



Hidden Acres Summer Staff College Credit FAQ

Earn 3 college credits for working at Hidden Acres this summer!

Take *Counseling in Active Learning Environments* while serving and learning in your role during summer camp.

1. What is the class?

- a. *CAM405 Counseling in Active Learning Environments*: This course is designed to help students understand principles and acquire competencies necessary to move participants toward growth in the context of short-term impact ministry environments such as retreats, resident camps, mission trips, and wilderness trips. Key subjects include: group dynamics, relationship building, camper discipline, facilitation, framing, debriefing, processing, and Bible study.

2. How is Hidden Acres able to offer college credit?

- a. Hidden Acres has partnered with Eleven:6, a faith-infused experiential education organization, and its partner universities, to give summer staff the opportunity to earn 3 credits while working on summer staff.

3. Who are the partner universities I can take the course through?

- a. Students can choose to take the course through either Anchor Christian University or Clarks Summit University. The coursework and requirements are the same for both colleges, it's simply a matter of which college will be providing the credit.
 - i. *Anchor Christian University*
 1. Anchor Christian University is a nonprofit institution with a unique local/global integrated frontline learning model, training Christian leaders for immediate impact in their calling.
 - ii. *Clarks Summit University*
 1. Clarks Summit University has prepared Christ-centered, career-ready graduates for more than 80 years. Founded in 1932, this private, Christian college embraces its Baptist convictions and propels graduates into careers and service opportunities around the globe.

4. Are the universities accredited?

- a. ACU is not yet accredited.
- b. CSU is both regionally and nationally accredited. They have been accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education since 1984. Middle States is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and Council for Higher Education. They have also been accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education since 1968.

5. Will the credits transfer to my college?

- a. Students taking the course through CSU will likely be able to transfer the credits to their college, because CSU is both regionally and nationally accredited. Students will want to check with an academic advisor prior to the summer to ensure it can be applied to their course of study.
- b. Students taking the course through ACU are able to transfer the credit to at least [six current partner schools](#), but will want to verify with any other schools whether the course will transfer and meet a program requirement.

6. How is the class structured?

- a. The course uses Eleven:6's proprietary Learning Blueprint framework, as outlined below:
 - i. *Framing Exercises*
 1. Students reflect on their own relevant experience, rewrite the learning objectives to connect to their ministry context, and develop challenge questions that can be answered in their application project.
 - ii. *Reading and Research*
 1. Reading and research assignments are based on the subject background, learning objectives, and challenge questions. These resources and activities are designed as fuel for processing toward actionable conclusions and competency. Students will read one book during the summer and write a paper on it.
 - iii. *Journal Entries*
 1. Students submit seven journal entries over the course of the summer. Journal entries will connect relevant experience with the learning objectives and challenge questions.
 - iv. *Application Project*
 1. Students will propose and complete a practical application project that adds value to their current or future ministry context from the knowledge and skills acquired via the coursework.

7. What are the dates of the course?

- a. May 31- August 9, 2023

8. Do I need to be at camp during the entire class?

- a. No. It's not a problem if you're away from camp during any of those weeks. You will still be able to complete the course. However, there are increased scholarships for those who stay for all of Grow Teams (see below).

9. Do I have to go anywhere during summer to take the class?

- a. No. That's the beauty of Eleven:6's integrated approach. Your learning will all take place in the context of your job this summer. You'll submit your assignments online, discuss your learning with Eric and other students, and apply what you're learning directly into your everyday work.

10. Will I still be able to do my job during the summer while taking the class?

- a. Absolutely. The course is designed to be manageable for any position on summer staff. The reading and journal entries during summer camp can be completed during the week or on the weekends. The book report and final project will be due during Grow Teams, so staff members will either have time to work on them at camp or at home.

11. Do I have to be a counselor to take the class?

- a. No. While the word "Counseling" is in the course title, the content of the class will be applicable to any position on summer staff.

12. Do I need to be in college to take the class?

- a. You need to have graduated from high school before the start of the summer. At this point we aren't able to offer the class as a dual credit course for high school students, but we hope to add that option in the future.

13. How much does it cost?

- a. Tuition for Anchor is \$250/credit (\$750 total). Tuition for Clarks Summit is \$415/credit (\$1245 total).

14. Are there scholarships available?

- a. Yes! Hidden Acres is providing scholarships for every student taking the course!



- b. Students will receive two scholarship payments for working during summer camp and additional scholarship payments for each week of Grow Teams they work.
- c. If a student works all three weeks of Grow Teams, they will receive an additional \$50 in scholarships. The maximum scholarship amount from Hidden Acres is \$900!

Week	Amount
Week 4	\$150
Week 7	\$100
Week 8 (Grow Teams)	\$200
Week 9 (Grow Teams)	\$200
Week 10 (Grow Teams)	\$200
Grow Teams Bonus	\$50
Total Scholarship	\$900

15. How do I get the scholarship?

- a. Everyone on staff who takes the class will receive the scholarship! It will be automatically deducted from the tuition bill you receive.

16. Why should I take this class?

- a. If you don't, someone else will! But seriously, it's an incredible opportunity to be equipped to be more effective in ministry, earn affordable college credit, and grow in your faith at camp.

17. How/when do I pay?

- a. You will pay Hidden Acres directly for your class. You'll receive a bill at the end of the summer with the cost of tuition minus the scholarship amount you earned.

18. Do I have to do Grow Teams?

- a. No, you don't have to stay for Grow Teams to take the course. If you go home after our summer camp sessions end, you can still complete the assignments on your own and submit them online. However, if you stay for Grow Teams, you'll receive a substantial increase in scholarships and additional academic support. Everyone on Grow Teams who is taking the class will meet together for class discussions throughout those weeks. You'll also receive more individualized help from Eric on your final project, which is due at the end of the class.

19. But I don't want to do Grow Teams.

- a. That's not a question. Also, we've made some significant changes to Grow Teams for this year which will make the Grow Teams experience even better than it's been in the past. See the Grow Teams [brochure](#) for more information about that.

20. How do I apply?

- a. Complete this [form](#) or email Eric if you're interested in applying. All applicants will be required to complete the application and submit a ministry leader reference. If you have not already enrolled in college, you will be required to also submit a transcript and ACT/SAT score.

21. Is there an application deadline?

- a. Yes, April 15th. If you're interested in taking the course and you miss the deadline, email Eric as soon as possible.

22. This sounds too good to be true. Are you sure that I can actually get paid by camp to take college credit during the summer?

- a. Absolutely!

