

Q. What is expected of the PSEO student at Leech Lake Tribal College?

A. Leech Lake Tribal College is committed to the success of PSEO students. In order for this educational experience to be meaningful and productive, LLTC expects that the student will:

- Attend all regularly scheduled classes.
- Maintain a 2.0 or above grade point average each term to remain eligible for the program. Remain in contact with the high school counselor, as well as the Registrar at LLTC. Contact the LLTC Registrar if any problems should arise regarding academic progress.
- Avoid taking more than the approved number of credits per term. If you are unsure of the number allowed, ask your college advisor.
- Only register for on-campus courses numbered in the 100 levels.

PSEO students cannot take developmental courses (numbered below 100).

PSEO students cannot enroll in more than 6 credits per term at LLTC without authorization from the Dean of Instruction.

Q. How does the process get started?

A. This is a serious decision and should be made carefully. Here are some steps to consider:

- Determine your eligibility for admission by consulting with your high school counselor.
- Talk with your parents about the program.
- Arrange a conference with your high school counselor to start the application process.
- Remember that a new completed PSEO application is needed for each term.

- Complete the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form that can be obtained either from your high school counselor or from the MDE*.

- Submit the completed form to the College at the time of registration.

Have your high school send an official copy of your transcript with your high school rank.

- *The form is available at:*
- <http://education.state.mn.us> > *academic excellence > school choice > postsecondary enrollment option.*

Please note that rank will always be used for eligibility purposes when it is available.

Once your application is received, along with your official transcripts, admittance to the program will be determined by the Registrar. A letter will be sent to you regarding your admission status.

If you are accepted into the program, you will be notified of an orientation program to assist you in registering for classes. Placement examinations will be given in math and English to determine what level of math course you are eligible to take.

Q. Whom can prospective PSEO students contact for further information?

A. Please contact :

Registrar
Leech Lake Tribal College
P.O. Box 180
6945 Little Wolf Rd. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
(218) 335-4222



P.S.E.O. Post Secondary Education Opportunity

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Leech Lake Tribal College offers high school juniors and seniors access to college level courses through the Post Secondary Education Opportunities (PSEO) program. Students who rank in the upper 25% of their graduating class are eligible to enroll in 100 level courses to meet their high school graduation requirement. The PSEO program will cover the cost of tuition, fees and books, whether you are part-time or full-time.

Questions and Answers

Q. What is the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) Program?

A. The PSEO program was implemented by the Minnesota Legislature to give students an opportunity to enhance or enrich the education that they are presently receiving at their local high school, alternative area learning center, charter school, or home school. The advantage of the program is that students who are capable of working at the post-secondary level have the opportunity to complete post-secondary credits while completing high school graduation requirements.

Q. Who is eligible for the program?

A. Students who are currently enrolled as juniors and seniors at Minnesota public or private high schools and who rank in the upper 25th percentile of their graduation class. For juniors or seniors from ALCs or home schools, the following requirements must be met for admission eligibility:

For students with less than one academic year of attendance at an ALC or home school, eligibility for admission will be based on the high school rank of the most recent high school attended. The student's high school rank must be in the top 25th percentile.

For students with at least one academic year of attendance at an ALC, home school, or eligibility for admission will be based on entrance exam scores in English and Math.

Q. Does it cost the student anything to participate in the program?

A. The tuition, fees and required textbooks are at no cost to students. Certain fees may be incurred by the student for products produced in the class that become the property of the student (e.g. art classes, tools for construction courses, etc.).

Q. Will the courses taken at Leech Lake Tribal College count toward the PSEO student's graduation requirements?

A. Yes. It is very important that PSEO students meet regularly with their high school counselor to ensure that courses taken at LLTC will meet high school graduation standards.

Q. Will the courses taken at Leech Lake Tribal College count toward college credits?

A. Yes, provided the classes are successfully passed, credits will be awarded at Leech Lake Tribal College. A college transcript will be established just as it is for every LLTC student. It is important that PSEO students realize that this is a permanent record that will follow them indefinitely. Credits can be transferred to another college at the discretion of the transferring-in institution.

Q. Can a PSEO student be a full-time LLTC student?

A. Yes, but only with the approval of the Dean of Instruction at LLTC. ** It is best to visit with the high school counselor to find out exactly how many credits are needed at LLTC to meet high school requirements for graduation. For most high school students, particularly juniors, it is recommended starting the program on a part-time basis.

** PSEO students are generally allowed to take only six (6) semester credits per term at Leech Lake Tribal College. Any requests for a heavier credit-load must be approved by the Dean of Instruction at Leech Lake Tribal College.

Q. How does the program work on a part-time basis?

A. A student will take some courses at their high school and some at LLTC. The Registrar at the college will determine how many credits a student is eligible for, depending on how many clock hours the high school counselor designates on the application form. Four semester credits at LLTC will be equivalent to one high school credit.

Q. What if a college class is failed?

A. That is one of the risks a student takes in this program. If a class, which is required for high school graduation, is not passed, the student might not be able to graduate with his or her high school class. In addition, there will be a permanent college transcript, which will record the failing grade. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average to continue in the program.

Q. What if a PSEO student decides to withdraw from classes for which (s)he has registered?

A. A PSEO student may officially withdraw from a college course(s) within the first six weeks of classes (*the Last Day to Officially Withdraw is listed for each semester in the Academic Calendar, found in both the LLTC Catalog and the Student Handbook*). All withdrawals must be officially made through the Registrar's office, and PSEO students must also contact their high school counselor to inform them of their decision to not continue. After the withdrawal date has passed, the student is expected to finish the term or meet with a college advisor regarding his/her continued enrollment, as withdrawing from a class may affect meeting high school graduation requirements.

Q. Can PSEO students be employed on-campus?

A. PSEO students are not eligible for on-campus work study or regular payroll positions.

Q. Can PSEO students attend summer sessions?

A. The PSEO program is only for regular academic year classes unless the student is enrolled in a state approved Learning Year Program.

Q. Is coursework more difficult than high school?

A. Generally, it is. The responsibility for learning is primarily on the student. The student should plan on spending two hours of study for every hour of class. PSEO students are taking classes with students who are older and who have completed high school.

