



TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner & Dr. Shannon W. Gilkey, Commissioner

DATE: December 7, 2023

RE: Concurrent Enrollment List of Course Offerings for 2024-2025 Academic Year

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### **Background**

In 2013, the General Assembly enacted the Dual Enrollment Equal Opportunity Act (R.I.G.L. §16-100-1 et seq.) which required the Board of Education to prescribe a statewide dual enrollment policy by regulation. As a result, in 2015, the Board of Education promulgated its Dual Enrollment Regulations, which established that dual credit programs for secondary school students be offered in conjunction with the Rhode Island public postsecondary institutions. The cost of tuition and fees for public high school students who participate in dual and concurrent coursework at the University of Rhode Island (URI), Rhode Island College (RIC), and Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) are covered by the Dual Enrollment Fund that was created by the Governor.

The term dual enrollment generically refers to high school students having the opportunity to take college classes to meet high school requirements and earn college credit simultaneously. Dual enrollment programs enable high school students to access college coursework on a college campus (dual enrollment courses) or at their high school (concurrent enrollment courses). The dual enrollment courses are taught on the college campus or online by college faculty and are taken alongside other undergraduate students. Concurrent enrollment courses are taught by high school teachers who a postsecondary institution has approved to teach a college-level course for credit at the high school location.

For concurrent enrollment courses, the public postsecondary institutions approve the text and syllabus and provide mentoring and support for the teachers. There may be differences in the delivery or costs depending on which model is used. The intent and outcomes of these dual and concurrent enrollment courses are, however, the same: to provide high school students access to rigorous academic enrichment, improve college readiness, encourage college degree attainment, and decrease the cost of earning a postsecondary degree.

## Revised List of Approved Concurrent Offerings

The public institutions of higher education were asked to submit an updated list of proposed concurrent enrollment courses for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The courses were reviewed at the Rhode Island Department of Education and the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner of Education.

The chart on the following pages includes the concurrent enrollment courses for academic year 2024-2025, with new courses highlighted. Note that additional courses may be added at a later date, based upon OPC's review and approval. The changes in concurrent enrollment courses, listed by institution, are as follows:

### **CCRI**

#### **Added**

- 1. Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL2210)**

#### **Removed**

- 1. None**

### **Rhode Island College**

#### **Added**

- 1. None**

#### **Removed**

- 1. Schooling for Social Justice (FNED 246)**
- 2. Elementary Latin I (LATN 101)**
- 3. Elementary Latin II (LATN 102)**
- 4. Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 110)**
- 5. Introduction to Political Thought (POL 204)**
- 6. Advanced Digital Audio Production (MUS 119)**
- 7. Introduction to Social Work (SWRK 200)**

### **University of Rhode Island**

#### **Added**

- 1. Education and Social Justice (EDC 103G)**
- 2. Supervised Preprofessional Field Experience (EDC 250)**
- 3. Teacher Program Prep and Career Development-Math (EDC 280)**
- 4. Teacher Program Prep and Career Development-Reading (EDC 281)**
- 5. Teacher Program Prep and Career Development-Writing (EDC 282)**
- 6. Engineering Graphics (MCE201)**
- 7. General Physics I (PHY111/PHY185)**

#### **Removed**

- 1. Introduction to Physics (PHY 109/PHY 110)**

**We recommend:**

**THAT,** The Board of Education approves the Concurrent Enrollment List of Course Offerings for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year