

**Q: My second son is academically gifted. I believe the Lord wants to use his gifts for His glory. What do I do about college for him? What do I do if God wants him to be a creation scientist or something that requires a college degree?**

A: A distance learning degree would still be a great option since he could study from home during his formative years and then go on to a master's level degree in the field God is calling him to.

**Q: How do employers view the CollegePlus! online degree? Is someone with that type of degree considered "second class"?**

A: No not at all. we have had many students receive high ratings from their employers and also Grad programs have been eager to take on TESC grads who went through CollegePlus.

**Q: How involved do the parents have to be in the process? Are we to be making sure our child is studying and doing their work? Do we need to be knowledgeable about their schedule and course, etc.?**

A: Parents can be as involved as they want to be. Some students may require more accountability but CollegePlus! students are typically very motivated and work well on their own.

**Q: Can you major in teaching with the Bachelor's degree in CollegePlus!!**

A: Since teaching is hands on, it's not possible to earn a teaching degree directly through this program. However, student's can earn a degree and then get their teacher licensure separately after they've finished their degree.

**Q: Is there an actual teacher that teaches on CollegePlus! or is it done text book form?**

A: Most of the learning is done from text books or other study resources that we recommend in our individualized study modules which is guided by the coach.

**Q: This is very helpful, I know some men in our own church who take online Bible classes. And I agree with what you said it can take the place of the family. But many**

**say priceless gaining knowledge. What about men like C.H Spurgeon who studied a lot, where's the balance with that?**

A: Fathers should never stop learning and studying--their kids will appreciate that so much. So there is a balance but fathers shouldn't give up learning just because they have a family.

**Q: How does Life Purpose Skills work?**

A: Life Purpose is a workbook with 5 assignments that help the students tap into their passion in life and the calling God has put on them whether that is work, ministry or both. The assignments challenge them to find out how God has wired them and to put long term goals on paper so that they can work toward them in the future.

**Q: Do you offer discounts for missionary families?**

A: We don't have any discounts specifically for missionary families but we do run specials several times during the year. Additionally, we offer deep discounts if two or more siblings from a family enroll.

**Q: Can you speak specifically to how CollegePlus! actually works? What is the role of the "coach", is the focus on CLEPping out of credits and then go to a school, or is the CollegePlus! program its own accredited program, who issues the degree credential, etc?**

A: CollegePlus! coaches students through a degree from a regionally accredited institution (for most of our students, this is Thomas Edison State College), which means that the student gets their degree from TESC. We focus primarily on the credit by examination portion.

**Q: How would my daughter pursue Teaching degree?**

A: Since teaching is hands on, it's not possible to earn a teaching degree directly through this program. However, student's can earn a degree and then get their teacher licensure separately after they've finished their degree.

**Q: Can you get a two year degree? How would that work with doing High School at the same time. How long extra after high school would it take?**

A: yes the student can get a 2 year degree. They would only have to acquire 60 credits rather than 120. We would definitely encourage the student to take the courses at the

same time as HS, most likely in their Junior and Senior years. If they wait until after high school then it would most likely take from 9-15 months to complete their Associates.

**Q: Did the gentleman who graduated with a BSBA Marketing and is now getting a law degree graduate from Thomas Edison State College?**

A: Yes, he did graduate from Thomas Edison.

**Q: if my son would like to become a civil engineer, what educational path is recommended?**

A: We recommend that he pursue what is called our College Of Your Choice program. With this program we assist the student in acquiring as many general education credits as possible and then transferring them into a specialized college or University such as an engineering school. This can cut over one year and \$12,000 to \$20,000+ out of his degree cost.

**Q: I know CollegePlus! sends students to secular college at times. If we are not to go to the unwise why is it ok to do this through CollegePlus!?**

A: Great question! CollegePlus! directs students to take charge of their education for the worldview sensitive subjects in which college faculty would typically present anti-biblical dogma. The remaining subjects are usually technical, relating to the student's major. Some majors do require courses to be taken that are worldview oriented but the students in those situations are able to present truth against the relativism and humanism on campus as they have already had extensive worldview training before that point.

