

Application Process

How do I get into Running Start?

Running Start has a two-step application process:

1. Apply for Admission to Lower Columbia College.
 - Apply on the **Lower Columbia website**.
 - Social Security Number (SSN): Please make sure you provide this information on the application.
 - Academic History: Mark no for graduating, 10 or 11 for highest grade completed.
2. Apply for the Running Start program by the deadline.
 - Applications can be picked up after the information session or found online on the **LCC Running Start homepage**.
 - Fill out the application, provide the required documents (HS transcript and SBA scores if needed), and turn it into the Running Start Office during the early bird application period.
 - If you miss the application deadline you can still participate in Running Start, you'll just have to wait until open registration.

What if my high school GPA isn't a 2.5?

If you do not have a current cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5, you do not meet the general requirements for the Running Start program. However, we encourage students to submit the application and high school transcript for individual evaluation and possible conditional acceptance to the program.

If your grades improve after first semester of the school year and it raises your GPA above 2.5, you may also apply for the program mid-year and begin the following quarter.

What are the academic requirements for participating in Running Start?

You must earn a quarterly GPA of 2.0 or higher at LCC. If you fall below a 2.0 in any quarter you will be placed on academic probation for the following quarter. If you are placed on academic probation, you will be required to have a meeting with one of the Running Start advisors and complete a probation action plan.

If your GPA is below 2.0 for two consecutive quarters, you will be permanently suspended from the Running Start program and will have to return to the high school full-time.

Useful links

- **Lower Columbia College Application** (lowercolumbia.edu/apply/index)
- **Running Start Application** (lowercolumbia.edu/running-start/_assets/documents/RSPProgram-Application.pdf)