

## Many ATC Courses Count Towards



Tech Prep is a way to start a college technical major in high school. In a Tech Prep program you begin your course of study in high school and continue in a community or technical college. The result is a certificate or an associate of applied science (AAS) degree. Some technical courses may also apply toward a four-year degree.

Tech Prep programs combine the academic courses needed for success in college and the technical courses that begin to prepare you for a career.

Students in Tech Prep programs can earn college credit through:

- Content-enhanced ATC and locally articulated courses;
- Dual credit courses; and
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

### *Want to find out more?*

Contact your high school counselor, local two-year college counselor, or a Tech Prep consortium office listed on the following web site: [www.TechPrepTexas.org](http://www.TechPrepTexas.org)

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Advanced Technical  
Credit Program

## High School Students

## GET A JUMP-START ON COLLEGE

# ENROLL IN

## Content-Enhanced ATC Articulated High School Courses

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## Start a College Technical Major in High School *with* The Advanced Technical Credit Program (ATC)

The Advanced Technical Credit Program (ATC), also called statewide articulation, is one way students can earn college credit while in high school.

Students who take content-enhanced career and technology courses for high school credit may also be eligible for college credit at many community and technical colleges in Texas.

ATC courses cover the same material as certain college technical courses and they are taught by high school faculty with special training.

When preparing your high school graduation plan, you may select ATC articulated courses that apply toward college technical degree programs.

**High school juniors or seniors who earn a grade of 80 (3.0) or better may count ATC courses as advanced measures for the Distinguished Achievement graduation plan (DAP).**

**Ask your counselor if your high school offers ATC courses.**

## How Do I Qualify for College Credit?

- ◆ Enroll in ATC articulated career and technology courses in high school.
  - Course abbreviations end in -TP.
  - Courses on your high school transcript may also be noted with the letter A.
- ◆ Complete the course as a junior or as a senior with a minimum grade of 80 (B or better).
- ◆ Freshmen and sophomores must take additional ATC courses to qualify for college credit.
- ◆ If there are prerequisites for the ATC course, make a minimum grade of 80 in each required course.

**Check with your local community or technical colleges to see which are participating in ATC and what technical programs they offer.**

- ◆ Enroll in a participating college within 15 months of high school graduation.

## Steps to Get College Credit

- ★ Take a copy of your high school transcript to a participating two-year college when you enroll and complete a petition for credit form.
- ★ Tell the college admissions staff, counselor, or advisor that you took high school courses that may count for college credit.
- ★ Ask college staff to help you identify the college courses that are equivalent to the ATC courses you took in high school.
- ★ Select a college technical certificate or degree plan that includes one or more of these courses.
- ★ Check with your college to see if you need to complete six more hours of college credit.
  - AP and/or CLEP tests may apply toward the six required hours.
- ★ Finally, check with the college registrar to make sure your credit is posted to your college transcript.

**Many colleges also offer local articulation options.**