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Check out the following websites:

- www.SuncoastTechPrep.com
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/
- www.florida.echoices.com
- www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org
- www.mccfl.edu
- www.usf.edu

InnoVators TECH PREP: EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

(EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADERS - THIS IS FOR YOU!)

This is an important time of year for eighth and ninth graders. In the next few weeks you will be registering for next year's classes. Have you considered a Tech Prep Career Pathway? Tech Prep offers real-world learning that directly applies to a career. When students take a specific series of career-related classes (the "pathway"), they gain lifelong skills AND earn college credit. While in middle school, you may not even be thinking about college yet. But your parents are! Earning college credit in high school AND possibly qualifying for a scholarship will save thousands of dollars! Here's how.

College Credit

When you earn free college credit in high school, that's less money you have to pay later to earn a degree. To earn college credit, students must earn a "C" or better in their chosen career classes and can earn up to nine credits. The Suncoast Tech Prep Consortium has developed articulation (credit-awarding) agreements between the Manatee and Sarasota school districts and:

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

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

Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship

Following the Tech Prep Career Pathway may qualify students for the Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship, one of the Florida Bright Futures scholarships. The Gold Seal awards 75% off tuition from a Florida college. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 average in a minimum of three Tech Prep classes and a 3.0 in other core academic classes. (Other qualifications must be met; visit the Bright Futures website for more details.)

Job Shadowing

Figuring out what you want to be when you grow up can be a challenge. To face the challenge, Tech Prep students often spend a day on the job with a workplace mentor. Students who job shadow often get that "Aha!" moment when they see how school work relates to a career.

Higher Skills, Higher Salaries

Tech Prep jump-starts students' skills so they can find better, higher paying jobs. Following a Tech Prep Career Pathway is the smart thing to do, whether for career goals, skills, college credits, or scholarships. Choose your Tech Prep Career Pathway today!

How to Choose Electives

Students have the opportunity to take eight electives in high school. Don't waste these electives! Choose them carefully to earn college credit and qualify for scholarships. Do you choose electives because your friends choose them? No! Think about your favorite car—do you like it because your friends like it, or because it suits YOU? Put the same thought and excitement into your elective classes. What are you passionate about? What careers do you want to explore?

Sixteen Career Clusters group together classes that link education with industry. Here is a list of Tech Prep elective classes grouped by Career Clusters available in Manatee County. Not all programs are located at each school. Students desiring a program not available at their school may apply to attend another school through school choice. Check your school's website to see which programs are offered.

Career Clusters	Tech Prep Elective Classes Offered in Manatee County	Career Clusters	Tech Prep Elective Classes Offered in Manatee County
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriscience Agribusiness Horticulture 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culinary Arts - Food Production & Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Construction Technology Commercial Air Conditioning Technology Construction Electricity Drafting / Illustrative Design Technology 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Support Services Web Design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Design & Publishing New Media Technology TV Production Web Design 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material & Process Technology
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Operations Administrative Assistant / Medical Secretary (Computer Applications) Business Supervision and Management Legal Administrative Specialist Marketing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing Marketing, Sports, Recreation, & Entertainment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Education – Preschool Teacher Early Childhood Education – Childcare Development Specialist 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications Technology Drafting Electronics Engineering Technology Computer Network Support Services PC Support Technology Studies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allied Health Assisting First Responder Nursing Assistant 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive Technology Manufacturing Material & Process Technology



Help Wanted: Business and Industry Partners

Business partners are crucial to the success of our students. Partners can be involved in several ways

including Advisory Councils, mentoring, career shadowing, curriculum review, classroom career presentations, internships, and financial sponsorships. If you know of an individual or business that might be interested in making a difference, please contact us. Opportunities are available with a variety of time commitments.

To find out more...

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