**Q: My son is interested in a degree in Veterinary. Can CollegePlus! help with this type of degree. The closet college giving degrees in Veterinary does not accept CLEP.**

A: If you fill out our free, no obligation, application form online, a program advisor will be in touch with you and will use our research department to verify your son's options. If at all possible we will find him a college that accepts some CLEP credits on General Education courses.

**Q: Why can't I see anything except the survey question?**

A: Thanks for letting us know about the screen!

**Q: Will Woody be providing an overview of CollegePlus?**

A: Yes, he will be. If you'd like one now, you can check out [www.collegeplus.org/whoweare](http://www.collegeplus.org/whoweare)

**Q: I'm a history major, and I'd like to get involved in helping out with Faith and Freedom tours. Is there a place for people like me? How can I get involved?**

A: You'd have to contact Vision Forum directly to help out with the tours. I'm sure they'll appreciate your interest, though!

**Q: Hi, I'm E. Wesley Reynolds (19 years old), and I'd like to ask Rev. Philips the following question. I've been blessed by the ministry of Vision Forum for about 10 years now, and hope to build a faithful, Christian multi-generational family vision with the grace of God! Rev. Philips, would you say modern college student life (dorms, classrooms, etc.) interrupts with our dominion mandate which seemed to be put in the context of family in the book of Genesis. You know, as a home-educated graduate and someone who has been raised in the Presbyterian Church in American, one of things my parents and church have taught me is that our commission as Christians to subdue the earth for Christ is something that usually is accomplished through families (the apostle Paul being a big exception of course, but). I can't see how it is intrinsically beneficial for any graduate to leave his or her household before being joined to a spouse. Do you see such as detrimental to our dominion mandate? This is why I have chosen CP!**

A: Wesley, I'll pass your question on to Woody but I believe Doug will be talking about this in the course of his monologue. Thanks for joining us!

**Q: At what age are students accepted into your program?**

A: The usual age for a CP student to start in the program is around the beginning of their junior year in high school. We also have the CP prep program for students between ages 13-16.

**Q: How can a person get an engineering degree using CollegePlus!?**

A: Since engineering is so hands on, it's pretty complicated to earn through distance learning. It is possible, though, but would require more coursework than the typical CollegePlus! major.

**Q: what does the College prep course for 13-15 year olds cost?**

A: The College Prep course costs \$994 for the 10 month program and this price includes all needed materials as well as the coaching.

**Q: Does CollegePlus! allow specializing within the Music degree; for instance, a degree in Music Theory, or Piano Pedagogy? Are the music classes also online? What parts would be on campus or with college professors? Thank you.**

A: Music degrees can be specialized. Depending on the specialization, students can turn prior training into credit or take online courses in composition or theory, for instance. Students could opt to do on campus courses, if they wanted to but each music degree is a bit different so it's difficult to speak in generalizations. However, for some specializations, no campus courses are required whereas with others, it is necessary.

**Q: What would be the difference between receiving a degree through CollegePlus! versus through a distance learning program at a college like Verity? Thank you.**

A: The degrees would essentially be the same. However, degrees through CollegePlus don't require the room and board cost that Verity does.

**Q: Are there any plans to offer theology courses, especially considering your views that education should be biblically based?**

A: We would like to be able to offer these and other biblically-oriented so we're keeping our eye out for them. Such courses often are very expensive and out of reach for most of our students.

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**Q: Have any of your graduates been admitted to a medical school?**

A: We haven't had any students graduate who then considered medical school. However, there are several studying in preparation for med school and have been assured by admissions officers that their degree will meet the requirements for entrance. So, our students will be treated just like those graduating from a traditional college.

