

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

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Are you interested in getting a technical degree or certificate from a 2-year college?

The **Advanced Technical Credit (ATC) Program** can help you earn college credit toward a technical degree or certificate while still in high school.

You can earn this college credit by taking ATC courses. An ATC course is a special version of a normal high school course that covers college-level material and is taught by a high school teacher who has had special training.

To get started, ask your counselor if your high school offers ATC courses. If they do, select ATC courses that will apply towards a college major you are interested in as part of your high school graduation plan.

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).

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How To Qualify for College Credit

To qualify for college credit through the ATC Program, you will need to do the following while in high school:

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

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

How to Receive Your 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. You must enroll within 15 months of graduation.
- ★ 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.