Dual Enrollment Program Allows High School Students to Earn College Credit

Cerritos College and Local High Schools Sign New Agreements for Engineering Technology and Manufacturing Classes

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NORWALK, Calif. – March 1, 2016 – Cerritos College and ABC, Downey, Lynwood, Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount, Pasadena Unified School Districts, and St. John Bosco High School have signed new articulation agreements that will allow qualified high school students to dual-enroll at Cerritos College to earn college credit. These agreements create seamless pathways in advanced manufacturing and engineering technology for high school students to earn their certificates of achievement at Cerritos College while in high school.

“These agreements represent opportunities for future engineers and other careers related to STEM,” said Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School Instructor John Ude. “Students who enter college under these agreements will have a clearer path and focus for a successful college experience.”

High school students can earn up to 12 units of credit through the new articulation agreements at Cerritos College. The Engineering Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classes articulated are:
- Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)
- Principles of Engineering (POE)
- Aerospace Engineering (AE)
- Civil Engineering and Architecture (CEA)
- Computer Integrated Machining (CIM)
- Digital Electronics (DE)

To view the complete list of articulation Agreements at Cerritos College, visit the website http://goo.gl/Umhzry

College credits earned through Articulation Agreements are placed on the Cerritos College student transcript with the course number and course title. The credits may be applied at Cerritos College, may be transferred to other colleges that accept the course for transfer and may be accepted by the armed forces as proof of advanced education.

“In 2015, six students from Lynwood High School followed this process and received certificate of achievement in engineering design technology or new product development at Cerritos College at the same time as they graduated from High School,” said Cerritos College Instructional Dean of Technology, Dr. Nick Real. “These new agreements offer a great opportunity for students interested in a career in engineering technology and/or advanced manufacturing to earn their certificate of
achievement while they are in high school.”

The development of the articulation agreements stemmed from the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning grant, part of the California Career Pathways Trust.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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