

Summer School FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

COURSE INFORMATION

Secondary

Are these courses the same as high school credit courses?

Yes. All credit courses adhere to the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum expectations and are delivered by certified teachers registered with the Ontario College of Teachers. Summer school courses are viewed the same as those delivered during the school year.

eLearning Program

Can I take more than one course i.e., 1 eLearning course and 1 accelerated course in July?

Current DDSB students can only take the equivalent of one accelerated course no matter the mode of delivery in July 2020. You cannot combine an in-class credit recovery course with an eLearning or correspondence course. Current secondary students outside of the DDSB will require home school approval.

ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER

Secondary

Is there an age limit for students attending summer school?

There is no age limit – all ages welcome. However, most students attending summer school fall within the adolescent age group.

I am on a student visa which allows me to study in Canada during the regular school year. Am I eligible for summer school? What are the fees?

In most cases, the visa will allow you to attend summer school depending on your status, it is likely that you will need to pay the non-resident fees per course (see the registration instructions for more details).

FEES

Is there a fee?

Most programs are free for Canadian citizens, permanent residents and approved refugees. *Please see program specific pages as some programs do not require a security deposit or fees. The fees listed are general amounts.*

ADDITIONAL Student Fees for Non-Residents – for students who reside out of the country and Visa students:

Accelerated or e-learning Course: \$2087.00 (non-refundable) per credit (**\$1044.00** for CHV2O1 and GLC2O1), payable in full at time of registration.

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REGISTRATION

When does registration open?

April 6th, 2022 at noon (12:00 pm EST) for all summer school programs.

I am not a Durham District School Board student or don't go to school anymore. Why must I submit additional documents

The Ministry of Education requires that we see original documents of proof of citizenship for registrants who are not students of our board. Please see our registration information for acceptable documentation.

My child is home schooled, am I required to produce proof of Canadian Citizenship, photo ID and letter of permission?

Proof of citizenship/residency is required for all registrants if they are not attending a school that is part of the DDSB. If the student is home schooled, a letter of permission is not required. A note should accompany the registration to identify the student as home schooled.

I want to cancel or withdraw from my course before the start of the program – how do I do that?

We are sorry that you cannot attend summer school. Please visit our website and complete the online [Withdraw Request](#).

Where do I go to withdraw from my course after the program has started?

eLearning students may withdraw within the eLearning course – look for the link in your course banner bar. Ask your teacher for instructions on how to do this or withdraw through the online [Withdraw Request](#).

Why would you cancel a course?

Durham Continuing Education reserves the right to cancel a course if there are insufficient registrations, as well as the right to determine the number of courses to be offered, and the number of sections in each course.

Will I be informed if DCE cancels my course?

Yes, students will be notified of course cancellations by recorded telephone message and/or by email (contact information as appears on the registration account). Course cancellations will also appear on the DCE website.

Why do you wait so long to cancel courses?

We try very hard not to cancel courses and therefore leave courses open for registration as long as possible. However, in some cases, we do not have sufficient enrolment to run the program and must cancel. Unfortunately, this may result in very few alternate choices when cancellations are done.

If your course has been cancelled, make sure you check with us to see if there are alternate methods to obtain your desired course.

I need a confirmation of registration for university/college or sponsorship agency?

Students who are currently in a Durham District School Board School and who have applied through their school on a 101 form, your course enrolment will be transmitted in the early July electronic transfer.

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All other students who require a letter as proof of registration (prior to the start of summer school), must complete the online [Proof of Mark](#) request.

Registration Deadlines

What is the last day I can register for courses?

The deadline to register for July (Semester 1) eLearning courses is midnight (11:59 pm EDT) Friday June 24, 2022. The deadline to register for August (Semester 2) eLearning courses is noon (12:00 pm EDT) Monday July 25, 2022. *Registration will be closed after these dates.*

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

My child has an IEP – are there supports in summer school?

If your child does not currently attend a DDSB school, please provide the e-learning teacher with a copy of your child's IEP as soon as possible. You can also e-mail a copy to DCEInfo@ddsb.ca and it will be forwarded to the appropriate eLearning teacher. If you have any questions or concerns please call 905.436.3211.

