

# Parent FAQ Sheet

## What will my child's daily time commitment be?

The student child will spend no more than 1 hour per day. Depending on the student's ability, it could in fact require less time.

## Can I get a discount for my second or third child?

The full CollegePlus! Prep program costs \$995, and includes both the Advisement and all materials needed for the program. If the parent has already enrolled a student in CollegePlus! Prep and would like to enroll an additional student, they can purchase the Advisement only program for \$745. This program doesn't include the books and DVD's used in the course, but the second student can share them with the first student. This Advisement-only option also works for those who already own some of the required materials, and would prefer to purchase any missing materials a la carte.

## What is covered in CollegePlus! Prep and why?

The main topics covered in CollegePlus! Prep are Critical Thinking and Logic, Worldview, and Advanced Study Skills (speed reading and dynamic memory techniques.) CollegePlus! Prep covers these specific topics because they are skills CollegePlus! has identified as key skills for success in accelerated distance learning. For specific details on each topic, please review the CollegePlus! Prep [program guide](#).

Critical Thinking and Logic skills are important skills that form a major part of CollegePlus! Prep. These are important because they help the students apply the information they have learned to both testing and real life situations.

The Worldview section helps students become firmly grounded in a biblical worldview so that they can recognize and contend with opposing worldviews such as Secular Humanism which they will come in contact with in their college studies and in life.

The Study Skills that are covered in CollegePlus! Prep help the student to maximize his/her study time by doubling to tripling their reading speed, increasing reading comprehension, and learning memory techniques to preserve knowledge long term.

The last two modules of CollegePlus! Prep put the student's newfound skills to work in studying for and gaining their first 12 college credits.

## What is the ideal student age, and why?

The student age that we target is in the 14-15 year old range, though 13 and 16 year olds may apply as well. The reason is that this season in life is the perfect time to learn the skills required for success at college and life in general. By learning these skills at this stage in life, a student can then combine high school and college, gaining a major head start on his peers.

## Why should I use CollegePlus! Prep? Why can't I just teach these skills on my own?

One advantage to using the CollegePlus! Prep program is the complete syllabus that guides the students through each of the aforementioned subjects. This saves the parent significant time.

Another advantage is that the student will participate in pod calls with fellow students that will demand the student's participation. This gives the student motivation to learn these subjects well in order to talk intelligently about them in the call setting. It also helps the students gain valuable presentation skills.

CollegePlus! Prep is designed towards equipping the students for CollegePlus! and does a good job of fulfilling that goal. If the parent wants to teach these skills to their student themselves, that is fine. However, we believe that participation in CollegePlus! Prep will give students access not only to great curriculum, but more importantly to a team of individuals who thoroughly know the rigors of credit by exam.

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### Why is CollegePlus! Prep worth the price?

CollegePlus! Prep gives students skills that equip them to be successful not only in college, but also in life. It also sets students up to be able to combine college with their high school which allows them to enter the job market from 2 to 4 years earlier than others their age that choose the traditional route. The extra years of work they get will more than repay the investment they put in now.

Another thing to keep in mind is the fact that students will earn 12 college credits. Even if this was the only feature of the program, it would still be more affordable than getting those same credits from a community college, not to mention the huge time savings gained by testing out of these credits. However, 12 hours of college credit is only one feature of the CollegePlus! Prep program. The student also develops key skills in the area of critical thinking, worldview, and advanced study skills. These skills enable the student to then further leverage the benefits available through credit by exam. A final feature to consider is all the books and videos provided as part of the full program, which alone are worth about \$375.

So for \$995, the student will receive skills that will enable him to leverage credit by exam towards earning his degree in a timely manner, college credits that would cost 50% more were the general classes taken at a community college, as well as nearly \$400 dollars worth of books and videos that can later be re-used with other students.

### Why should my child go through CollegePlus! Prep? Why not just wait for CollegePlus!?

There are a few reasons for using CollegePlus! Prep rather than simply waiting for the CollegePlus! program. CollegePlus! Prep is a lower cost program that teaches the skills necessary to succeed in the CollegePlus! program. By enrolling in CollegePlus! Prep, the student is allowed to start getting the skills they need at least one year sooner than they would be able to start CollegePlus! It also allows the student to concentrate on foundational skills that they will need in a lower cost program, so that when they enroll in CollegePlus!, rather than spending valuable time getting those skills, they can immediately dive in to test taking, thereby maximizing their value from the CollegePlus! program. It also gives the parent a lower cost, lower risk opportunity to verify that the student is ready for accelerated distance learning and able to maximize the benefits of it.

### What if my child already has a good grasp of critical thinking, worldview, or advanced study skills? Do they still need CollegePlus! Prep?

