



WHO ARE WE?

Career Magnet Academy is a Knox County public magnet school who partners with Pellissippi State Community College on the Strawberry Plains campus to provide our scholars the opportunity to make significant progress towards an associate degree while still in high school. CMA allows equal access to dual enrollment courses at PSCC to Knox County students who may not have access to as many dual enrollment courses at their zoned schools and at no cost to their families other than a small portion of the Hope scholarship. Many of our scholars are first-generation college students who enjoy the support we provide throughout the dual enrollment process, beginning with AVID elective classes in 9th and 10th grade which become college seminar courses during 11th and 12th.



HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT?

While some CMA scholars begin taking dual enrollment courses as early as tenth grade, most of our students do not begin until 11th grade. PSCC offers degree options for Associates of Science and Arts as well as Associates of Applied Science. The dual enrollment qualifications differ for each general category and are as follows:

- Associate of Arts/Associate of Science
 - 3.0 GPA
- Either ACT or AccuPlacer (or a combination of both):
 - ACT: 18 English, 19 reading, 19 math
 - AccuPlacer: PSCC's placement exam, given once in the fall and once in the spring
- Associate of Applied Science
 - 2.0 GPA
- Either ACT or AccuPlacer (or a combination of both):
 - ACT: 13 English, 13 reading, 13 math
 - AccuPlacer: PSCC's placement exam, given once in the fall and once in the spring



HOW MANY COLLEGE CREDIT HOURS CAN I EARN?

Students who take the standard number of dual enrollment courses (seven during the junior year; seven during the senior year) could potentially earn as many as forty-four college credit hours towards an A.S. or A.A. Each year, a select number of sophomores are permitted to take two additional classes provided they meet more stringent benchmarks. Additional funding is available through PSCC for qualified students who wish to add to the already rigorous course load mentioned above. Each year, some CMA scholars manage to graduate high school with their full associate degree; however, this requires the students to take extra courses in the evenings, summers, or online.

Since full associate degrees are not for everyone, some of our students choose to pursue one of the A.A.S. degrees offered by PSCC, but their course load is contingent upon PSCC's scheduling and availability.

Whatever path our students choose to take, those who wish to complete their degrees following high school graduation can use TN Promise money to return to PSCC after high school graduation to finish up any remaining coursework.



HOW DO WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS?

At CMA, we begin on day-one preparing our scholars to be college ready by their junior year. We do this in a variety of ways...

AVID, Humanities, & Leadership Courses
AVID courses, Leadership courses, and Humanities courses focus on study skills, organizational skills, and soft skills while challenging students to think critically and creatively.

College Readiness

Regardless of their academic ability, we work tirelessly to help our students become college ready. We utilize such resources as IXL (individualized reading and math practice), Reading Plus (reading remediation), and RTI2 (reading and math remediation) to help ensure that our scholars have every possible opportunity to meet ACT and AccuPlacer benchmarks, regardless of where they are when they come to us.

Project Based Learning

The Buck Institute defines project based learning as a "project that students work on over an extended period of time - from a week up to a semester - that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question. They demonstrate their knowledge and skills by developing a public product or presentation for a real audience. As a result, students develop deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills in the context of doing an authentic, meaningful project."

College Seminar

All dual enrollment scholars at CMA participate in College Seminar which provides them with the support they need to succeed in their Pellissippi courses. College Seminar is held in a dedicated classroom space at PSCC which is designed to create a focused study environment in a college atmosphere. Our dean of students, works diligently to communicate with all stakeholders, including PSCC professors, as well as CMA scholars and their families, to help ensure that students are successful in the classroom and that they are on track to meet their individual goals. Both Junior and Senior scholars meet weekly with Mr. Mosley to review their current grades and plan for future



CAMPUS LIFE

CMA is a small school with a maximum capacity of 500 students, but we do not let that stop us from having social events such as winter formal, junior/senior proms, CMA movie nights, ice cream socials, and kickball tournaments. Because of our small size, however, we are limited in what kinds of extracurricular opportunities and elective courses we can offer. Currently, we have a bowling team and a cross-country team, with the hope of adding a golf team to the list for the 2019-2020 school year. We also offer theater as an elective course, and many of our dual enrollment scholars take music appreciation at PSCC.

In an attempt to compensate for limited athletics and electives, however, we offer a menu of student-led clubs, from academic clubs to fun clubs, your students will not have difficulty finding a club to join. Here are some of our more popular clubs:

- Academic Clubs and Organizations
 - National Honor Society
 - Key Club
- Student Government Association
- Student Ambassadors
- NASA Spaceflight
- Science Olympiad
- Fun Clubs, just to name a few...
 - Book Club
 - French Club
 - Spanish Club
 - Honor Guard
 - Strategic Gaming Club
 - Bible Club
 - Equality Club
 - Glee Club



HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

To learn more, visit our website at www.knoxschools.org/careermagnet where you can read more about CMA or even sign up for a school tour, or visit us at an open house from 6-8 pm on Feb. 9, 2023

Follow Us on Social Media:

Facebook: @CMA_PSCC
Instagram: CMA_Ambassadors
Twitter: @CMA_Official



HOW DO I APPLY?

The transfer period typically runs from the third week in October through the third week in February. The online application can be found here: <https://transapp.knoxschools.org/>. Families will typically receive a letter in the mail shortly after spring break stating whether or not they have been accepted. Career Magnet Academy accepts 125 freshmen each school year. We also accept older students (grades 10-12) on a case-by-case basis. Parents of older students should contact the school to arrange a meeting with our principal and school counselor. If there are any available seats after the application window, CMA will take another round of applications beginning in early summer. Dates for the summer application window will be posted on our website if we have any available seats.



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