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# Career Pathways: Earn College Credits in High School

It's never too early to start thinking about life after high school...where words like college and career are starting to mean something serious. In this economy, learning work-ready skills must soon be your number-one priority. The good news? You can gain those skills in high school and earn college credit through something called **Career Pathways**.

When you complete a high-wage/high-skill Career Pathways program, you'll graduate with up to 24 college credits and it won't cost a dime. Perhaps more importantly, the skills you learn in Career Pathways courses help prepare you for a real job making more than minimum wage. And, with good grades, Career Pathways may qualify you for the Florida Bright Futures Gold Seal Scholarship, a program that pays a substantial part of your college tuition. Now that's a deal worth looking into.

## Career Pathways—a Closer Look

Career Pathways is a course of study that links high school and college career programs. This program gives students the opportunity to start a college technical major in high school that continues directly into your postsecondary (after high school) education. It consists of a coordinated sequence of academic courses plus three to four electives offering career and technical knowledge and skills. When high school students complete (with a "C" or better) a series of structured, sequential career and technical courses and then enroll in one of the partnering colleges or technical institutes, they are awarded college credits in that specific field. Upon high school graduation, students continue their studies at a community college, technical center, or registered apprenticeship program. Students who finish the postsecondary program receive a certificate/license, associate degree, and/or bachelor's degree, depending on the course of study. The Career Pathways program is designed for students who want a higher-paying, in-demand job and who plan to pursue educational opportunities after high school.

The Suncoast Career Pathways Consortium, which oversees the Career Pathways program, has developed **articulation** (credit-awarding) agreements between the Manatee and Sarasota school districts and:

- Manatee Technical Institute (MTI)
- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF)
- Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI)
- Johnson & Wales University (Culinary Arts & Hospitality)
- University of South Florida
- St. Pete College
- Pinellas Technical Institute
- Hillsborough Community College
- Pasco-Hernando Community College
- Brewster, Irwin, & Learey Technical Centers (Hillsborough County)

This means that these listed schools accept qualifying Career Pathways credits when a student enrolls in the same career program after high school.

Career Pathways is a nationally recognized program that is challenging, rewarding, and gives you a head start on a better career. Find your Career Pathway today! Talk to a guidance counselor, career advisor, or academic advisor at your school for more information.



A Career Pathway is a coherent, articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career/technical courses, commencing in the ninth grade and leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate degree and beyond, an industry recognized certificate, and/or licensure. The Career Pathway is developed, implemented, and maintained in partnership among secondary and postsecondary education.

## Articulation

Articulation is a planned process with courses containing the same content as an equivalent college course and for which a postsecondary institution has agreed to award college credit or technical center program hours. These credits or hours are applied toward the completion of a career program. Program articulation assures that students experience a seamless transition from high school to college without additional delays (no duplication of coursework or loss of credit).

## Available Programs of Study

- Accounting Operations
- Administrative Assistant/Medical Secretary (Computer Applications)
- Agriculture
- Animal Sciences & Services
- Automotive Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Business Supervision and Management
- Commercial Air Conditioning Technology
- Commercial Art
- Computer Network Support Services
- Construction Electricity
- Construction Services
- Criminal Justice Operations
- Culinary Arts - Food Production & Services
- Digital Design & Publishing
- Drafting / Illustrative Design Technology

- Early Childhood Education – Childcare Development Specialist
- Early Childhood Education - Preschool Teacher
- Gaming, Simulation, Animation
- Drafting
- Electronics
- Engineering Technology
- Health Careers
- Legal Administrative Specialist
- Manufacturing Material & Process Technology
- Marketing
- New Media Technology
- PC Support
- TV Production
- Tech Studies

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## PARENT CORNER

- ✓ Discussion starter: Parents, talk to your high school student about Career Pathways, and whether they are taking a sequence of career and technical education classes that can articulate into college credit.
- ✓ Statistics tell us that at ten years past high school graduation, 80% of young adults in Florida will only have a high school diploma and no further postsecondary degree. Work with your child to change that statistic—help guide them into earning a degree, certificate, or licensure.
- ✓ To find out more about Career Pathways in Manatee County, contact Carol Lewis, Career Pathways Coordinator, Adult, Career & Technical Education Department, (941) 708-8770 ext. 2194.

## FCAT reading comprehension QUESTION

★ What is a Career Pathway?

Answer: a series of high school career classes that earn college credit and ultimately, a degree in the same field.



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