If the student already has a good grasp on all the skills covered in CollegePlus! Prep, then based on his academic standing, he may be ready for direct entry into CollegePlus!. However, in a case where a student does not yet grasp the whole skill set, the question remains as to whether they need to repeat the skills they already possess. If a student only has a good grasp on one or two of the subjects covered, then it would definitely be best for that student to go through the CollegePlus! Prep program in order to get a complete knowledge of all these subjects and how they interrelate. The student's advisor will also focus on having a student gain leadership experience in those skills where he is already strong. By leading his fellow students, the more advanced student will only learn the skills that much better while at the same time developing powerful leadership traits. Another big reason for joining the program is that we not only teach these subjects, we also practically guide the student through applying them to testing situations where they can gain their first 12 credits.

### How different is CollegePlus! Prep from normal high school studies?

The CollegePlus! Prep program is not meant to be a replacement for or an equivalent to normal high school studies. Instead, it is meant to come along side of the student's current high school curriculum. The main differences come from the complementing focuses that the two programs have. The student's high school studies are meant to help the student learn academic facts and subjects. The focus of CollegePlus! Prep is to affect the way a student thinks and studies to help them achieve maximum studying efficiency, something that normally is not a part of normal high school studies. Although CollegePlus! takes place during the high school years, it is to be a complement, not a replacement, for high school.

### Will CollegePlus! Prep provide accountability for my child?

The answer to this question is yes, but CollegePlus! Prep still wants the parent involved. There are two primary mechanisms built into the CollegePlus! Prep program that are designed to keep the student accountable. The first is

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weekly online reports whereby the student will update his Advisor. The other leg of the accountability structure is the pod calls. The student will be expected to synthesize before the group what he is learning. The parents will be to provide daily encouragement for the student to complete his assignments.

### **How much daily oversight and interaction is required from me?**

The parent has a real role in the student's success at CollegePlus! Prep. As mentioned above, the parent's primary role is to encourage the student's completion of the daily assignment. The parent's secondary role flows out of that as the student will have to discuss with the parent/family what he is learning on a daily basis. This could be formally in a classroom, as well as around the dinner table or on a commute. The parent also has the opportunity to sit in on the pod calls to best understand what the student is challenged with, and what the goals are. However, since the student only will have about 45 minutes of work to do each day, the parent's time involvement should be significantly less than that amount.

### **Will my child have daily interaction with his fellow students?**

While there is not formal daily interaction between students that are in a learning pod, the student can email his/her advisor or the group with any questions that may arise. The students will have interaction with their fellow students during the pod calls that are scheduled at the beginning and midpoint of each module. These calls are also the main times of communication with the student's Advisor, other than the weekly submission of completed work. Once again, should the student have questions he can email either the Advisor or the group for assistance.

### **What is the difference between CollegePlus! Prep and dual enrollment or dual credit?**

CollegePlus! Prep followed by CollegePlus! is an advantageous alternative to the normal idea of dual enrollment and dual credit. In normal dual enrollment, a student is enrolled in both high school and a community college and taking classes from both. In dual credit, the student is only taking one class which applies to both high school and college.

The differences to these two approaches is that first of all, CollegePlus! Prep targets 13-16 year olds who are in their freshman and sophomore years of high school. In dual enrollment, usually the student must be at least 16 and a junior in high school.

In CollegePlus! Prep and CollegePlus!, the student realizes significant time and monetary savings due to not being tied to a class schedule while at the same time leveraging the more cost effective credit by exam. In dual enrollment, the student is at the very least tied to the normal class schedule, and in some cases burdened with normal costs.

Another major difference is that with CollegePlus! Prep/CollegePlus!, there is no limit to how much credit one can earn in a given period of time, whereas in dual enrollment, there is often a limit to how much credit can be earned.

### **If my child participates in CollegePlus! Prep, will he/she be required to then participate in the actual CollegePlus! program?**

One of the primary goals of CollegePlus! Prep is to equip students for successful integration of credit by examination into their college experience. Thus, although there is no obligation to go on to the CollegePlus! program after completion of CollegePlus! Prep, if a student does well in accelerated distance learning, then it would be to his advantage to at least consider CollegePlus! as a further option. Credit by Examination can be further leveraged in any number of universities, and CollegePlus! can help further that process.

### **Will CollegePlus! Prep truly help my child learn information and skills, or just help him/her to pass tests?**

CollegePlus! Prep equips the student with a set of skills that allows the student to better assimilate and process academic information. It adds a powerful interactive thinking component to the learning process. Thus, whether the student moves on to further leverage credit by exam or participates in a classroom learning environment, he is going to be much better positioned to own the information than his peers. Our students also testify to the fact that they have found this interactive thinking to be of great advantage in their daily work environments.