



Completed applications (include pages 2 - 7) will be due to your high school counselor by

Tuesday April 4, 2017

ASCENT APPLICATION

2017-2018

Abstract

ASCENT stands for Accelerating Students through Concurrent ENrollment. Students who have completed at least 12 credit hours of postsecondary course prior to completion of his/her 12th grade year may be eligible for the ASCENT Program. Will you have earned 12 college credits before you graduate? You might be eligible to have your 1st year at Front Range Community College or AIMS Community College paid for by Poudre School District!

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CHECKLIST

ACTION REQUIRED		LOCATION	DEADLINE
✓	Pick up an ASCENT Application	High School Counseling Office	January of Senior Year
	Schedule meeting with high school counselor and complete page(s) 2 & 3	High School Counseling Office	January of Senior Year
	Have test scores reviewed	Page 4 of this application	February 15 th , 2017
	Meet with college advisor	Page 5 of this application	March 17 th , 2017
	ASCENT application due to high school counselor	High School Counseling Office	Tuesday, April 4 th , 2017

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

ASCENT is a 5th year program. This program allows students to take a full schedule of college courses immediately following their senior year of high school.

Please continue with this application ONLY if:

- You are under 21 years of age
- Have a 2.0 GPA
- You have completed all high school graduation requirements
- You have completed 12 college credit hours during 9th – 12th grade in high school
- You have submitted your current HS transcripts to the “College Now” office (FRCC Campus) or your AIMS advisor by **February 15, 2017** in order to have test scores reviewed
- You do not need remediation in your selected college pathway (a college designee, NOT your high school advisor, must determine this)
- You are not an international student attending high school on a F1 Visa (ineligible for ASCENT)

SECTION A: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

Name: _____

PSD STUDENT ID: _____ COLLEGE ID: S _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

AGE: _____ PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: _____ COLLEGE PLANNING TO ATTEND: FRCC ____ AIMS ____

TEST(S) THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN: ACT ____ ACCUPLACER ____ SAT ____ CCPT ____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

LIST CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE WORK COMPLETE BY THE END OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR:

Table 1 – Concurrent Enrollment Courses Completed at Your High School From 9 – 12 Grade

SUBJECT	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE LOCATION (HS OR COLLEGE)	COUNSELOR NAME

SECTION B: TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR & ASCENT APPLICANT

STUDENT SASID # _____

ICAP CHECKLIST FOR ASCENT APPLICANTS:

In order to qualify for ASCENT, students must work with their high school counselor and confirm that they have updated the following ICAP requirement in their NAVIANCE account:

- MY CAREER CLUSTER IS: _____
- MY DESIRED COURSE OF STUDY/PATHWAY/CERTIFICATION FOR MY 5TH YEAR IS: _____
- I HAVE UPDATED MY 4 YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN (GO TO – COURSE PLANNER_MANAGE COURSE PLANS)
- I HAVE UPDATED MY GAME PLAN SURVEY (GO TO - ABOUT ME_GAME PLAN)
- I HAVE UPDATED/COMPLETED MY CAREER INTEREST PROFILER (GO TO – CAREERS_CAREER INTEREST PROFILER)
- I HAVE UPDATED VARIOUS/APPLICABLE JOURNAL ENTRIES INCLUDING PWR INFORMATION ON INTERNSHIPS, SUMMER JOBS, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (GO TO – ABOUT ME_JOURNAL)

This student has worked with high school counselors and the PSD ASCENT Coordinator and received advice about the ASCENT Program. He/she fulfills the eligibility requirements:

- Concurrent enrollment coursework is listed in table 1 on page 2
- Student has updated their ICAP information in NAVIANCE
- Test scores are entered in Table 2, page 4
- High School transcript is attached to this application

COUNSELOR NAME (PRINT): _____

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: _____

SECTION C: TEST SCORE REQUIREMENTS – *MUST CONTACT COLLEGE NOW OFFICE

According to House Bill 09-1319 and Senate Bill 09-285, students eligible for ASCENT must not be in need of basic skills coursework in their selected pathway.

***Students must contact the Front Range Community College “COLLEGE NOW” office, or their Aims Community College advisor to determine if their test scores are sufficient for their planned course of study. *This is not a question that the ASCENT Coordinator or the high school counselors can answer. If applicable test scores (table 2 below) are not filled in, the application will not be considered.**

Follow the SPECIFIC instructions below when contacting the colleges!

Front Range Community College ASCENT Applicants

Applicants should follow the steps below to determine if additional testing is required for the ASCENT applicants’ selected plan of study.

- 1. ASCENT applicants must submit their current HS transcripts to the “College Now” office (FRCC Campus) by **February 15, 2017** in order to have test scores reviewed. Transcripts are available from your high school counseling office/registrar.
- 2. Transcripts can be dropped off at the “College Now” office in the Mount Antero building, or can be emailed to LCCollegeNow@frontrange.edu with a note/email that includes the following information:
 - a. Indicate that you are an ASCENT applicant from Poudre School District
 - b. Indicate that you are inquiring about “college readiness” based on your test scores
 - c. Include your FRCC S-number
 - d. Request that your test scores be reviewed to determine whether or not your test scores are sufficient for your planned course of study
 - e. Include your selected plan/area of study (program name or degree)
 - f. Include a telephone number and your email address
- 3. The “College Now” office will contact students with information about whether or not additional testing is needed.