**Q: Would the 900+ dollars spent on the CollegePlus Prep then count towards the degree that would come later?**

A: Students in our prep program take two CLEP exams toward the end of their prep course so those would count. The courses they go through in Prep don't directly translate into college credit but are great preparation for college training later on.

**Q: Do all of the students go through the same online college?**

A: Most students go through Thomas Edison but there are more expensive options that students can use to graduate from the school of their choice or another online college.

**Q: Does CollegePlus give classes in theology and worldviews?**

A: There are no theology classes available however, there are several classes dealing with worldview like ethics and world religions.

**Q: What would be the registration credentials required...**

A: I believe you are referring to what is needed to begin the program; in order to begin CollegePlus!, you are recommended to have completed the sophomore level of traditional high school studies.

**Q: What about the rampant "diploma mills"? Could a non-traditional degree become inferior in the next few years as employers begin to reject those without a traditional degree?**

A: This would happen with the degrees that CollegePlus! students earn since they don't get them from a diploma mill. All CollegePlus! students earn regionally accredited degrees, which are equal to those earned through the traditional system.

**Q: What if a student is not very disciplined? Is CollegePlus only for those who have a large amount of personal discipline?**

A: Students have all levels of self discipline and academic ability. CollegePlus! works with students who struggle in the are of discipline just as much as those that are the top student type.

**Q: How much does CollegePlus charge for their service?**

A: The first year of coaching with CollegePlus! costs \$2699. We are also frequently offering discounts off of this price including our sale this month offering two free months of coaching if you enroll before Sept. 30, along with other benefits.

**Q: Are females students matched with female coaches?**

A: Yes, we always match Male coaches with Male students and Female coaches with Female students.

**Q: Could it be, in the future, that most states would require parents to have a bachelor's degree in order to homeschool their children?**

A: This has been batted around by several states but it doesn't look like it would be the case any time soon.

**Q: Is getting a degree beneficial in the ambit of filmmaking, or is it better to mentor under a Christian filmmaker?**

A: Mentoring with a Christian filmmaker is a great idea. However, it would be good for aspiring filmmakers to also have a degree in business since they'll essentially be running their own entity when they make films and will need a lot of skills acquired through earning that type of degree.

**Q: Do you offer a degree in filmmaking, i.e. cinematography or in computer technology?**

A: We can work with any degree to a certain extent, but some degrees are not as distance learning friendly. However, find more information on our computer-related degrees at <http://www.collegeplus.org/majors>

**Q: When would I begin planning with CollegePlus! for my student, who is currently 13 years old?**

A: Students can begin their college prep as early as 13 years old. You can check out our college prep program at [www.collegeplus.org/prep](http://www.collegeplus.org/prep). in this program we show parents how

to leverage the curriculum they already own to help their students earn college credit in high school.

**Q: Would 529 funds be usable with CollegePlus?**

A: It depends on the state. Some 529 plans allow funding to be used for CollegePlus! but most do not.

**Q: How does one complete the study in half the time? Even if you CLEP the classes, you still have to study the same amount of information to prepare for the test.**

A: There is a great waste of study time in the classroom. There is no need for a student to spend 16 weeks on a course if they can gather all that information in only 2-4 weeks. Also with study methods that CP encourages the students to learn this also cuts down your study time considerably. All this and more allow our students to on average finish their degrees in between 18 and 24 months.

**Q: Do the coaches spell out what content the students need to memorize/know for the CLEP?**

A: The coaches provide study guides which suggest material for the student to study. Also from their experience they can suggest materials and information that assisted them.

**Q: What study methods other than speed reading, test taking, etc. does CP encourage?**

A: All of our students go through a memory skills course and a writing course that shows how to craft a college essay.

**Q: What is the procedure in matching the coach to the student?**

A: ideally, students are matched with a coach that shares the same interests and major as the student. However, this isn't always possible. In that case, every coach is capable of working with a student who wants to pursue any major.

**Q: How often are the coaches in contact with the students?**

A: Students talk with their coaches on a coaching call once every two weeks, but they are encouraged to keep in contact with their coach by email in between calls.

