

Action Line

Gains in early college enrollment expected

Expanding early college opportunity programs is a 2009-2010 AQIP Action Project. The goal is to have a transparent process to enroll students prior to high school completion.

Pilot ABS course online

Delta is offering its first online ABS class exclusively to students at Omni Adult/ Alternative Education in Carrollton this fall. The Introduction to College and Study Skills course allows students to get a taste of a college level class and its expectations.

Omni students can dual enroll in Delta classes while they finish their high school requirements. The Omni program monitors the students' class choices and attendance records. Some students could earn as many as 50 Delta credits

Omni is part of the Carrollton School District which pays for the students' Delta tuition.

Plans are to extend online delivery to Reese High School this winter.



Fall 2009 enrollment	279 students
Winter 2010 goal	287 (3% increase)
Fall 2010 goal	293 (5% increase)

Delta's is stepping up its **marketing plan** to school districts that encourage students to participate in the college's Early Enrollment Program and renewing efforts to interest other districts.

A **committee** chaired by Director of Enrollment Services Gary Brasseur, with members Valerie Bledsoe, Duff Zube, Diana Gutierrez, Bruce Faccio and Phoebe Lutz is meeting this fall. Their goal is to find additional ways to attract area students who want more challenging course work and college credit.

Brasseur anticipates the group will come up with a plan to boost the numbers by **5 percent** by Fall 2010.

He said the approach will be to better communicate the program and its advantages to eligible students and their parents. He added that the efforts will extend beyond the typical 14-18 year old students to include those in **8th and 9th grades**.

In addition to the obvious advantage for students, Brasseur said the program strengthens Delta's **community ties** and is a natural recruiting tool. He said early-enrolled students can make a **seamless transition** to Delta after high school since they already have experienced the quality of course work and services.

Any student not graduated from high school is eligible to take Delta courses for credit under the Early Enrollment Program.

Public, private or home-schooled students can participate.

Although some early-enrolled students attend classes at the main campus, many do course work closer to home at the Ricker Center in Saginaw and the Midland Center in Midland. Classes at the Delta Planetarium and Learning Center in Bay City are popular with students from Tuscola County and other outlying areas. Most students opt to take afternoon and evening classes.

Participating high schools for fall '09

Bullock Creek	23
Western High School	21
Dow High School	21
John Glenn	17
Midland High School	17
Freeland High School	17
Meridian High School	14
Reese High School	14
Bridgeport High School	13
Coleman High School	12
Heritage High School	11
Merrill High School	9
Hemlock High School	8
Bay City Central	7
Essexville Garber	7
Frankenmuth High School	7
Saginaw Arts & Sciences	7
Unionville-Sebewaing	7
Millington High School	7
St. Charles High School	6
Birch Run High School	6
Standish Sterling	6
All Saints High School	5
Pinconning High School	4
Arenac Eastern	4
Midland Academy	3
AuGres Sims	3
Carrollton High School	2
Nouvel Catholic Central	2
Swan Valley High School	2
Midland Christian	1
Breckenridge High School	1
Hill-McCloy High School	1
Harbor Beach High School	1
Ubyly High School	1
Caro High School	1
Vassar High School	1



The Early College Enrollment team expects to develop a **dashboard** for consistent and continual tracking of early-enrolled students.

The Flip Side

Dual Enrollment Fast Facts

Most popular classes — English Comp I and II, Psychology 211, Sociology 211, Communication 112 and 114, Math 119, pre-Calculus and Calculus I, Medical Terminology, Math for Allied Health, Medical Ethics and general education courses for transfer.

Tuition costs — 53% of students have at least part of their tuition paid by their school district; 47% pay their own.

Youngest student — An 11-year-old enrolled last year as a 7th grader. He's back this fall as an 8th grader.

Dual graduation — Over the years several students have graduated from high school and Delta at the same time, including Saginaw Spirit hockey players, home-school students and a Valley Lutheran student who went from high school to junior status at the University of Arizona. He finished law school at 22.

Enrolled at Delta after high school About 25-28 %, according to the most recent figures.

Home-schooled students — About 10 to 12 %.

Eligibility — Students take the MEAP test their junior year in high school to be eligible for funding. ACT or Compass scores are used for placement.

Credits earned — Many have earned enough to forgo their freshman year in college.

Here's one from the Gipper or in this case Don Halog, the "A" Quipper —

It's not the strongest of the species nor the most intelligent that survives; it's the one that is the most responsive to change.

—Charles Darwin

Q & A

Recruiting pre-college students to Delta

With Delta's enrollment booming this semester, why is the early college enrollment program a college priority?

Brasseur: *We know that the number of students in future high school graduating classes will decline. By becoming engaged with high school students now, we should be able to capture more of the market share of those future classes.*

Any other reasons?

Brasseur: *Yes, the program helps crush stereotypes that community colleges face. And even if our early-enrolled students end up at another college after they graduate high school, we may be able get them back as guest students. Finally, it is another way that Delta can provide service to the community.*

Have we tracked the success of our early-enrolled students?

Brasseur: *They have an 83 percent success rate but you have to remember that we have very motivated students in this program. Also, more tracking of these students is part of this new action project.*

What appears to be the most significant obstacles to growing this program?

Brasseur: *State budget cuts to the K-12 school districts are significant. Student scheduling is another issue. It's a challenge for most students to fit in high school classes, service learning projects, sports, a part-time job and college classes.*

Does Delta offer any service to help early enrolled students adjust?

Brasseur: *Yes, members of the Admissions Department work with students and there are even parent meetings in some districts to lay out what is expected of the student. We want to make sure that it's the student who wants this, not the parents.*

So were you an early enrolled student yourself?

Brasseur: *I went to Eisenhower High School in Saginaw and I took a math class at Delta my senior year. But just one class.*



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Midland — a special early enrollment case

Delta's early enrollment program fills a void in Midland County where there is no tech center available to students. According to Keith Malkowski, assistant director of enrollment, Delta works with the Midland Education Service Agency to train future workers in chemical process technology, welding and healthcare technology.

Some of the Delta courses are offered in the community. For example, students from Midland, Bullock Creek and Meridian can take a Delta welding course in Bullock Creek.

Healthcare program students can take Math for Allied Health, Healthcare Ethics and Medical Terminology in Midland and co-op at Mid-Michigan Hospital.

Malkowski said 70-100 Midland students are enrolled each year with 20 currently in the welding program and 26 in healthcare.

In addition, Delta has offered Calculus I at the Midland Center with a 7:40 a.m. starting time that aligns with the starting time at the Midland Public Schools.