

Additional Academic Information

DEAN'S LIST

A Dean's List is published at the end of fall and spring semesters. A student is eligible for Dean's List honors when he or she:

- is enrolled in a degree program;
- has earned 12 or more credits in one semester (not including any in-house credits or developmental classes);
- has achieved a grade point average of 3.25 or higher with no grade lower than C for the current semester.

Note: Students who earn a grade of I, IC, WP, WF are not eligible for the Dean's List.

DISMISSAL FROM THE COLLEGE

Students dismissed from the college or a program for academic, social or other reasons are notified in writing at the time of dismissal. Some departments and programs have specific dismissal policies and students should acquaint themselves with them.

GRADUATION AWARDS

Academic achievement will be recognized at graduation for students who have met the following criteria.

- Graduation Honors: 3.25 cumulative grade point index
- Graduation High Honors: 3.50 cumulative grade point index
- Graduation Highest Honors: 3.75 cumulative grade point index

Note: To be eligible for honors, students must earn at least one-half of the credits for their program at CCRI.

AWARDING MULTIPLE DEGREES

The Community College of Rhode Island will award multiple associate degrees of the same designation only if there is a 30 credit difference between the two programs in which the degree is being earned.

CONFIRMED GRADUATES

Students will be confirmed as a graduate of the Community College of Rhode Island if degree requirements for the program of study in which they are enrolled have been satisfied according to the following schedule.

- Spring graduates will be confirmed in May.
- Fall graduates will be confirmed in December.
- Summer graduates will be confirmed in August.

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program reflects the college's commitment to academic excellence. By creating learning communities and by strengthening the opportunities for intellectual dialogue, the Honors Program enhances the educational experience at CCRI.

Students can earn honors credits through independent study projects, supplementary projects within existing course sections and specially designated "honors" courses. Each honors project must be sponsored by an instructor. Students may take a maximum of two honors projects in any one semester.

To be eligible for the Honors Program, students must have completed at least 12 semester hours and earned at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Participation in the Honors Program provides students an opportunity to acquire additional knowledge and skills. Students and faculty work together as "colleagues in learning" – a cooperative spirit that reflects the fundamental purpose of the academic community. In addition, the student's official transcript will reflect all honors credits. These unique designations on the transcripts not only promote transfer to four-year institutions, but also can lend an advantage with regard to competitive status in the workplace. An extra half credit is available for honors projects integrated into existing course sections. Students who complete four honors projects or more at CCRI will receive special recognition at the graduation ceremony.

For more information, email Lynne Andreozzi-Fontaine, Ph.D., at landreozzifont@ccri.edu or Karen Kortz, Ph.D., at kkortz@ccri.edu.

STUDY ABROAD

CCRI offers a study abroad program through the College Consortium for International Studies. This program provides students the opportunity to study in one of more than 30 countries on six continents to enhance their educational experience through exposure to new cultures and educational systems. A study abroad experience can be a path to self-reliance, independent thinking and valuable job skills.

The consortium consists of more than 100 two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities (some of which are sponsors) that cooperate to offer students study abroad opportunities each year. A wide range of academic programs are offered. Except for language studies, most courses are taught in English. All programs are accredited and approved by the college and the consortium. Study abroad programs are available for a semester, full-year or summer.

For more information, call Deborah Notarianni-Girard, Ph.D. at 401-825-2254 or visit www.ccri.edu/foreignlang.

Students may be eligible for financial aid. Call 401-825-2468 for more information.

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

Any full-time student enrolled in a degree program may enroll in a maximum of seven credits of his or her full-time schedule during each of the fall and spring semesters at the University of Rhode Island and/or Rhode Island College at no additional expense. Students must be enrolled for at least five credits at CCRI and the total number of credits taken at all institutions combined must be 12 credits but not to exceed 18 credits. Summer session registrants are not eligible for this program. Students interested in participating in this agreement should contact the Office of Enrollment Services. Following completion of the course(s) at the University of Rhode Island and/or Rhode Island College, students must have an official transcript sent back to CCRI's Office of Enrollment Services as noted on the signed agreement.

CCRI FINANCIAL AID CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

The CCRI Financial Aid Consortium Agreement may be used by students receiving financial aid who are enrolled in a degree-granting program at CCRI and want to enroll at another institution at the same time. This also may apply for summer enrollment and/or Study Abroad.

CCRI's Financial Aid office will only pay for courses that are required for the student's current program of study.

Financial aid can be received at only one institution per semester/term. To have a student's financial aid applied for classes taken at another school, each semester the student must complete a consortium agreement and proof of enrollment at the "host" institution. The consortium form must be returned to the CCRI Financial Aid office.

Tuition payment arrangements must be made with the "host" school. Financial aid funds paid by CCRI for consortium classes may not be available until four weeks after the start of the Community College of Rhode Island's semester.

At the end of the semester/term, the student must request an academic transcript for classes enrolled at the "host" school be sent to CCRI. These transcripts must be received before additional financial aid can be applied or disbursed at CCRI.

CCRI Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress apply for classes enrolled at "host" schools through a consortium agreement.

The consortium agreement must be completed and approved within 30 days from the first day of classes for the current term at CCRI.

ACCUPLACER PLACEMENT TESTS

English and Math Placement Assessments

CCRI requires that all students accepted into a degree or certificate program complete the mandatory ACCUPLACER writing, reading and math placement tests before registering for classes. Nondegree students who wish to enroll in a course requiring a prerequisite also must complete the ACCUPLACER test. This assessment does not affect admission, but the results help to place students in appropriate courses. Students who have taken

ACCUPLACER at another college within the last year, must have an official copy of the scores sent to the Department of Advising and Counseling at any campus.

Testing takes approximately 2.5 hours and can be completed in the Department of Advising and Counseling.

PLAGIARISM

The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

Any student found to have committed plagiarism misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in the Student Handbook available in the Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Services or on the CCRI website at www.ccri.edu/advising/new_students/student_handbook/handbook.html#policies.

PROGRAM CHANGES/CHANGE OF MAJOR

Students may change from one CCRI program or curriculum to another through the "Change My Major" link found on the "For Students tab" in their MyCCRI account. In some cases, this requires approval from the academic department. For more information about the Health Sciences admission process, please visit www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.

RETURNING TO CCRI

Students who stopped attending for at least one semester are required to register for classes through their MyCCRI account and are held to the degree requirements published in the catalog for the year they return. Information concerning this process is located on the Admissions section of the college's website at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/returning-student.html.