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Tech Prep: Your Career Pathway Starts Here



Students—are you prepared for college and a 21st Century workforce?

Would you like to save money on your college education and ensure you are prepared for a 21st Century career? Tech Prep can help! Tech Prep/Career Pathway students have the opportunity to earn college credit for their completed high school career and technical education program. These students also have the potential to qualify for Florida Gold Seal Scholarship assistance.

From high school to college and beyond

Tech Prep is an exciting program that links high school students to their college and career interests. Students begin a college-level technical major in high school, giving them a head start in post secondary education. Students must complete a series of sequential career and technical courses with an average grade of C or better. After completing these courses (along with core academic courses) and passing required assessments, students are eligible to enroll in one of the partnering community colleges or technical institutes and receive college credit in that field.

Upon high school graduation, Tech Prep students continue their education at one of the partnering community colleges or technical institutes where they can earn an associate degree, certificate and/or license, depending on their program. Suncoast Tech Prep Consortium has developed partnerships for articulation programs between the Manatee and Sarasota County school districts and several local post secondary institutions.

What is articulation?

In the ABCs of Tech Prep, articulation is defined as:

“A process of coordinating policies and practices among sectors of the education system to produce a **seamless flow of students from one level to another**; an attitude of **willingness of educators to work together** to transcend the individual and institutional self-interest that impedes the maximum development of the student; and a goal **to create an educational system without artificial divisions that eliminates loss of credit, delays, and unnecessary duplication of effort.**” (emphasis added)

In Tech Prep, articulation means colleges and technical centers award credit for high school studies. Articulation benefits everyone involved. Students and parents benefit by saving time and money. High school educators benefit by having more motivated students. Postsecondary institutions benefit by gaining students who have already gained a strong foundation.

Tech Prep Career Pathways: Articulation that Works!



Robin Pratt knew almost immediately upon entering Nancy Acton’s Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Manatee High School that she had found her future. Ms. Acton’s enthusiasm was contagious, and soon Robin was committed to completing the program and furthering her education to be better equipped to work with children. A positive experience in her ECE internship at Puppy Patch Preschool helped to solidify that choice.

While in high school, Robin was active in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and won first place in a district competition and a gold medal at state competition. Robin also became certified in First Aid/CPR, which proved to be a real advantage when applying for jobs. In her senior year, Ms. Acton named Robin *Outstanding Early Education Student of the Year*.



Upon completion of the high school ECE program, Robin was presented with a Tech Prep Program Completer certificate. She took it to Heather Mills, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisor at Manatee Community College (MCC), and was thrilled that she was eligible to receive nine credit hours (three classes) before starting the MCC ECE program. That was a tremendous help to Robin who is supporting herself by working at a preschool and daycare while going to school in the evenings. The Tech Prep articulated credit saved tuition and book costs for those three classes—PLUS she wasn’t retaking curriculum that she had already successfully completed. Now that’s articulation that works!

Robin’s future is bright. It includes teaching preschool, continuing her education, and someday owning and running a preschool. Her ultimate goal is to teach Early Childhood Education to college students. No doubt she’ll succeed, and it all started on a simple pathway—a *TECH PREP/CAREER PATHWAY*.



There are many different Tech Prep Career Pathways to choose from within these categories:

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services (Cosmetology)
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Manufacturing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

For more details and to find out which school offers what programs, visit www.SuncoastTechPrep.com, click **Programs & Articulation**, then click either **Manatee County** or **Sarasota County**.

WEB Wise

Check out the following websites:

- www.SuncoastTechPrep.com
- www.ManateeACT.com
- www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org
- www.sarasotatech.org
- www.mccfl.edu

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For more information about Tech Prep/Career Pathways, visit: www.SuncoastTechPrep.com

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