

# SCWI Adult Dual Credit Pilot Programs 2017-18

As you have no doubt heard in the recent Ontario budget, “enhanced dual credit opportunities for adults” was announced as part of the government’s “Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan” (<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ontariobudgets/2017/ch3.html#ch35>). Adult dual credit programs will be part of the School College Work Initiative (SCWI), initially as a pilot program, and will be governed by existing dual credit policy and procedures.

Opportunities for Adult Dual Credit Pilots have the potential to provide an expedited way to move adult students through their OSSD and into post-secondary education. Adults would be the fourth category of dual credits – along with students in the Primary Target Group, Specialist High Skills Majors, and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs.

In addition, RPTs can propose an After Adult Dual Credit Activity modeled on the newly announced After SWAC activity. This additional component will promote the value of postsecondary education and provide information and supports to adult students regarding PSE pathways, possibilities and supports.

## **Guidelines for Developing Adult Dual Credit Pilot Program Proposals**

As is the case for dual credits for adolescents for 2017-18, the following will apply:

- Students must be working towards an OSSD. Students who already hold an OSSD are not eligible.
- Students must meet eligibility criteria as detailed in *Dual Credit Programs: Policy and Program Requirements, 2013*
- A secondary Dual Credit teacher will be assigned to provide support to secondary school students in all college-delivered dual credit courses and level 1 apprenticeship courses.
- No four credit dual credit packages will be approved.
- Only post-secondary college courses that are currently available in the college course calendar should be proposed as dual credits.
- Students in School Within a College (SWAC) Programs must attempt both one or more Ontario curriculum credits and one or more dual credit(s) in each semester. SWAC programs must be located on a college campus.
- If students from a French-language board wish to participate in Dual Credit programs at an English-language college, then provide evidence of a signed protocol between all French-language and appropriate English-language colleges. These are expected to be in place prior to the commencement of the course.
- Funding for approved programs will be determined using the Annotated Dual Credit Benchmarks (available online at: [www.scwi.ca/requirements](http://www.scwi.ca/requirements)).
- Detailed breakdowns for Transportation and Miscellaneous funding will continue to be required.

The following are the preferred criteria that are specifically related to the Adult Dual Credit (ADC) Pilot Programs:

- The target audience for this pilot is the adult who needs the additional support which is part of the dual credit program in order to achieve their goal of earning their OSSD

and making a successful transition to post-secondary education (college or apprenticeship).

- Regional Planning Teams (RPTs) must work with board Adult and Continuing Education staff to develop proposals that will meet the needs of their students.
- Programs are to be on campus and delivered face-to-face.
- Students must be within reach of graduation, have the potential to succeed in college or apprenticeship, and be 21 years of age and older.
- As with all dual credits, dual credit teachers in ADC pilot programs will be required to provide additional supports for students. However, for these pilot programs, RPTs will request dual credit teacher funding through the Enhanced Data Collection Solution (EDCS) using the “Miscellaneous” funding section, including their requested formula
- All adult dual credit programs will include “ADC” in the title of the program in order for us to easily monitor participation and results in these pilot programs.
- Note that this funding will be enveloped.

### **Guidelines for Developing After Adult Dual Credit Pilot Activities**

Each Activity must include the following:

- Three one hour small group conversations on postsecondary next steps
- Up to four hours per student of individual one-on-one discussion and follow up with a knowledgeable postsecondary education advisor

For additional details please see: After Adult Dual Credit Pilot Activity (available online at <http://www.scwi.ca/requirements.php> ).

### **SCWI Funding and Reporting**

SCWI Funding and Reporting will be the same for these pilot dual credit programs and activities as for all SCWI Initiatives. See the Requirements document that was distributed with the initial Request for Proposals. (Available online at: [www.scwi.ca/requirements](http://www.scwi.ca/requirements).)

There may be additional reporting requirements which will be communicated to RPTs. This information may be used in order to further refine future programs.

### **Submission of Proposals and Deadlines**

RPTs will complete the online application for each Dual Credit Program or Activity (<https://edcs.tcu.gov.on.ca/Main>) providing detailed descriptions, student selection processes and operational details.

All proposals must be submitted through SCWI Regional Planning Teams (RPTs) and must be signed off by the RPT Chair prior to the deadline. Proposals may be submitted in EDCS in Cycle 1 (May 12, 2017 – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00pm). Proposals will continue to be accepted in Cycle 2 (June 19, 2017 – August 28, 2017 at 1:00pm) and beyond until the full amount of funding has been allocated.

## **Notification Timelines**

Every effort will be made to review proposals and communicate decisions as quickly as possible to allow for planning and delivery of these pilot programs and activities.

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