing the coursework as advised, and seeking permission for any coursework taken through the college for high school credit. Prior to enrolling in any NOVA course, FCPS form IS-158 must be completed and approved. The form is available at: <http://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/forms/is158.pdf>.

Use page two of this form to document the courses that will meet the General Education Certificate requirements. You may update this plan at any time.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Additional information about the General Education Certificate, along with the courses that meet the requirements, are available at the following sites:

NOVA Catalog- https://catalog.nvcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=6&poid=991&returnto=378

FCPS Dual Enrollment Course Offerings- <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/high-school-academics-9-12/advanced-academics/dual-enrollment/fairfax-county-public-0>

FCPS Concurrent Course Offerings*- <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/graduation-requirements-and-course-planning/college-credit-high-school/concurrent>

*Students using FCPS HS courses (AP/IB) classes towards the degree must meet NOVA score requirement

<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=241>

Students pursuing more than 17 NOVA credit hours must qualify and be approved for an overload (18+ or 19 if SDV (Student Development- College Success Skills) is the 19th credit).

General Education Certificate Course Plan				
Two semesters of a college course sequence are equivalent to one full year of a high school course (some exceptions apply).				
College Requirements and Number of Credit Hours (CR.)	College Course Title/Number	Credits	High School Course Title/Number <i>If high school credit is requested, list the title of the equivalent high school course and credit(s). If only college credit is requested, indicate with "N/A."</i>	Credits
College Success Skills (1 CR.)	1.			
Mathematics- Quantitative Reasoning (or higher level math) (3 CR.)	1.			
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (6 CR.)	1.			
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College Composition I & II (6 CR.)	1.			
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Physical or Life Science Elective with Lab (8 CR.)	1.			
	2.			



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Social/Behavior Science Elective (9 CR.)	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
Total Credits		33		

cc:
 Student Information Assistant
 Student Cumulative Record
 Parent/Guardian
 Student