



PSEO Application Information Packet

Spring 2022

What is PSEO?

The Minnesota Legislature created the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program, or PSEO, in 1985. Under PSEO, high school juniors and seniors enrolled in a school (including public, private, home, and charter schools) and/or American Indian controlled tribal contract or grant school can attend colleges and universities and receive both college and high school credit. The State of Minnesota pays for tuition and books. The purpose of PSEO is to enhance the high school experience by promoting "rigorous academic pursuits by encouraging and enabling secondary pupils to enroll full-time or part-time in nonsectarian courses (Minnesota Statutes 124D.09)."

The Legislature left selection criteria and implementation of the program up to the individual college. It is important to note that Century College follows the Minnesota State guidelines for PSEO. **PSEO is NOT an open enrollment program**; students must meet minimum criteria in order to be eligible for the program and courses are offered on a space-available basis only. All of the PSEO qualifications are clearly listed in this PSEO application.

You will need to notify your high school that you are interested in participating in the PSEO program.

Application Deadline

Term	Deadline	Term begins
Spring 2022	December 1, 2021	January 10, 2022

The deadline is absolute. There are no exceptions. Applicants must have all qualifying application materials on file with the Admissions Office on or before the due date. Applications must be submitted electronically, as outlined in this document & on the PSEO website. No paper application documents will be accepted. *Century College will make reasonable accommodations to all qualified students with disabilities.*

Questions? Contact pseo@century.edu or 651-779-3962.

Step 1 – Demonstrating college-level placement

Option 1: ACT scores

REQUIRED

Reading

- 21 or higher in Reading on the ACT

English

- 18 or higher in English on the ACT

OPTIONAL

Math

- 22 or higher in Math on the ACT

Please see the Testing Center website for information regarding SAT & MCA requirements. **MCA results can only be used for Math placement.*

Option 2: High School GPA

*Due to the unavailability of ACCUPLACER due to COVID-19, the following policy is currently in place to allow PSEO applicants to demonstrate college-level Reading skills if they have not taken the ACCUPLACER, ACT or SAT.

Reading: A student who presents a cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 or higher is given college-level placement

Option 3: Course Placement Forms

At any time, students can complete the Reading and Math Course Placement forms. These forms are typically utilized by applicants who do not meet Option 1 or Option 2, but would still like to demonstrate their college-level skills in those areas. Please refer to the [Testing Center](#) website for information about the [Reading](#) and [Math](#) Course Placement Forms.

**If a student would like to take a math course at Century College through the PSEO Program, the student must meet one of the three qualifying options above to indicate college-level math skills. Developmental math courses are not eligible under PSEO legislation.*

Advanced Placement (AP)

If a student would like to submit AP scores in order to register for more advanced Century College courses, please send official score reports to the Transfer Student Services/DARS Office for evaluation. Questions on AP scores or submission? Please call 651.779.3908.

Step 2 – Meet state legislated eligibility requirement

Option A: High School Transcript (Students are only required to meet one of the items listed under Option A.)

- Class Rank (Juniors - top third of class, Seniors - top half)
- Decile (Juniors- 3rd decile or higher, Seniors – 5th decile or higher)
- GPA (Juniors- 3.0 or higher, Seniors- 2.5 or higher)

Option B: Nationally Standardized Norm-Referenced Test (ACT, SAT, PSAT & Pre-ACT only)

- Juniors - at or above the 70th percentile on composite score
- Seniors - at or above the 50th percentile on composite score

**The MN or National percentile is acceptable.*

Option C: Appeal Process

- Letter of recommendation from a high school counselor or a high school teacher. (**If you are a home school student, please obtain a letter from a teacher or counselor outside of your family.*)
- Written essay on *Why you will benefit from PSEO and what you can contribute to Century College as a PSEO student.* The essay must be **two pages, typed, double-spaced, and in 12 pt. font.**
- Obtain and submit a copy of your high school transcript.

Decisions regarding option C are made according to a point system. Submission of the PSEO materials under Option C does NOT guarantee acceptance into the PSEO program.

Step 3 – Complete The Notice of Student Registration Form

The [Notice of Student Registration](#) form is required for all applicants to the PSEO program. Only Section 1 and Section 2 are required to be completed upon submission.

Step 4 – Complete the online application.

Complete the [online general application](#) to the PSEO program at Century College.

****Important information before you begin the online application:**

- a. Save your StarID and password! You will use your StarID during the entire admissions process.
- b. Only items with the **red asterisk *** are required.
- c. Date of Birth is required (even though there is no red asterisk *)
- d. When selecting Application Type during Step 6, select Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Student

Step 5 – Complete the PSEO Application Materials Submission eForm

The [PSEO Application Materials Submission eForm](#) is where students will upload and submit the required documentation discussed in steps 1-3 of this packet. All documentation is required to be submitted together, so partial submission of application materials will not be processed.

Students will be required to enter their StarID that is created during Step 4.

Step 6 – Complete the PSEO orientation process

If accepted, Century College will send an acceptance email to students. Information about the orientation process will be included in the acceptance email. Applicants will receive email communication at the email address included on the PSEO Application Materials Submissions eForm. Students who are unable to participate in the orientation process may automatically forfeit their spot in the PSEO program.

➔ The orientation process is a **MANDATORY** activity. It is designed to prepare students for a successful start at Century College. Orientation will cover all services, programs and activities available to Century students. It is our attempt to inform students about everything that is available to them at Century. Critically important college policies are also reviewed.

➔ After completion of orientation, students are given the opportunity to register for classes or schedule a virtual advising appointment with an Academic Advisor. Students can ask Academic Advisors about the best way to set up a course schedule in light of overall college goals or demands such as work, high school extracurricular activities, transfer to four year colleges, etc. Students should connect with their high school counselor prior to registering for Century College courses in order to confirm any courses they may be required to take at Century to fulfill graduation requirements.

Please Note: Information on this application is subject to change without notice.

Century College is a member of the Minnesota State system. We are an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and educator. This document can be available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 651.779.3354 or 1.800.228.1978 x 3354.

Notice of Annual Security Report Availability

Century College is committed to assisting all members of our community in providing for their own safety and security. The Annual Security Report contains information regarding campus security and personal safety including topics such as: crime prevention, public safety authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures and other matters of importance related to security and safety on campus. It also contains information about crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Century College; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The Annual Security Report is available on the Department of Public Safety website at <https://www.century.edu/home/public-safety>