



# NHS COLLEGE

NUETA  
HIDATSA  
SAHNISH

## STORM EARLY COLLEGE HANDBOOK

### [Overview](#)

The plan of creating an educated generation of Native and Non-Native youth, with partnerships of their respective high schools and the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College located in New Town, ND on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

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### **Philosophy**

Enhance the quality of life for the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

Build a positive, strong identity of the Three Affiliated Tribes

Ensure development of global citizenship by providing necessary training and leadership

Develop a financially strong institution which meets the needs of the students by providing a safe learning environment that promotes diversity and relevant curriculum

Encourage the need to voice informed opinions to make positive change

Become a leader among tribally controlled colleges, providing the highest quality of cultural, academic, and vocational education and student services

### **Vision**

Integrates dynamic, cultural principles to honor the past, for those living in the present and shaping the future.

### **Values**

Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Tenacity, Curiosity, Being a Good Relative, Innovation.

### **Mission**

A unique educational community founded in culture and spirituality that nurtures holistic student success!

### **Accreditation**

The Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College was granted accreditation on February 12, 1988, by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). On February 20, 2018, the HLC reaffirmed NHSC's accreditation, requiring a monitoring report on December 1, 2019, and with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2027-28.

### **Communication**

NHSC will use the student's NHSC school email address for all official communications, such as (but not limited to):

-Financial aid awards and Disbursements, Academic Advising, Academic Standing, Billing, Registration, Student Conduct, Student Organizations

Every attempt will be made to contact students, using their NHSC email address. It is the student's responsibility to check NHSC email often and provide phone number, address, and the personal information updates to the registrar's office, academic advisors, faculty members, the business office, and all the college departments related to the student's academic career.

### **NHSC Earth Lodge Model**

The values of NHSC Earth Lodge Model lists the responsibilities of students attending NHSC. Each student must acknowledge learning, relationships, and personal responsibilities with a commitment to the pursuit of free expression and inquiry, truth, compassion, courtesy, appreciation of differences, and a respect of self and others. Respect and cultural practice are the core values from which the following student responsibilities have been developed.

## **EARLY COLLEGE AT NUETA HIDATSA SAHNISH COLLEGE**

Early college will provide the opportunity for High School students to simultaneously take credit bearing college courses to count for both institutions. The dual credit, or early college program, invites students to earn credit for their high school and college transcripts by academically challenging them while also giving cultural relevancy in coursework.

### **HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS**

Early College students will complete the application process with the help of the high school counselors or the Storm Early College Coordinator (SECC). Upon admittance to the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC), the students will begin registering for their respective courses. Students will access their classes through the campus portal, complete the coursework, and adhere to course schedules and academic standards outlines by the instructor and NHSC Student Handbook.

Upon completion of the dual credit course, students will receive a grade from NHSC. Upon retaining a grade of “C” or higher they receive credit from the participating college (NHSC), and they will also receive their high school credit allocation.

***It is the responsibility of the student to verify with other institutions on the transferability of the course with their higher education institution of choice. (Upon admittance NHSC student, program advisors can assist.)***

If a student decides to drop or withdraw from the course, they will be held responsible for completing the appropriate add/drop form and submitting this to the college in accordance with NHSC guidelines. The student should also be in full communication with the NHSC Community Liaison and/or the (SECC). The advisor for the high school and the SECC will then process and forward the information to its necessary departments.

### **Dual Credit vs. Dual Enrollment**

Dual credit refers to a student taking a dual credit course within a partnering high school within standard school hours. The student will receive the credit from both the college and high school within the singular class. “Bob” is taking a Comp 1 class at his high school and when the school day is out, he is done for the day. Dual Credit is the understanding that a student attends all high school courses and receives credit for both within the school hours.

Dual enrollment is a high school student that will take classes at the college outside of standard school hours. For example “Bob” goes to his high school for his entire school day, then takes a night class at the college. Dual Enrollment is the understanding as they are a student enrolled at two different institutions with no class credits overlapping.

### **Dual Credit Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible in the dual credit program for NHSC, students must follow the following criteria:

- Be a student from a current partner high school
- Sophomore (special approval), Junior, Senior
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better
- Written approval from high school administrator (Form)
- Written approval from Parent/Guardian (Form)
- Completion of NHSC Online Dual Credit Application
- Upon acceptance into the Early College program, Dual Credit Orientation must be successfully completed by student

### **Early College Policy**

Students must submit the following documents to be considered in the participation:

- Completed NHSC Dual Credit application (found online at nhsc.edu)
  - As well as all documents needed to finalize application to NHSC
- Signed form by Student, Parent/Guardian, and High School Admin Consent Form
- FERPA Release form

### **Early College Academic Policies**

To select the appropriate courses, students admitted into the program will be assigned with their Community Liaison as well as with the SECC. The coordinator will be in communication with you throughout the experience and program as well as works closely with your NHSC Community Liaison and High School Counselors.

