

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the dates for the Pre-College program?

The program dates are July 5th through August 4th. Activities begin on Tuesday, July 5th. Students move into housing at Crosthwaite Hall on the campus of Fisk University, that morning from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please make an effort to arrive during these hours because activities start shortly after, but we will be manned for later check-ins if necessary.

Should I bring any money when I come to the program?

The program cost of \$3,260 covers class needs, planned activities, and provides meals at the breakfast, lunch, and dinner hours. You should have enough personal funds to provide for your wants/needs (snacks, toiletries, or activities) outside of those planned by the program.

Why am I being asked to provide FAFSA information for 2021-22 and 2022-23?

The 2021-22 FAFSA will be evaluated in cases where Financial Aid can be used for Pre-College, which counts against the previous academic year. Once your application is submitted, contact Financial Aid at: financialaid@fisk.edu for questions regarding eligibility.

Payment Links?

Here is one that should work for the program deposits. It will ask 'Payment Towards' to which you will enter or select "Pre-College Deposit"

<https://payit.nelnet/form/Lv1DepE0>

Where will I live?

Students are housed at Crosthwaite Hall on the campus of Fisk University. They are 2-person rooms, with access to kitchen, common lounge/lobby areas, and community bathrooms.

Can I choose my roommate?

Students do not always get to choose their roommates. For the Pre-College Program, students are intermingled from the applications on a "first come, first served" basis, which affords everyone the opportunity to make new friends. From those interactions and in some situations, it is possible to request for the fall semester...but not guaranteed.

What classes will I take?

Composition I or II
New Student Orientation
Leadership Development
Mathematics
Computer Proficiency

Can I receive credit for the classes?

Yes. Participants will receive up to 6 credit hours toward their degree. Our credited offerings are subject to change, but currently include: Composition, Leadership Development/Career Planning, and New Student Orientation/Service Learning.

Can I choose the classes I want to take?

No, the curriculum is set and the only class differences are in how they are credited by earned AP credits.

What are the hours of the classes?

Classes and other daily sessions are usually held from 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The times are subject to change depending on the instructors, but will be communicated at move-in. Study times, activities, and group interactions are typically scheduled during evening hours and/or on weekends.

Are textbooks used for the classes?

Textbooks (online or hardcopy) are used for the majority of the classes. We also use online resources when available as prescribed by the instructors.

Can I keep the textbooks?

No, textbooks are returned unless you are notified that you can keep the book.

What is the academic expectation of participants in the program?

The curriculum is designed to help students build a foundation, establish academic habits, and hone skills needed to matriculate successfully through Fisk University...It doesn't lack challenges, however. If students apply themselves, actively participate, and avail themselves of all provided resources, you should reap all of the benefits of this early collegiate interaction. For conditional admits successful completion of the summer curriculum is highly encouraged to insure your full admittance in the fall semester. All participants will receive a final grade and the associated credits for each such course in the program. This is the start of your college career, and the grades from this program will provide the first building blocks of your GPA. Performance in these classes will solidify or jeopardize your scholarships/financial aid.

Will I automatically be admitted to the program?

Enrollment in the Pre-College Program is exclusive to those deposited students who have been accepted by Fisk and have committed to being enrolled and on campus in the fall.

How many days can I miss from the program?

Unless students are ill or there is an emergency situation, full attendance to all classes is expected.

Are meals provided?

Yes. The program provides meals at the breakfast, lunch, and dinner hours at the Fisk cafeteria as follows:

Monday - Friday

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday

Brunch 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If I have medication is there a place it can be stored?

There is a student lounge in each dormitory, which is equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, sink, and television.

Does the program provide extracurricular activities?

Yes, Nashville has a broad range of activities that are available to students, and PCP will expose its participants to many of them throughout the four-week session.

Does this program provide transportation?

The PCP program provides transportation for all planned events.

I don't have a car, how will I get around Nashville?

For the most part, your comings and goings while in the program will be regulated and relegated to the planned activities. A fair amount of free-time is scheduled in, however our expectation is that you maintain a close proximity to the campus. At no point should you be away from campus without the knowledge of authorized PCP staff and/or parental consent. In those instances, there are numerous transportation options in Nashville such as: city busses, taxis, Uber and Lyft.

Can I drive my car to Fisk?

Yes, however, you will be responsible for purchasing a parking permit from Fisk's Department of Safety and Security. The estimated cost is \$75 for the five-week program. Cars parked on campus without a permit are subject to be towed and you are responsible for those charges.

I live in Nashville and I will drive to campus each day, what do I do about parking?

Same as the previous question.

Is there a gym?

Students have access to Fisk's Henderson A. Johnson gymnasium, the track, and the tennis courts during the five-weeks of the program.

Will there be opportunities for me to meet Fisk students, faculty and staff?

Absolutely! Fisk's students, faculty and staff welcome the opportunity to meet students. We encourage all students not to be reluctant to initiate conversations with any member of the Fisk community. In addition, many of the New Student Orientation activities will be jointly attended with the students who come in for Orientation/Registration but are not participants with PCP.

What kind of clothing cannot be worn at the PCP program?

Shorts (or other clothing of an inappropriate length) Halter/Tube/Crop tops (excessively revealing)
Pajamas (in public)
Sagging pants
See through (excessive holes) or suggestive clothing showing too much

Caps which are not removed upon entrance to building(s)

T-shirts displaying profanity, lewd messages, or promoting illegal activities
Clothing in direct violation of the University dress code

What is the Closing Ceremony?

It is the 'Finale' which chronicles the academic experiences/achievements of the students during the six-weeks of the program. It is expected that all PCP students participate in this activity.

If I have additional questions, who should I contact?

The "frequently asked questions" listed here are designed to answer most of your questions. If you have other questions/concerns, e-mail Mr. Isaac Thompson at: ithompson@fisk.edu.