

Dual Admission General Studies Certificate Program Frequently Asked Questions

I have completed the Gateway application for the Dual Admission General Studies program and all the required paperwork, when will I hear from UW-Parkside?

The application process takes 3-4 weeks. If you apply less than a month before the start of the term you should sign up for a payment plan and pay the required 40 % down payment to Gateway Technical College.

If you are admitted to the program, does UW-Parkside have to provide financial aid?

UW-Parkside reserves the right to deny financial aid based on previous academic performance or poor current academic performance. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway to remain in the program. Note: Students academically dismissed from UW-Parkside are not eligible to participate in the program.

Why do I have to activate my UW-Parkside SOLAR and Ranger mail?

A UW-Parkside SOLAR account is required to accept your financial aid award in SOLAR. In addition, UW-Parkside will communicate with you utilizing your UW-Parkside email account. You should check your Ranger mail on a weekly basis.

How soon will I get my financial aid award?

As part of the application process, you should complete your FAFSA and have the information sent to UW-Parkside (school code: 005015). Once you are admitted to UW-Parkside **AND** have submitted your Gateway course schedule to the UW-Parkside Admissions office, you will receive notification by email that your financial aid has been packaged. This process may take 2-3 weeks.

How can I check the status of my financial aid application and award?

You can check your "To Do List" on SOLAR Self Service to see whether any additional items are needed. You can also check the financial aid award package page to determine where your financial aid award has been processed.

What do I need to do once I receive an email that my financial aid has been awarded?

Your financial aid award notification will be emailed to your UW-Parkside email address. Follow the instructions given for accepting your award in SOLAR. If you are eligible for a student loan, you will need to complete loan counseling and a loan application called a master promissory note (MPN).

What does it mean to be selected for verification?

One in three students who apply for financial aid is selected for "verification". This process prevents our office from awarding you financial aid until we receive documentation to verify information on your FAFSA. If any changes are required, we will electronically correct your FAFSA based upon the documentation you submit.

I've received notices from Gateway Technical College regarding my bill. I thought financial aid was going to take care of everything?

You must either have a payment plan or an accepted UW-P financial aid award offer in place to cover Gateway charges to avoid having your classes dropped. Gateway's Student Account office is notified when you have accepted your financial aid award. An accepted financial aid award is considered a payment option. Students must have a payment option in place prior to Gateway's payment option deadline. Once you receive your financial aid refund on your UW_P Ranger card, you will need to pay your balance with Gateway. If you have any questions regarding your bill you may check with Gateway Student Account Associate Sandy Beck at becks@gtc.edu or 262-564-2916. You should sign a payment plan if the deadline is nearing and you have not received a financial aid award notice.

How do I get my books if I don't get my Financial Aid before classes start?

If you have received a financial aid award offer and you have accepted the award, you may contact Sandy Beck at becks@gtc.edu to determine if you are eligible for adding the book charges to your bill. You need to be prepared to cover the costs of your books until your financial aid is awarded.

What does the Ranger Choice card do?

The Ranger Choice card is a debit card which you need to activate to choose a refund preference. Contact Cashiers.Office@uwp.edu or 262-595-2258 for further questions.

Is there anything I need to do each semester?

Prior to the start of each semester, you must provide Rita Minger, Transfer Credit Evaluation Coordinator minger@uwp.edu a copy of your class schedule. Your financial aid will not disburse if your schedule is not provided prior to the start of the term.

What happens if I drop a class or stop attending school?

Schedule changes could impact your financial aid package. You must immediately notify Blake Taylor, UW-Parkside Financial Aid Counselor when you have made a change to your class schedule to determine if your financial aid eligibility is impacted change.

What if I want to take a class outside of the agreement?

If you are interested in taking courses outside of the agreement, you must get approval from Gateway and UW-Parkside. The Advanced Approval form can be sent to Rita Minger, Transfer Evaluation Coordinator. Courses outside of the agreement will not be aid eligible if they do not meet Gateway requirements for the General Studies Certificate and are not transferrable.

Do remedial classes count toward my financial aid credits?

Yes. If the remedial classes are transferrable and required to progress in the program, they can count toward your financial aid credits. Students in the 1+3 program are eligible to receive financial aid even if they are only registered for required remedial courses.

What happens if I have trouble academically?

You must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at Gateway to participate in the Dual Admissions General Studies Certificate program.

I am almost done with the certificate program, what should I do next?

In your last semester of the Dual Admission General Studies Certificate program, you should complete a UW-Parkside Application and submit an official GTC transcript once the certificate has been awarded.

What if I have other questions?

UW-Parkside:

Admissions - Sergio Correa, Transfer Admissions Counselor, correa@uwp.edu 262-595-2300
Course Transfer Questions - Rita Minger, Transfer Evaluation Coordinator, minger@uwp.edu
Financial Aid - Blake Taylor, Financial Aid Counselor, taylorb@uwp.edu 262-595-2291
Ranger Choice Card – Cashier's Office – cashiers.office@uwp.edu 262-595-2258
Veteran's Benefits – Peggy Karls, Veterans Certifying Official, Karls@uwp.edu 262-595-2350
Advising – Gwen Jones, Director, jones@uwp.edu 262-595-2040

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