WHAT IS A DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?
A student in a dual enrollment program takes postsecondary coursework at a college or university while still enrolled in high school. Ranken's dual enrollment program, which started in 2010, permits qualified high school seniors to begin attending classes at Ranken for college credit, and to earn at least 12 credit hours.

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY BENEFIT OF A DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?
Participation in a dual enrollment program has two immediate benefits for students. Students who complete dual enrollment coursework during high school will be able to complete an associate degree at Ranken in less time, and at a lower cost. In this manner, the program offers students a leg up in getting through school and saves on costs in the process.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, research also suggests that participation in dual enrollment programs “can lead to better grades in high school, increased enrollment in college following high school, higher rates of persistence in college, greater credit accumulation, and increased rates of credential attainment.”

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?
Students must be able to demonstrate that they satisfy the following requirements:

• They are in good academic standing with their high school (a 2.5 GPA or higher is preferred)
• They have at least 90 percent attendance during their junior and senior years
• They either have minimum ACT scores of 17 (Math) and 16 (Reading) or they demonstrate satisfactory scores on Ranken's Compass placement test

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WHEN AND WHERE ARE DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES HELD?

Students enrolled in the dual enrollment program are integrated into the regular, on-campus classes offered by Ranken. They attend the same classes as all other Ranken students, and learn from the same qualified instructors who teach Ranken classes.

DOES RANKEN PROVIDE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?

Students enrolled in the dual enrollment program at Ranken will have access to a range of student support services, to include academic tutoring, high school to college transition support, guidance counseling, and other comparable services designed to increase student preparation for and success in postsecondary education.

HOW MUCH DOES A DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM COST?

There is no out-of-pocket expense to the students who qualify for Ranken's dual enrollment program. Tuition and fees for participating students will be covered through a combination of institutional funding from Ranken, public funding from the state, and Federal Pell Grant funding. In order to secure Pell Grant funding, students will be required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Ranken's financial aid office can assist students in completing the FAFSA.

Students should know that federal grants come with a 12-semester limit, meaning that students are not eligible to receive Pell Grants after using the aid for 12 semesters. Receiving Pell Grants for any number of semesters while participating in a dual enrollment program will count toward the 12-semester limit.

WHAT IF I WANT TO GO TO A DIFFERENT COLLEGE AFTER I GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

Successful completion of coursework taken by students in the dual enrollment program applies toward an associate degree at Ranken. However, students are not required to continue their studies with Ranken after graduation from high school. Dual enrollment students will receive a college transcript from Ranken, and can seek to have the credits applied towards a degree or certificate program at another postsecondary institution. Students who wish to transfer credits to other institutions should verify Ranken's credits will be accepted by the receiving institution. Ranken's credits and degrees transfer to many area colleges.

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