WELCOME!
Regional Choice Initiative
2022-23
Dual Enrollment Program
Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit
Post-secondary Partners:

Gannon University
Mercyhurst University
RCI is beginning its 19th year of operation

Approximately 176 students are participating in RCI this year

Over 3,000 high school students have participated in the RCI program

Participating school districts in Erie County: Fairview, Fort LeBoeuf, Girard, Millcreek, Northwestern, Union City and Wattsburg
Program goals and achievements

- Gradual transition from high school instruction to college instruction and expectations
- Exposure to the reality of college expectations during high school, while parents and high school staff provide support
- Discounted college costs
- College grades/credits on college transcripts
- Increased student independence
The RCI Program is coordinating 24 college classes in 22-23.

Courses are selected to meet college general core content areas and PDE requirements.

These are the same college professor’s students have on campus.
Communicate
What is meant by discounted cost?

Gannon and Mercyhurst Universities has committed to significantly discounted tuition rates.
Gannon University

- RCI tuition = $300 per 3-credit class
- Regular tuition = $2550 per 3-credit class plus fees
- Savings of $2,250 for 1 class and $4,500 for 2 classes
- If a student completes 2 courses each semester their junior and senior year, they earn 24 credits and save $18,000!

Mercyhurst University

- RCI tuition = $300 per 3-credit class
- Regular tuition = $4053 per 3-credit class plus fees
- Savings of $3,703 for 1 class and $7,406 for 2 classes
- If a student completes 2 courses each semester their junior and senior year, they earn 24 credits and save $29,624!
Please Note these Important Gannon dates:

August 31 - Last day to drop with full refund

September 4 - 80% tuition refund

September 11 - 60% tuition refund

September 16 - 40% tuition refund
Please Note these Important Mercyhurst dates:

August 31 - Last day to drop with full refund

September 7 - 80% tuition refund

September 14 - 70% tuition refund

September 29 - 60% tuition refund
RCI Start Date
Fall 2022

Thursday, August 25th

Classes follow the college calendar which is different than high school schedule

Calendar was included in your packet - there is class on August 30th
Where are the classes?

Classes are held at the Skill Center which is located next to the Erie County Technical School
8500 Oliver Rd, Erie, PA 16509

There is currently a lot of construction in front and around ECTS. Parking is limited. RCI encourages students to take their district school bus or if they are driving, to carpool to decrease the number of cars. Also, in the past there have been complaints about excessive speed and going around buses. Please know there is a safety officer present in the parking lots that will stop cars or report them to the RCI staff.
- Home district bus or individual arrangements to drive per your home high school policy.
- Drivers can park in front of the building, to the side or in the first lot on the right. Do not park in the bus lanes behind ECTS.
- Obey all bus rules, do not move it they are stopped to pull into a lot or parking spot until the bus proceeds.
Students will follow the University schedule. If your school district is on break but the university is not, you will need to provide your own transportation to the skill center for class.
Visit the Gannon or Mercyhurst University bookstores or order your book online. Some professor’s have emailed students the book they need. If you did not get an email, the bookstore can tell what book you need. Just provide your course name and number.

Please note that LHST is now HIST 109 and LENG 111 is now ENG 101
District Transportation

Buses will start August 25th:

- Fairview
- Girard
- Northwestern
- Wattsburg
- Union City

Fort LeBouef - email guidance office if you need the bus.

If your school is not listed, please check with your guidance counselor.
What about Cancellations?

**District policy:**
Follow district announcements/watch the local news for updates on snow cancellations.

**University policy:**
Classes may continue, student’s responsibility to communicate with professors.
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