



Spring 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter is taking a Tompkins Cortland Community College course this semester through the CollegeNow Concurrent Enrollment Program in his/her high school, and I am very pleased to welcome you to the TC3 community.

Concurrent enrollment classes are part of a nation-wide movement to strengthen the transition from high school to college. The number of students registered in concurrent enrollment classes is growing rapidly throughout the country, and the quality of programs offering such classes is expanding to meet the high expectations of students, parents and educators. CollegeNow is at the forefront of these developments with one of the largest, most comprehensive, and highest quality concurrent enrollment programs available in New York State. Our Concurrent Enrollment Program has earned full accreditation by NACEP (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships), making it one of only 66 college concurrent enrollment programs nationwide to have achieved NACEP accreditation.

What you should know about concurrent enrollment:

- These are official TC3 courses, taught according to our master course syllabi, using college-level texts.
- High school faculty approved for concurrent enrollment have submitted a professional application to the college, have had their credentials reviewed, and are authorized adjuncts of TC3.
- Academic work in these courses is at the college level – students should anticipate a rigorous set of objectives and more substantial time commitment for work outside of class.
- These courses create an official TC3 transcript. Students are enrolled in a section of a course and an official grade is submitted to the college. The official TC3 transcript will not indicate a special designation for concurrent enrollment courses. It will simply list the course code, semester, and grade.
- Since these courses come with a transcript, this credit can be used toward a degree at TC3 or transferred to most public and private colleges around the country, though every college and university has its own policies governing transfer credit. We recommend that students check with colleges they are interested in to inquire about transfer credit policies.
- These courses are offered at no cost to the student or school district.
- The Concurrent Enrollment Program has been fully accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships.

Your student may access the Concurrent Enrollment Student Handbook to learn more about the CollegeNow Concurrent Enrollment Program by visiting our website at www.tc3.edu/collegenow under the Students and Parents section. Find out about the full portfolio of CollegeNow services for high school students, including our TC3 online courses and more about concurrent enrollment by visiting www.tc3.edu/collegenow.

We look forward to serving you and your family as important members of our college community. Please let us know how we can help you explore and use our college transition expertise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl F. Madeo".

Karl F. Madeo
Director

Accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)

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