**Q: If it takes on average of 18-24 months to finish a degree, how long on average does it take to finish a class?**

A: Each test will vary in the amount of time it takes to study for it. The coaches help the student appropriate the right amount of time needed on each test based on their experience and knowledge of these tests and courses. An average student applying 20-25 study hours a week can most likely complete a course in an average of 2 weeks.

**Q: If a student takes four 3-credit classes in a 10 week period on a college campus, how are those 12 credits completed in 5 weeks?**

A: When studying with CollegePlus!, students concentrate their study on one exam at a time. Thus, they don't need to spend 12 weeks studying a three credit course but may be able to do it in as little as a week or two weeks of study.

**Q: Do I understand that one can CLEP an entire course in 1-2 weeks? Are we talking reading an entire textbook and memorizing key points?**

A: Yes, that's possible. It does include going through a textbook, study guide, study questions, and listening to lectures if they prefer to study that way.

**Q: If this avenue is pursued, should my child still take the SAT?**

A: No, the SAT is not required through this route. Taking the SAT may be a good idea if you want to gauge your student's level in math and English, but if you already have a good handle on where your child is, then the SAT is probably a waste of time when taking this route to earning a degree.

**Q: What are the 'don't waste your time' situations? I personally did not like college yet it has helped me earn a very good living.**

A: Yeah, this is a good point. Obviously we're not anti-college here but there are many majors that don't touch the practical realities of the business world or pursuing the career or ministry God is directing someone to. I'm not sure this answers your question--if it doesn't, let me know!

**Q: Many jobs require a degree even though the degree is irrelevant. Promotions are only given to degree holders. Please speak to this.**

A: Yes, this is absolutely correct and part of the reason we encourage students to earn a degree when they are young so that they can get out into the real world sooner to get the practical training they need to be successful on the job. It's sad that the reality of the working world measures people by the degree they have but knocking that out early avoids any heartache later on.

**Q: In your opinion, is a degree necessary for working in the world of golf, i.e. for Titleist or Rife?**

A: It may be if you would like to work for them corporately, but there may be certain career tracks that don't require it.

**Q: Have you had any problems with the Military accepting CollegePlus! degrees for Officer Training?**

A: Not to my knowledge we haven't Joshua, and actually I plan to go into the Marines OCS program next year and when talking to recruiters they never once mentioned any objections to where or how I was getting my Bachelors. As long as it is accredited then you should be good.

**Q: Can a young person living in Canada (e.g., Toronto) pursue the CollegePlus option?**

A: Yes we have students from all over the world and quite a few already in Canada. Our only difficulty in places outside the U.S. is making sure you have a nearby testing center where at the student can take their CLEP and DANTES exams.

**Q: Is your company limited in the courses of study it offers? Are there any majors that you don't offer?**

A: There are some majors we can not offer either due to their need for hands on studies or due to there being a state by state requirement that we are unable to meet in general by a degree from Thomas Edison State College. We do however have a program called College Of Your Choice where we assist them in acquiring as many of their general education credits as possible and then transfer into a college or University that specializes in the field of interest (i.e.) engineering or nursing.

**Q: Is there a minimum of courses a student can take through CollegePlus!?**

A: No there is no minimum number of courses. Our goal is to assist the student in getting his/her degree as fast and as cost efficiently as possible while acquiring skills for the future. If this is by only taking 30 credits through CP then transferring to a College of your choice, or if it is by taking 120 credits with CP, whatever is best for your student is what we strive for.

**Q: What does the average CollegePlus! Bachelor's Degree cost?**

A: Most degrees cost less than \$15,000. There are some that require more coursework and cost more but the rest fall under \$20,000.

**Q: How long has CollegePlus! been in existence and about how many people have earned their degree using the CollegePlus! program?**

A: CollegePlus! was established in 2004 and we've had over 1000 students go through the program. Not all but most of these have finished their degree.