

Youth Options Processes & Deadlines

New *and* returning Youth Options students will need to complete the following requirements every semester they plan on taking classes through the Youth Options program at Fox Valley Technical College. If questions arise at any time, students are encouraged to contact the Youth Options team at FVTC by phone (920-225-5900) or by e-mail (youthoptions@fvtc.edu).

Process:

1. Visit our website at www.fvtc.edu/youthoptions.
2. Complete the Youth Options Interest form online. *FVTC will process form and send a welcome e-mail to the e-mail address provided within two business days. This welcome e-mail will include your FVTC student id number, video links for creating a password and logging into Blackboard, and Youth Options contact information. If this e-mail is not received after two business days, please check your junk/spam folder.*
3. Access the Youth Options Course Guide in Step 3 on the website. Meet with your high school counselor to select courses from this guide. **Classes must be selected from the Youth Options Course Guide. All other classes will be denied.**
4. Watch video in welcome e-mail to create/reset password and video for getting started with Blackboard.
5. Log into Blackboard and start with *Step 1* along the left-hand column of the page.
 - o Complete *Am I Ready to Take a College Course?* online quiz.
6. Move to *Step 2* in Blackboard.
 - o Finalize course selections from Youth Options Course Guide with High School counselor.
 - o Verify that pre-requisites for selected classes have been (or will be) met, referencing the Youth Options Course Guide.
7. Move to *Step 3* in Blackboard.
 - o Print PI8700-A form. Complete and submit form to your high school by March 1st for fall classes or October 1st for spring classes (see #9 below).
8. Move to *Step 4* in Blackboard and sign up for a mandatory Youth Options Registration Session.
 - o Students enrolling in spring classes will attend this session in mid-November.
 - o Students enrolling in fall classes will attend this session in early May.
9. Your high school will tentatively approve your PI8700A form (pending final school board approval) and forward the form to FVTC by April 10th for fall classes or November 5th for spring classes.
10. After the approved PI8700A form is received by FVTC, a welcome letter will be mailed or e-mailed out to you with a to-do list (if applicable). *If taking an EMT-Basic or Nursing Assistant class, please refer to additional requirements listed on Blackboard. These will also be listed on your to-do list. All requirements must be completed before attending the Youth Options Registration Session.*
11. Browse through the *Resources* section in Blackboard and jot down any questions you may have. We will be happy to discuss these questions at the Youth Options Registration Session.
12. Attend Youth Options Registration Session on scheduled date/time and enroll in classes. **Students must attend this session to register for classes.**

Testing:

1. Accuplacer or ACT scores are required if a student is taking a class that lists these scores as a pre-requisite.
 - a. If a student is scheduled to take the **ACT** in the summer, the student will be allowed to register in fall classes prior to submitting scores. After the ACT is taken, the student must submit scores to Fox Valley Technical College. These scores can be submitted in the form of a copy of the score sheet (students do not need to order an official score sheet from the ACT website) or a high school transcript if scores are listed.
 - b. If student is not taking the ACT, then Accuplacer scores must be submitted before registering in classes that require these scores. Students can register for an Accuplacer by contacting Enrollment Services at (920) 735-5645.
 - c. Failure to submit scores or meet score requirements will result in removal from all classes with score requirements.
2. Bennett Mechanical scores must be submitted before a student can register in any automotive class that lists these scores as a pre-requisite. Students can register for a Bennett Mechanical assessment by contacting Enrollment Services at (920) 735-5645.

Deadlines:

The items below are requirements that must be completed as a part of the Youth Options process, as well as the deadline that each item must be completed by. Any requirements submitted after the deadline may prevent a student from participating in Youth Options.

To be completed by	Requirement	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline
Student	Submit Youth Options Interest Form (online)	Any time between February 1 st and March 15 th	Any time between September 1 st and October 15 th
Student	Submit completed PI8700-A form to high school	March 1 st	October 1 st
High School Counselor	Return PI8700-A form with school board approval to FVTC	April 10 th	November 5 th
FVTC Youth Options Staff	Send welcome letters to Youth Options students	Between April 15 th and April 25 th	Between November 5 th and November 15 th
Student	Complete <i>Am I Ready to Take a College Course?</i> in Blackboard	May 1 st	November 15 th
Student	Submit admission application for Nursing Assistant or EMT-Basic program (if applicable)	May 1 st	November 15 th
Student	Sign up for a Youth Options Registration Session	Any time between March 1 st and May 1 st	Any time between October 1 st and November 10 th
Student	Attends Youth Options Registration Session	Early May	Mid-November
Student	Last date to register in classes	June 5 th	December 15 th
Student	Submit ACT scores to FVTC (if applicable)	August 1 st	December 20 th
Student	Submit Accuplacer and/or Bennett Mechanical scores to FVTC (if applicable)	Before registering in classes	Before registering in classes
Student	Submits high school transcripts with final grades to FVTC (if applicable)	August 1 st	January 5 th

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What is the difference between MyFVTC and Blackboard?

A. MyFVTC is an online account where a student will add/drop classes, apply for admission, add or update contact information, and access their class schedule. Blackboard is Fox Valley Technical College's web-based learning environment used to deliver online courses by posting course materials, class discussions, assignments, and assessments on the web.

Q. Can I enroll in classes that are not approved on my PI8700-A form?

A. You can enroll in classes that are not approved by FVTC and/or your high school; however, these classes will not be covered under the Youth Options program, so you will be responsible for full payment of tuition and materials (i.e. uniform, textbooks). You also must meet all pre-requisites listed for the class, just as you would for a Youth Options class.

Q. Why was my class denied by Fox Valley Technical College?

A. Your class was most likely denied by FVTC because it was not listed in the Youth Options Guide. Classes taken for Youth Options must be selected from this guide.

Q. Why was my class denied by my high school?

A. There are several reasons that a high school may deny a class – please check with your high school counselor to see why your class was denied.

Q. After I registered in classes, I received a bill in the mail. Am I required to pay?

A. You do not need to pay for a course as long as it was approved by FVTC and your high school. If you enrolled in a course that was *not* approved by FVTC and/or your high school, you will be responsible for tuition and fees for that particular course.

Q. What is a pre-requisite? What is a co-requisite?

A. A pre-requisite is a requirement that must be completed before you can enroll in a class. A co-requisite is a requirement that must be completed at the same time as (or, in some cases, prior to) the class you're enrolling in.

Q. Am I guaranteed to get into the class(es) I have been approved to take?

A. No – Unfortunately, class sizes are limited and class times/offerings will vary, which may affect the ability of Youth Options students to enroll. In the event that space is not available or a student's preferred course(s) cannot be conveniently scheduled, the student is encouraged to list alternative courses on the application so that the school board is able to determine the acceptability of those courses when reviewing the application.

Q. How do I get my textbooks?

A. Each high school is different, so you will need to check with your high school counselor before purchasing textbooks.

Q. Why are there so many steps/requirements in the Youth Options process?

A. All of the requirements for Youth Options are set forth with the success of our students in mind. Following these processes and meeting deadlines will also be a good introduction to college coursework.