

## Bridge Orientation

August 16, 2023

Early College at WKU in Glasgow allows qualified high school juniors and seniors from participating schools to complete their first year of college at WKU in Glasgow in one of five designated Professional Career Tracks.

Students must have a high school GPA of 3.5 to participate in the WKU in Glasgow Early College Program.

Each Professional Career Track will include Colonnade (WKU general education) and major-specific courses. Students will have the opportunity to complete 30 hours of face-to-face dual credit coursework in one of the following Tracks.

- Agriculture
- Business Management
- Crime & Legal Studies
- Education
- Nursing

Students will take college courses on campus with WKU in Glasgow students throughout the morning. Classes will be offered on Monday & Wednesday and Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Students will return to their respective high schools for lunch and afternoon classes. Two Fridays per semester will be designated for field trips led by WKU in Glasgow faculty and staff.

Participating school districts will be allotted a specific number of students that are eligible to apply for WKU in Glasgow's Early College program based on the size of their sophomore class as a percentage of the sophomore class of all participating districts. Each Professional Career Track will admit 20 juniors per year. Participating school districts include:

- Allen County-Scottsville Schools
- Barren County Schools
- Caverna Independent Schools
- Glasgow Independent Schools
- Hart County Schools
- Metcalfe County Schools
- Monroe County Schools

Courses will be billed at the prevailing University dual credit tuition rate. Professional Career Tracks are designed to fully utilize KHEAA Work Ready and Dual Credit scholarships.

Students will be required to attend the Early College Bridge Orientation to be a part of the on-campus program as a tool to increase college knowledge capital. Since 34% of the admitted Early College students self-report as being first-generation, and 30% self-report being of minority status, this event will be a key to filling the institutional knowledge gaps to increase student success.

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Time	Rotation	Location	Facilitator
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	Welcome – All students	Room 131	Dr. Derick Strode
<b>9:00-9:40</b>	Group 1 – ID & Success Tips Group 2 – Team Building Group 3 – Paying for College & Blackboard 101	Learning Commons Room 131 Computer Lab	Stephanie Prichard, EC Faculty Tori Murley Brittney Sholar, Ara Sprouse
<b>9:40-10:20</b>	Group 2 – ID & Success Tips Group 3 – Team Building Group 3 – Paying for College & Blackboard 101	Learning Commons Room 131 Computer Lab	Stephanie Prichard, EC Faculty Tori Murley Brittney Sholar, Ara Sprouse
<b>10:20-11:00</b>	Group 3 – ID & Success Tips Group 1 – Team Building Group 3 – Paying for College & Blackboard 101	Learning Commons Room 131 Computer Lab	Stephanie Prichard, EC Faculty Tori Murley Brittney Sholar, Ara Sprouse
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	Wrap up – Board busses	Room 131	Dr. Derick Strode

Group 1 – Nursing (23 students)

Group 2 – Education & Business (24 students)

Group 3 – Agriculture & Crime & Legal Studies (25 students)

Programming		
Facilitator	Session Name	Topics Discussed
<b>Dr. Derick Strode</b> Director of Regional Campuses	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expectations of college courses</li> <li>Navigating challenges that arise</li> </ul>
<b>Stephanie Prichard</b> Senior Regional Advisor <b>Jerry Lundin</b> EC Faculty Member	ID & Tips for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicating with advisors and instructors</li> <li>Student support services &amp; tutoring availability</li> <li>University opportunities including admissions, course transferability, &amp; academic programs available</li> <li>Receive student ID</li> </ul>
<b>Tori Murley</b> Academic Coordinator – EOC & Glasgow Faculty Member	Team Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building a sense of campus belonging through interactions with fellow classmates &amp; instructors</li> </ul>
<b>Brittney Scholar</b> Dual Credit Program Manager <b>Ara Sprouse</b> Dual Credit Program Coordinator	Financial Considerations & Blackboard 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to pay for courses</li> <li>KHEAA scholarship application</li> <li>How to purchase textbooks</li> <li>Blackboard 101</li> </ul>