

## **Fast Forward: Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are Fast Forward courses? / What is the Fast Forward Program?**

Fast Forward courses are credit bearing courses taught at Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers by CTE Teachers who are also adjunct faculty at either VTC or CCV. The Fast Forward program is funded through Perkins V Federal funds, allocated by the Agency of Education to VTC and CCV through a grant process each year. Students who attend CTE centers and meet college eligibility requirements can access up to two fast forward courses per semester while enrolled in eligible CTE programs.

### **What courses can I take for Fast Forward credit?**

Your regional CTE center can provide information about college courses offered in CTE programs. In addition, each year CCV offers several on-line Fast Forward courses that are open to all CTE students in the state. These include, but are not limited to, business and entrepreneurship course offerings.

### **How many Fast Forward courses can I take?**

Eligible students can take up to two Fast Forward courses per semester, while enrolled in CTE Program.

### **How is Fast Forward different than Dual enrollment?**

There are a few key differences between Fast Forward (FF) and Dual Enrollment (DE). The DE program allows students to access up to two college credit bearing courses from partnering colleges. FF course courses are only available to students enrolled in a CTE center. Lastly, the funding source is different for FF and DE courses. FF is funded through federal Perkins V grants administered by the Agency of Education while DE is funded through the VT Education fund.

### **Who is eligible for Fast Forward courses?**

Eligibility requirements vary depending on the CTE program and the Fast Forward course. Generally, students must have qualifying WorkKeys or Accuplacer scores in order to enroll in a Fast Forward course.

### **Can I take both Fast Forward and Dual Enrollment courses?**

Yes! Every eligible Vermont student can take up to a total of two college courses using Dual Enrollment vouchers. Eligible CTE students can also take up to two Fast Forward courses per semester based on availability.

### **Contact Information:**

If you have questions about this document or would like additional information please contact:

Personalized Learning Team, Student Pathways Division, at [AOE.DualEnrollment@vermont.gov](mailto:AOE.DualEnrollment@vermont.gov)

### **Can I take Fast Forward courses outside of my program area?**

Some Fast Forward courses are only available to students enrolled in specific CTE programs, while other Fast Forward courses are more broadly available to CTE students regardless of their CTE program of study. In addition, some CTE centers also partner with colleges outside of Vermont to offer additional college credits. Your CTE center can explain all the Fast Forward and other dual enrollment course options available to you.

### **What colleges offer Fast Forward courses?**

Community College of Vermont (CCV)  
Vermont Technical College (VTC)

### **What colleges accept Fast Forward credits?**

When you successfully complete a Fast Forward program, the college that awards the credit will issue you a formal transcript, showing the course and your grade. This information can then be shared with other institutions to determine whether the courses will be accepted as transfer credits. Many colleges have a guide or application (e.g., [UVM Transfer Guide](#)) that can help determine if courses will be transferable.

### **Will I receive a college transcript upon completion of a Fast Forward course?**

You will receive credit on a college transcript and will be able to obtain copies that can be brought to other institutions of Higher Education.

### **If yes, do colleges send the transcript to student? School? Only upon request?**

Your Center's Fast Forward Coordinator can either provide you with your college transcript or help you request a copy from the appropriate college.

### **Who teaches Fast Forward courses?**

College approved CTE center faculty or college faculty (adjunct)

### **Do my Fast Forward credits count towards high school graduation?**

Yes! Fast Forward credits can be used to count towards high school graduation. It is important to discuss with your high school counselor how this will work and update your personal learning plan to reflect the Fast Forward courses and how they will lead to meeting graduation requirements.

### **Who pays for Fast Forward courses?**

Fast Forward courses are paid for by federal Perkins V funds through the Agency of Education. There is no cost for students to enroll in a Fast Forward course.

### **Are there any costs associated with Fast Forward courses (fees, books, etc.)?**

No.

### **What if my CTE program does not offer Fast Forward courses?**

You are still eligible to take some online Fast Forward courses offered by CCV. Your CTE center's Fast Forward Coordinator can give you more information about these courses. In addition, your program may offer college credits through other colleges. Again, your CTE center can provide more information about all of the options available to you.

**Can I access Fast Forward courses through a different CTE center?**

No.

**Are there any prerequisites to take Fast Forward courses?**

You must be academically ready for college level work and meet college eligibility requirements set by the college that will issue the credit. Generally, WorkKeys or Accuplacer scores are used to determine your readiness for college level work.

**Do I need to travel to a college campus to take a Fast Forward course?**

All Fast Forward courses take place at the CTE center. Students do not need to add travel to their plan for taking Fast Forward courses.

**What if I am not a Vermont resident? Can I still take Fast Forward courses at my Vermont CTE center?**

Yes. Vermont CTE centers provide free Fast Forward courses to any eligible student, regardless of the students' state of residence.

**I am an adult with a diploma planning to attend a daytime CTE program, am I eligible to take Fast Forward courses?**

Yes, if you are enrolled in a high school CTE program that is available to adult students, you can take Fast Forward courses offered in your CTE program. Adults who enroll in Adult CTE programs (typically offered after school, during the evening, or on weekends) are not eligible to enroll in Fast Forward courses.

**How do I sign up for Fast Forward courses?**

- Meet with your CTE teachers and your center's Fast Forward coordinator to determine what Fast Forward courses are available to you.
- Request a Dual Enrollment System account.
- Your high school coordinator will need to approve your DE System account request to access the system.
- Request a Fast Forward ticket through the DE System.
- Your CTE Coordinator will then be notified to approve/deny your FF ticket request.