

**Project Lead The Way (PLTW) – An  
Articulated College Credit Program for  
Current High School Students**

To be eligible for early admission to Northwestern State University a student must:

1. Complete six semesters of high school with a B or better average.
2. Have an ACT composite score of at least 25, and
3. Be recommended by his/her high school principal.

To be admitted to the program, eligible students must complete and return an application for admission to Northwestern and a recommendation for Early Admission (this form must be completed in triplicate and each copy signed by both the student and his/her high school principal. All copies of this form and a six semester high school transcript must be mailed by the principal).

As soon as all the forms, properly completed, and an official report of ACT scores sent from ACT, have been received, the recommendation forms will be approved by the University and one copy will be returned to the applicant and one to the principal. An approved recommendation will constitute notification of acceptance. All appropriate University fees shall apply.

Applications and inquiries about Early Admission should be addressed to:

Office of Admissions  
Northwestern State University  
306 Sam Sibley Drive  
Natchitoches, LA 71497

**C. Dual Enrollment Program**

Northwestern State University in partnership with participating high schools is pleased to offer courses for college credit for selected high school students. In an effort to provide a unique opportunity, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students can earn college credit while enrolled in courses taught by their high school teachers. Students may also enroll in online courses directly through Northwestern or in traditional courses on Northwestern’s campus.

**Student Requirements:**

1. Students must be enrolled in a Louisiana public, private or parochial school, or in a Louisiana Department of Education BESE-Approved Home Study Program.
2. Students must be on track for completing (by graduation from high school) the required Louisiana Board of Regents’ Core Curriculum.
3. Students must be enrolled in a college course for which dual credit is attempted and recorded on both student’s secondary and postsecondary academic record.
4. Students will be admitted and enrolled as a “Non-Degree Seeking” student. Upon graduation from high school, students must reapply for undergraduate admission and meet the University’s admission requirements

**Criteria for Admission:**

Students must have appropriate ACT or SAT scores. Alternate placement measures (scores) may be used to determine eligibility; ACCUPLACER, ASPIRE, MAP, Pre-ACT, Pre-SAT, or EOC. A minimum cumulative GPA may be required.

**Academic Courses:**

Students may enroll in courses listed on the Louisiana Board of Regents’ Master Course Articulation Matrix.

**Contact Information:**

Inquiries regarding the dual enrollment program should be directed to:

Northwestern State University  
Office of Electronic and Continuing Education

**I. Engineering**

Northwestern State University invites high school students to enroll in PLTW Engineering High School Courses in PLTW High Schools as a means for enriching their educational experiences and, at the same time, earn articulated college credits which may be applied toward a degree upon graduation from high school. This PLTW program is available during each school session—fall and spring semesters.

To be eligible for this program at Northwestern State University a student must:

1. Successfully complete a PLTW administered end of course examination in selected Engineering courses with a Stanine score of 7 or better.
2. Engineering courses eligible for articulated college credit are:

PLTW Engineering Course	NSU Engineering Technology Course				Semester Hours Credited
	IET 1400	IET 1700	EET 1311	IET 3460	
IED	X				3
POE		X			1
DE			X		1
CEA				X	3

IED (Introduction to Engineering Design); POE (Principles of Engineering); DE (Digital Electronics); CEA (Civil Engineering and Architecture)

3. Apply for this credit program during the year in which he/she takes the PLTW administered end of course examination.
4. Upon completion of their high school career and graduation from high school, a student must meet Northwestern State University Admission requirements for the respective academic year they enter Northwestern as an undergraduate.
5. Student must apply for admission to Northwestern State University in an applicable Engineering Technology degree program and pay admission application fees.
6. Award of credit for PLTW courses will be applied to a student’s transcript following their admission, matriculation, and the beginning of their first semester’s course work in Engineering Technology at NSU.

**Admission to the PLTW Engineering program:**

Applications and inquiries about Project Lead The Way Program must be addressed to:

Northwestern State University of Louisiana  
Department of Engineering Technology  
Room 101, Williamson Hall  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
Phone: 318 357-6751  
E-mail: [et@nsula.edu](mailto:et@nsula.edu)

Letters of invitation, instructions, and application forms for participating students will be provided by the Department of Engineering Technology to high school teachers, counselors or principals of students qualifying for this program.