

2025–2026 Preparatory Coursework Financial Aid Request

Student's Full Name	PCC Student ID Number
Student's Home Phone Number (with area code)	Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

Students not pursuing a degree or certificate at Pima Community College (PCC) are typically not eligible to receive financial aid. However, students who intend to enter a limited or competitive admissions program and have not completed the required preparatory coursework for the purpose of admission may request to receive Direct Loans. Examples of PCC limited or competitive admissions programs are: Dental Hygiene, Veterinary Technology, Nursing, etc. Students taking preparatory coursework to gain admission to a PCC limited or competitive admission program may be eligible to receive a Direct Loan and/or a Parent PLUS loan **ONLY** for a maximum of **ONE** consecutive 12-month period. This time frame may not be exceeded for any reason.

Under the preparatory coursework provision, the United States Department of Education (ED) allows the student:

- To have only one, 12-month period to receive federal loans over the course of his/her entire college attendance;
- To receive a limited amount of Direct Loan funds for undergraduate courses during the 12-month period

Loan Limits for Preparatory Coursework

Dependent Students (as determined by the FAFSA) - \$2,625 (can all be subsidized or unsubsidized),

Independent Students (as determined by the FAFSA) - \$8,625 (only up to \$2,625 may be subsidized)

PLUS loans may be used up to the cost of attendance.

Under the preparatory coursework provision, the United States Department of Education does not allow the student:

- to receive any federal grant or work study funding
- to receive loans for preparatory classes taken for the purpose of raising his/her GPA
- to receive loans from more than one college during the same period of enrollment
- to receive loans for less than half time enrollment (must be enrolled in 6 units or more)

In order to receive loans under the preparatory coursework provision, I agree:

- To meet financial aid eligibility requirements, including but not limited to: Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP);
- To ensure all preparatory coursework needed can be completed within the 12-month timeframe;
- To enroll in a minimum of six credit hours per semester and **only** in courses approved in this agreement;
- To abide by deadlines. You must have a loan offered and accepted by our [published loan deadlines](#).
- To immediately notify the Financial Aid Office (FAO) of schedule changes. Without FAO approval, courses will not be eligible for Direct Loans.

In order to receive loans under the preparatory coursework provision, I certify that:

- I have never used my eligibility for loans under this provision in the past at any other school, and;
- I am not taking these classes for the purpose of raising my GPA to gain admission, and;
- I have read this agreement in its entirety and I agree to all criteria and conditions contained within.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED BY YOUR PROGRAM ADVISOR

This student is attempting to enter into a preparatory coursework agreement with Pima Community College (PCC) whereby the student will take PCC courses required for admission for a specific program at PCC. The student must make an appointment with their program advisor to determine the preparatory coursework needed for the limited or competitive admissions program to be taken at PCC. The advisor will certify below what courses are necessary for the student's PCC selective admissions program. The United States Department of Education (ED) regulations do not allow the student to receive aid for preparatory coursework required for the purpose of raising his/her GPA.

The courses listed on this agreement cannot be changed once the agreement has been submitted to and approved by PCC Financial Aid Office.

By completing and signing this agreement:
the **student certifies** that:

- I understand the courses listed below are the only courses for which I may obtain student loan assistance.
- the advisor certifies** that:
- These courses are required to apply to enter the PCC limited or competitive admissions program, and;
 - The student is not taking these courses only for the purpose of raising his/her GPA.

Student's Full Name		PCC Student ID Number:
		Program Code: (to be entered by Academic/Program Advisor)
Course Prefix/ Number at Pima Community College (i.e. BIO 201IN)	Credits	Course Name (i.e. Human Anatomy and Physiology I)
Advisor Name:		
Advisor Signature:		Date:
Signature indicates that form was completed and program code entered into system.		

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Comments:		
FA Representative Signature	Campus	Date