



THE ADVANCED TECHNICAL CREDIT PROGRAM

How to Use the ATC Articulated Course Crosswalk

The content-enhanced high school courses listed in the following ATC Course Crosswalk have been found to be substantially equal to the introductory-level college courses indicated. Statewide teams of secondary and postsecondary subject area faculty compared the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for each high school course with the course descriptions, syllabi, and expectations of courses found in the postsecondary Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM on).¹ These courses are most often used in technical certificate and degree programs at public community and technical colleges, including Tech Prep programs.

ATC Course Numbers and Abbreviations – ATC statewide-articulated secondary Career and Technology Education (CTE) courses are identified with unique PEIMS service ID/course numbers (which include the letter “T”) and course abbreviations for technical placement courses (which include the notation “-TP”).

“A” Special Explanation Course Code - All courses eligible for college credit by statewide and local articulation are identified on the high school transcript (Academic Achievement Record, AAR) with the special explanation course code “A.” This code helps participating colleges identify courses taught with enhanced content for award of articulated college credit.

Although the primary purpose of the ATC Course Crosswalk is to provide guidance to colleges in the award of technical (workforce education) college credit for ATC statewide-articulated high school courses, under specific circumstances colleges may elect to award academic transfer credit from the postsecondary Academic Course Guide Manual (AGCM) for selected courses.

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¹ Technical courses for public two-year colleges, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Using ATC Statewide-Articulated Courses in High School Graduation Plans

This table shows how ATC statewide-articulated career and technology courses can be used as core courses and electives in high school graduation plans.

19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapter D. Graduation Requirements	
Core Courses	SAMPLE Articulated Courses (1 credit minimum) PEIMS Course Numbers and Abbreviations for Technical Placement (-TP) Courses Grades 11-12
Science or Academic Elective	Principles of Technology I (PTI-TP) 1238282T
Physical Education	2-3 credit hour approved substitutions: <i>For example:</i> Administrative procedures career preparation (BEC1-TP) 1209910T
Health Education	Health Science Technology I (HSTI-TP) 1210130T Health Science Technology II (HSTII-TP) 1210140T
Technology Applications	Business Computer Information Systems I (BCIS1-TP) 1201120T Business Computer Information Systems II (ABCIS-TP) 1203130T Business Computer Programming (BCP1-TP) 1203140T <i>or</i> (BCP2-TP) 1203141T Telecommunications and Networking (TLNET-TP) 1202270T Business Image Management/Multimedia (BIM&M-TP) 1202230T Computer Applications (CA-TP) 1234147T Computer Multimedia/Animation Technology (CMAT-TP) 1236268T OR Complete a sequence of 2 or more ATC courses for 3 or more credits and demonstrate proficiency through a challenge exam.
Electives	<i>All ATC statewide-articulated courses.</i>

Public schools electing to offer ATC statewide-articulated courses must use the new Career and Technology – TP PEIMS course numbers and abbreviations listed in PEIMS code table C022 (updated March 2005).

When school districts use these course numbers, they must be able to verify that:

- 1) Course content is enhanced beyond the required TEKS with standardized college course competencies (linked to the on-line ATC course crosswalk; effective 8-15-04);
- 2) Teachers have met required faculty qualifications and have completed TEA-required ATC staff development for each course taught; and
- 3) Innovative ATC courses have received required prior approval from TEA.

All ATC statewide-articulated courses also should be noted with the “A” special explanation course code on high school transcripts.