

RUNNING START

South Puget Sound Community College

What Is Running Start?



Credit applied
toward HS
graduation reqs.



Types of Running Start Students

- Following HS graduation reqs
- Courses from the college must be equivalent to the HS
- Can earn an associate degree

Traditional RS



- Following college degree reqs
- Student will not walk at HS graduation ceremony
- HS diploma will be issued by SPSCC

Degree Completion



Must be going into junior or senior year
AND
Qualify for or have already taken English 101

All Running Start Students

Qualifying for English 101

Take a placement
test at any WA
community college

AP scores of “3”
or higher

SBA scores of “3”
or “4”

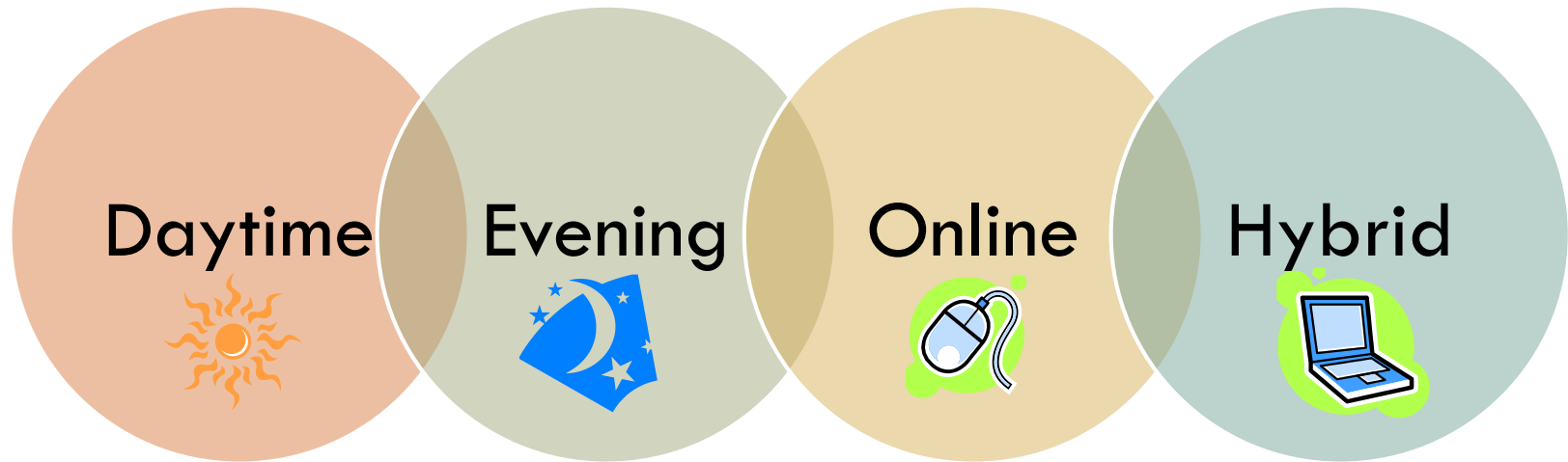
College transcript
showing
completion of
ENGL 101

Proof of
Enrollment in RS at
another WA
community college

What Can I Do Now To Get Ready?

- Focus on math and English!
 - ▣ You need to score into ENGL 101- normally taking your placement test in March or April of Sophomore year is best
 - ▣ With a “B” or better each semester in Algebra II or Pre Calc. you can skip the math placement test
- Complete PE & Health now
 - ▣ PE credit eats into your academic based courses- finish it in Freshman & Sophomore year to maximize your transfer credit potential to the four year.
- Work with your Career Counselor
 - ▣ If you finish a degree with us, or even just some credit, it means you will be declaring your major early at the four year- you need to know what you want to do for a career!

What Classes Can I Take?



The main thing is to make sure you focus on graduation requirements!

Where Can I Take Classes On Campus?