### **Minimum Requirements to Access Early College Courses**

Students are required to have a computer with reliable internet connectivity, word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet software. Access to printer, copying machine, and a scanner are not necessary but may aid in the student in coursework. An NHSC student email account will be created and sent to the students upon acceptance to the college itself.

### **Dual Credit**

One dual credit course per semester is recommended; upon approval from NHSC Community Liaison/Counselor and the SECC, there is a possibility of enrolling in more than one with written approval. Credits earned through the dual credit are eligible for Undergraduate credits upon completion of and transcripts are submitted. All dual credits that are offered are Gen. Ed. Courses which are general education courses that are needed for any degree program at NHSC or vast majority of Higher Education.

### **Financial Aid**

Funding for dual credit courses can be paid through partnering high schools, entities such as Bank of North Dakota Dual Credit Assistance Program, state supported Dual Credit Assistance Programs, tribal education programs, and/or other student-initiated sources.

Dual credit students are charged the \$50 per credit tuition rate and are also responsible for fees and textbooks. If not covered by the partnering high school the student, along with their parent/guardian are responsible for covering the payment in full. Any financial assistance the student is receiving will be applied to with the final balance which can be accessed through nhsc.edu.

Students with unpaid bills will be ineligible for registration in the subsequent terms as well as the ability to receive official transcripts until bills are released. If the student is set up in a payment plan for any outstanding charges they may continue on in their dual credit courses.

### **Services for Dual Credit Students**

- Technical support is available to assist with email and with issues related to the campus portal and dual credit Courses.
- Storm Early College Coordinator (SECC) to help and assist with application, registration, and questions along the academic journey.
- A high school appointed liaison officer if none are available direct contact to SECC is available.
- Although the student will have access to collegiate services they are not able to participate in travel associated with NHSC.

### **Available Courses**

Students must enroll in General education or “Gen Ed.” Courses only. The courses are requirements when fulfilling every NHSC program degree plan. Program advisors help verify transferability of credits to other colleges and universities. It is the responsibility of the student to verify with other institutions on the transferability of the course with their higher education institution of choice. Each partnering school has a list of their respective classes that are available for dual credit. IF you have any questions on classes that are offered please reach out to your NHSC community Liaison or the school counselor.

## **How to Get Started**

Dual credit students must do the following:

- Contact your designated NHSC Community liaison/counselor for initial approval on the process of beginning the applications.
  - The NHSC Community liaison will visit with High School Administration before initial approval is granted.
    - Upon approval they will ensure that the student in question meets the eligibility requirements.
    - Financial Aid and payments for the program will be arranged and discussed
- Next step is to meet with the Liaison or Counselor to begin the online application process found on the NHSC website. It is recommended to have about 30 minutes minimum to fill out the application. Items needed for application are as follows:
  - Student's physical Social Security Card
  - Student's Tribal Enrollment number (if applicable)
  - Physical mailing address
  - High School Transcript (HS Counselor)
  - Parent/Legal Guardian contact information
    - Telephone number
    - Email
- After submitting the online application, it will prompt an email stating that the application has been submitted successfully, please check junk/spam folders as well.
- Consistently check your personal email for information regarding registration and the remaining steps to completely fulfill the requirements.
- NHSC school email will guide you through the next steps in the process.

## **General Admissions Office Information**

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### **Early College Checklist**

Review eligibility requirements:

- Be a student from a current partner high school
  - Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
  - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better
  - Approval from High School Administration/Dual Credit Designee
  - Approval from Parent/Guardian
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- 1. Contact your designated High School Liaison or Storm Early College Coordinator (SECC) to receive their initial approval to start the NHSC Early College Application Process
  - 2. Once the students' approval is granted, Liaison/SECC will verify the eligibility requirements (Listed above)
  - 3. Liaison or SECC will assist in the financial support options available.
  - 4. Set up a time to meet with the Liaison or SECC to navigate the online application
    - Materials needed:
      - Minimum of 30 minutes
      - Reliable internet
      - Students Social Security Number (Physical Copy)
      - High School Transcript
      - Tribal Enrollment number (If applicable)
      - Form of ID (Tribal, DL)
      - Physical Mailing address
      - Parent/Guardian contact information
      - Telephone, Email
  - 5. Complete the online application form along with submittal of all documents.
    - Documents for application needed:
      - Dual Credit Agreement signed by student, parent, and Liaison/SECC
      - FERPA Release Information
  - 6. Check email frequently upon acceptance to receive the remaining steps. Notification of acceptance for the program will be through this communication, as well as any remaining steps that need to be fulfilled for the program requirements.