AIMS Community College Applicants

- Please contact your AIMS Community College advisor and ask if your test scores are sufficient for your selected plan of study
- Attach an explanation and details about the test scores to your ASCENT application

Table 2 – Test Scores Used To Determine College Readiness

CONTENT	FRCC or AIMS REQUIRED SAT SCORES	ASCENT APPLICANT’S SAT SCORE	FRCC & AIMS REQUIRED ACCUPLACER SCORES	ASCENT APPLICANT’S ACCUPLACER SCORES	FRCC & AIMS REQUIRED CCPT SCORES	STUDENT’S CCPT SCORES
ENGLISH			95			
READING			5			
MATH			85			

SECTION D: TO BE COMPLETED BY A COLLEGE ADVISOR

(Student must initiate/schedule appointments)

After test scores are reviewed, ASCENT applicants must meet with a college advisor. Appointments are required. **At FRCC, students should meet with a FRCC advisor between February 20 – March 17, 2017.** Please schedule an appointment in advance by calling 970.204.8332. The advising office is in the Mount Antero building. **Tell the college advisor what course of study you will pursue as an ASCENT student.**

Your college advisor will:

- Work with you to determine which courses you should register for fall semester of 2017 (for your desired course/area of study)
- Sign page 5 of this application
- Sign page 7 of this application

Table 3 – List Course Work To Complete During Fall Semester Of Your 5th Year.

SUBJECT	COURSE NUMBER	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE LOCATION (COLLEGE CAMPUS OR ONLINE)

COLLEGE ADVISOR’S SIGNATURE INDICATES THAT THE STUDENT HAS MET WITH A COLLEGE ADVISOR:

COLLEGE ADVISOR’S SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE:** _____

SECTION E: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND STUDENT’S PARENT/GUARDIAN

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASCENT STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENTS

1. ACADEMIC

- 1.1. Students must have filled out a Front Range/AIMS College application within the last year.
- 1.2. Students must have all ASCENT college course choices approved by a college advisor and checked by the ASCENT counselor.
- 1.3. Students are expected to pass all courses successfully. See Financial Point 2.2.
- 1.4. Students will be required to meet monthly, with the ASCENT counselor each semester.
- 1.5. Students in Integrated Services must have the ASCENT Program as part of his/her IEP, with approval from the IEP review team. The student must apply to the office of Disability Services at the college to self-identify disability, request accommodations, and provide the necessary documentation. It may be appropriate for the Integrated Services teacher to assist the student in this process as a transition service. The college will determine accommodations based on 504/ADA requirements. *Many postsecondary disability services coordinators claim that absolutely the most important thing that a

student with disabilities can do is be a strong self-advocate, someone who speaks or writes in support of him/herself. Many students have had strong parent/guardian involvement in high school but will now be expected to take responsibility for their own needs and learning.

- 1.6. Students may only enroll in no more than two online courses for ASCENT. Please take note that online classes **are not self-paced.**
- 1.7. Students cannot enroll in any **late** starting classes.
- 1.8. PSD will **not** pay for testing out of class exam fees.
- 1.9. Students can only enroll at one post-secondary institution during the ASCENT Program.

2. FINANCIAL

- 2.1. Fees, books, room, and board are not paid for by the district. Students cannot use state or federal financial aid to defray those costs.
- 2.2. **Students must reimburse the school district for the cost of a course if they do not successfully complete the courses they have enrolled in (either dropping after add/drop period, taking an incomplete, withdrawing from a class, or earning a failing grade). Grades below a 'C' will not transfer. If a student fails or withdraws from 2 or more courses, he/she will be dropped from the ASCENT program.**
- 2.3. Students *might not* be eligible for "freshmen" scholarships following their ASCENT year. Students' future federal student aid eligibility *may* be affected by the ASCENT year.
- 2.4. Transportation will not be provided by PSD.

3. STUDENT LIFE

- 3.1. Students can attend/walk in graduation with classmates in May. However, students do not earn their actual diploma until successful completion of the ASCENT Program. Students will officially be graduates of the Class following their ASCENT year.
- 3.2. Students can participate in activities at the high school that are not regulated by CHASSA. Students cannot participate in inter-collegiate (or high school) athletics during their ASCENT year. The ASCENT year *may* be considered by NCAA as the first of the allotted five years of eligibility:
 - 14.2.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution.

Students interested in playing collegiate sports are NOT recommended for the ASCENT Program.

- 3.3. Students **will not** be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian for the graduating class after their ASCENT year, when they receive their diploma.
- 3.4. Students can only attend ASCENT programs approved at institutions approved by Poudre School District. Currently, that includes Front Range Community College - Larimer and AIMS Community College – Greeley.

I have read the Poudre School District ASCENT Student and Parent Agreements (found on pages 5 - 6 of this document). I understand and agree to the implications listed on pages 5 - 6 for enrolling (my student) in the ASCENT Program as outlined in the ASCENT Student and Parent Agreements.

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

*Parent signature is required EVEN IF STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE

STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION F: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DISTRICT AND COLLEGE

If signed by the Superintendent, Director, or Designee, Poudre School District agrees to pay tuition for each course listed on table 3 of page 5 which reads: LIST COURSE WORK YOU HAVE REGISTERED TO COMPLETE DURING FALL SEMESTER OF YOUR 5TH YEAR.

PSD DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY
 PSD Asst. Superintendent or Director or Designee Signature: _____
 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREES TO PAY THE TUITION FOR _____ CREDITS FALL TERM.

SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE: _____
(ASCENT COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE)

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF COLLEGE STUDENT ADVISOR OR DESIGNEE: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

**ADVISOR SIGNATURE ONLY INDICATES THAT THE STUDENT HAS MET WITH AN ADVISOR OR DESIGNEE*

APPROVED BY COLLEGE ASCENT COORDINATOR OR COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE:

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____