ABSENCES

How many days can I be absent from my secondary summer school credit course(s)?

Students' attendance at summer school must be regular and punctual. The hours for full credit courses follow Ministry of Education guidelines. Due to the concentrated time and workload of summer school, any serious infraction of the attendance rules, may result in immediate dismissal.

Regular attendance & punctuality are essential. A parent/guardian must explain all absences for student under the age of 18 years.

I have a trip planned in the middle of the eLearning course and will not have access to the internet during that time – is that okay?

NO – students are expected to participate Monday – Friday an average of 6 hours per day for the duration of the program (3 hours per day for extended eLearning programs). **The program cannot accommodate extended absences.** Failure to communicate with the teacher three days in a row may be removed from the course.

Is it okay to miss the first and or last day of the eLearning course?

Students are required to login on the first and subsequent days. The last two days of the course are reserved for exams – attendance is MANDATORY and cannot be altered. If you cannot be available on the final day, unfortunately, you will not be able to participate in eLearning this summer. Teachers reserve the right to alter the schedule for the final summative – this information will be made available on the first day of program.

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EXAMS

Can I write the exam on another day?

Unfortunately, due to the shortened timeframe for summer school, we cannot alter the schedule. All students must write a final examination or complete a culminating activity held on the last two days of the course. **Exam dates are non-negotiable**; please consider these dates when registering.

GUIDANCE

I no longer attend secondary school and I would like help choosing courses for summer school –who can help me?

You may obtain help by contacting a DCE counsellor. E-mail wDCEInfo@ddsb.ca with your questions she will return your inquiry.

Do I have to do the prerequisite course or can I jump right into the grade 12 college/university credit that I need for college/university entrance.

School-age, non-graduate students MUST have prerequisite courses to be eligible for grade 12 programs. Adult students and graduates are strongly recommended to have the prerequisite, but it is not mandatory.

MARKS/MARK REPORTING/WITHDRAW FROM PROGRAM

How do I withdraw from this program?

eLearning students will be able to complete the withdraw process in the eLearning environment. A link to the [Withdraw Request](#) will be found in the banner bar of the course.

What is full-disclosure?

Any student who remains in a grade 11/12 course after the full-disclosure date, will have the course recorded in their Ontario Student Transcript, even if they do not complete the course or are unsuccessful.

How can I get the mark for my child when they finish this course?

Report cards will follow in late August/early September to the home school for DDSB/DCDSB/KPRDSB/PVNCCDSB students, or to the address provided for all others. **Marks cannot be obtained through Durham Continuing Education office in August.**

I will need my marks sent to a College or University when I finish the course. How can I do this?

In the banner bar of your course you should have a link for [Proof of Mark](#) that allows you to request letters. These letters must be requested prior to the end of your course. Any questions may be directed to your summer school teacher.

How do I get the course on my transcript when I am finished?

For students who are currently attending a Durham District School Board school, the course will automatically be added to your transcript. For students who attend schools in the DCDSB, KPRDSB or PVNCCDSB, reports will be sent to your home school in August/early September and the school should add your course to your transcript (check with your school in Sept). Recent DDSB students (within the last 5 years) will also have the course added to their transcript automatically.

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For all other students, report cards will be mailed to the address on file at the end of August/early September. It is suggested that you take a copy to your last secondary school and have it added to your transcript and Ontario Student Record. In the event the school cannot add the course to your Ontario Student Transcript, you will always be able to access a transcript for this course from Durham Continuing Education.

For students participating in eLearning course through the Ontario eLearning Consortium (OeLC), reports will be mailed to your home school and the address on file in PRISM at the end of August/early September. Please make sure you take the report card to your school to ensure they have a copy on file. Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for processing.

For eLearning students whose home school board is part of the Ontario eLearning Consortium, school guidance counsellors will be able to view the students' final mark within the PRISM student information system upon completion of the course and prior to the formal reporting.

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