Main Campus

Olympia, WA

Lacey Campus

Lacey, WA



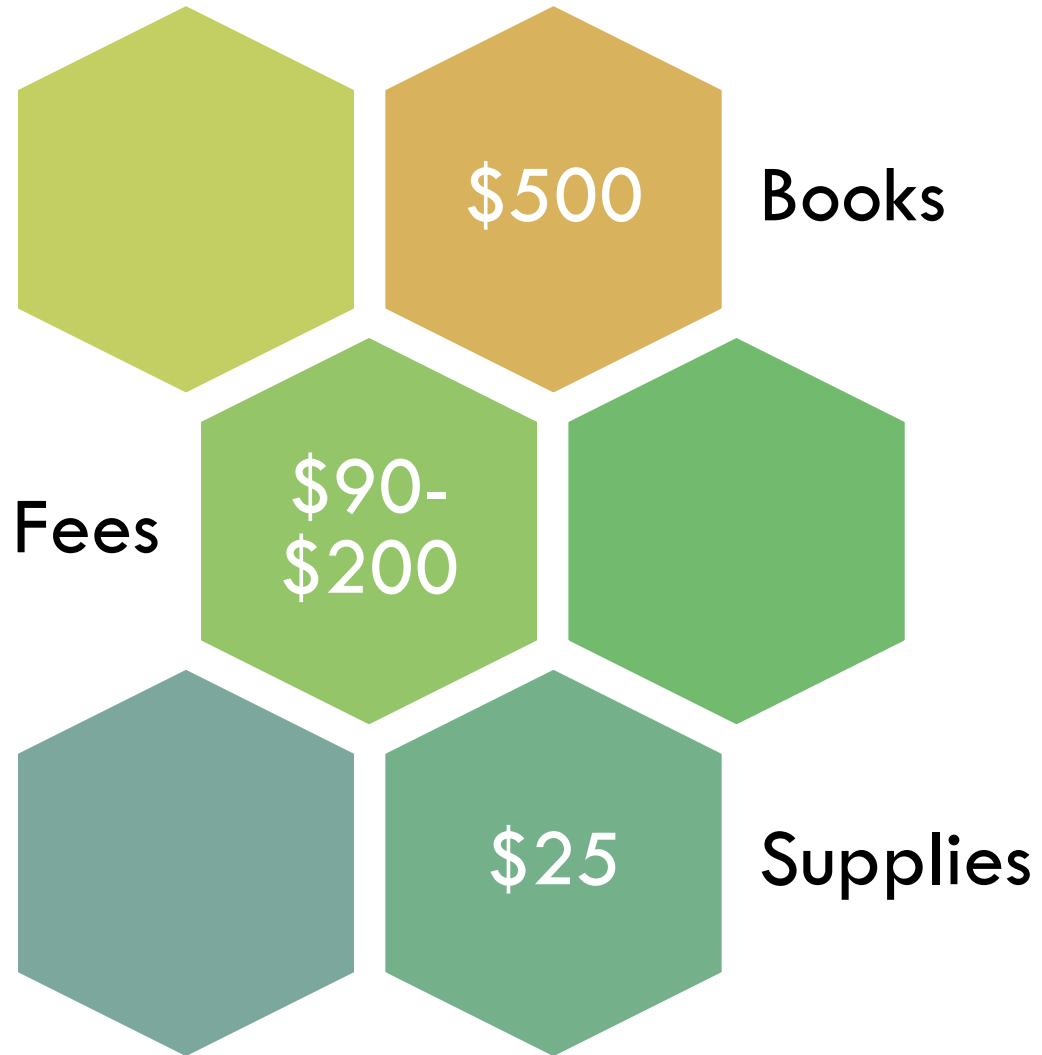
Funding

- Running Start covers tuition on courses within the funding limits table

- Students are responsible for:
 - Student Fees
 - Course Fees
 - Tuition on courses under the 100 level
 - Tuition on courses over the funding limits
 - All other costs (books, supplies, etc.)



Funding



Reasons Not To Do Running Start

Because your friends are in the program

Because you are in trouble at your high school

Because mom and dad want you to

Because you can save money on tuition

Because you only want to go to school three hours a day

Successful Running Start Students

- Are independent learners
- Understand College Classroom Expectations
- Have good time management & organizational skills
- Ask questions of staff & faculty
- Balance Sports, Theater & Other Activities
- Have families that are supportive
- Are ready to move on from the high school environment



Benefits of Running Start

- ❑ Head start on college studies
- ❑ Save money on tuition
- ❑ Can participate in clubs & activities
- ❑ Can participate in Study Abroad
- ❑ On campus employment opportunities
- ❑ Potential to finish an Associate degree
- ❑ Degree completers walk in SPSCC graduation ceremony
- ❑ Looks great on a resume to say you have college experience

How To Get Started



Apply
Online

1

March



Qualify

2

March/April



Meet with
your
Counselor

3

After Testing



Register for
Classes

4

May



RSVF &
Pay

5

May/June

Questions?



- Call

- 360.596.5241 Enrollment Services



- Email

- advising@spscc.edu Advising Email



- Walk In

- Walk In advising is available every week at main campus and lacey campus. See our calendar online!