

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
24 Credit High School Equivalency (HSE) Program
Requirements as of 9/30/2004

Students must successfully complete 24* college credits from the following:

- 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 6 credits**
- 2. MATHEMATICS – 3 credits**
- 3. NATURAL SCIENCE – 3 credits (4 credit lab science course recommended)**
- 4. SOCIAL SCIENCE – 3 credits**
- 5. HUMANITIES – 3 credits**
- 6. ADDITIONAL 6 CREDITS**
College Degree Program Requirements

***Since the college recommends a 4 credit lab science, ultimately 25 credits will be completed for the HSE and college degree**

**COURSE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNING A
NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL
EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA BASED UPON COLLEGE CREDITS**

The following are examples of courses that meet the distribution requirements. Please note that this list is not exhaustive but only includes typical examples.

English Language Arts English Composition English Literature Speech* Creative Writing	[6 credits]	Mathematics Math Calculus Statistics Technical Math	[3 credits]
Natural Science Biology Chemistry Physics Earth Science Geology Botany Zoology	[3 credits]	Social Science History Sociology Psychology Economics Political Science Labor Studies	[3 credits]
Humanities** Literature Foreign Languages Art History/Art Appreciation Music Appreciation Theatre Appreciation Philosophy Religion	[3 credits]	College Degree Program Requirements	[6 credits]

*COM 101, COM 103 and COM 202 are considered SPEECH classes.

**NYS does not recognize the following courses/areas as HUMANITIES:

- Studio Art
- Acting
- Technical Theater
- Music Performance

Nassau CC's MDC 102, MDC 130 and ENG 102 are HUMANITIES for NYS HSE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE 24-CREDIT HSE PROGRAM

Q. What are the requirements to be eligible for the College's 24-credit High School Equivalency (HSE) program?

A. Starting fall 2008, students eligible for this program must be at least 18 years of age, must have been out of high school at least one year past the date of graduation of their high school class, and must exhibit a genuine desire to obtain a college degree. They also have to meet with an admissions counselor, usually in a group informational meeting.

Q. Will I be able to receive financial aid?

A. You will be accepted as a "non-matriculated" student to the College. Non-matriculated students are not eligible to receive financial aid. Effective fall 2012, Ability-to-Benefit testing will not make a student eligible for financial aid.

Q. What does "non-matriculated" mean?

A. Non-matriculated means you do not meet the formal admissions requirements to a degree granting program. However, the classes that you take in the non-matriculated status may apply to the college degree you intend to receive. After receiving your HSE and presenting it to the College, you will be able to request matriculation, which is a formal acceptance to a college degree program. You will request a Change of Program through the department where you want to major and submit it to the Registrar's Office.

Q. Would it benefit me to take the TASC (formerly GED) test?

A. Yes. If you pass the TASC test, you can become matriculated and be eligible to receive financial aid.

Q. I've finished my 24 credits; how do I receive my HSE?

A. You must request an application at the Registrar's Office to request your HSE from NY State.

Q. I'm required to take remedial courses and/or NCC 101. Do they count towards the 24 credit program?

A. Remedial courses and general college skill/seminar classes are not acceptable towards the HSE requirements. However, if you are required to take the course(s), it is a college policy that you do so.

Q. When are classes available?

A. NCC has classes in the day, evening, weekend, and on-line during the fall, spring and summer semesters that can apply towards the HSE.

Q. Can CLEP tests (College-Level Examination Program) be used to meet the 24 credit requirements?

A. Yes, if the College grants credits for these or similar proficiency examinations.

Q. Would a health or physical education course be considered for the College Degree Program requirement?

A. Health courses and physical education *lecture* courses, if needed for the college degree, can satisfy the requirement. Physical education *activity* courses would not.

Q. Is history considered a social science or humanities course?

A. History is considered a social science. However, *Art* history is considered a humanities course.

Q. Are there any restrictions to the humanities courses considered for the HSE?

A. The following areas will not be considered as humanities: studio art, acting/technical theater, and music performance. If they are needed for the degree, they will be counted as College Degree Program requirements. In addition, please note that COM 101, 103 & 202 are part of the English Language Arts section since they are recognized as speech classes by the State. Refer to the chart for any special notes.