

Frequently Asked Questions

CLASSES AND ENROLLMENT AND PLACEMENT TESTS

Will AP/IB credits or dual-enrollment credits earned during high school count toward the Bridge 30-credit requirement?

No. While AP/IB and dual-enrollment credits earned may be applicable once admitted to Clemson, Bridge students must successfully complete 30 transferable credits at Tri-County.

Can Bridge students enroll in Clemson classes during their Bridge year?

No. Bridge students must enroll in Tri-County courses during their Bridge year.

Can Bridge students participate in Clemson ROTC programs?

Yes. Bridge students are eligible to participate in the Clemson Air Force and Army ROTC programs. Course credit will be awarded by Tri-County. Students must contact the Clemson Army or Air Force ROTC office for more information.

Can Bridge students participate in Clemson bands and/or choral groups?

Yes. Bridge students are eligible to participate in one of the Clemson bands or choral groups. Some groups require an audition. Course credit will be awarded by Tri-County.

Can a student change his/her major while enrolled in the Bridge program?

A student can change majors while in the Bridge program if the new major is not one of those listed as a **closed or restricted major**.

Can Bridge students attend summer school at Tri-County in order to meet the 30-credit/2.5 GPA requirement?

Yes. Students completing 30 transferable credits with a cumulative 2.5 GPA at Tri-County by the end of the Summer Session will be invited to attend a Clemson transfer Orientation session prior to the start of the Fall semester.

What do scores on Tri-County's placement tests mean to me as a student?

All students must complete the Accuplacer placement test at Tri-County prior to June 1. Tri-County uses the scores on the placement test to properly place students into appropriate Tri-County courses. Most courses have prerequisite placement test scores that must be met for a student to be able to register. Students may be allowed to retest only once, and the higher scores will be used for course placement. **Students are encouraged to prepare for the placement test. Practice materials are located at tctc.edu/placement.**

ATHLETIC TICKETS AND FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Are Bridge students eligible to obtain student tickets to Clemson football and men's basketball games?

Yes. While tickets to athletic events are not included in the Bridge fees, students have the opportunity to obtain football and men's basketball tickets in the same manner as Clemson students. Bridge students may choose to purchase football and basketball tickets in a package or for individual games. Clemson's Athletic Ticket office, in partnership with Clemson's Undergraduate Student Government, determines the ticket sales process each year. Ticket information is typically available in late July. As is the case with tickets for all athletic events, there will be a limited supply.

Are Bridge students permitted to participate in the recruitment process and join a Clemson social fraternity or sorority during their Bridge year?

No. Due to policies governing national social fraternities and sororities, Bridge students may not participate in the recruitment process. When they enroll at Clemson after completing the Bridge requirements, students will be eligible to participate in the recruitment process and join a fraternity or sorority at Clemson. Bridge students must complete the Bridge program requirements of earning 30 credits of transferable coursework at Tri-County and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5, and be accepted to Clemson, before they can apply to participate in the recruitment process. Bridge students who enroll in Session A or Session C courses in summer at Tri-County in order to complete Bridge requirements will not be accepted by Clemson prior to the July 30, 2023, Fraternity and Sorority Life deadline.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Which Tri-County courses satisfy the 30-credit requirement?

Successful completion of Tri-County courses designated as transferable on Clemson's Transfer Course Equivalency List (TCEL), as well as MAT 101 and MAT 102, will count toward satisfying the 30-credit requirement. A complete list of all Tri-County courses listed as transferable is included in the Bridge Academic and Advising Guide, given to all new Bridge students at summer Bridge Orientation prior to the start of Fall semester classes at Tri-County.

Will credits earned in Tri-County Comprehensive Studies courses count toward the 30-credit requirement?

With the exception of MAT 101 and MAT 102, nontransferable Comprehensive Studies courses will not count toward satisfying the 30-credit requirement. Bridge students placing into any nontransferable Comprehensive Studies courses are

encouraged to complete these courses in the Summer prior to their enrollment at Tri-County.

If a student earns a grade of D in a transferable course at Tri-County, will the credits for the course count toward satisfying the 30-credit requirement?

No. Only credits earned in courses with a grade of C or better will count toward the 30-credit requirement.

LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS AND MILITARY/VA BENEFITS

What is the amount of the LIFE Scholarship for eligible students?

For eligible South Carolina residents, the LIFE Scholarship covers the cost of full-time tuition up to \$5,000 for the academic year. The Tri-County Student Data Center evaluates all students for eligibility upon receipt of the student's final high school transcript. If tuition costs are covered by other scholarships, LIFE funds may be applied to other Bridge program costs. Additional details are available on the Tri-County Technical College_webpage under the "Cost & Aid" link.

I am eligible for military/veteran benefits. How does that work at Tri-County for Bridge to Clemson students?

Tri-County does accept Veteran Affairs (VA) benefits. Students are required to apply for educational benefits and submit a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). The VA Certification Request Form is completed after registering for classes each semester. Both forms are to be submitted to TC Central, located in Ruby Hicks Hall on the Pendleton campus, or via email at veterans@tctc.edu.

The tuition amount paid by the VA is determined by the student's entitlement percentage that is reflected on the student's Certificate of Eligibility form. All College correspondence will be through Tri-County email. Each chapter benefits have different rules and regulations. Please visit the Veterans Students' Benefits Portal_or TC Central staff for your specific VA benefits to review approved and unapproved fees.

As a Bridge to Clemson student, VA benefits do not cover the student's Clemson University Housing and Dining fees, or any digital course content fees, exemption fees, registration fees, the program nonrefundable advance deposit, late fees, penalty fees or campus fines, and thus must be paid by the associated deadlines and/or by payment deadlines listed on the Tri-County Academic Calendar. Students are responsible for reviewing their student bill and schedule for their tuition and fees balance.