Dual Credit Courses

High school students can also earn college credit through dual credit courses such as history, English, government and economics. Students taking dual credit courses are dually enrolled in both high school and college, therefore tuition is required. To sign up for these classes, see your high school counselor or go to the Collin College website at: www.ccccd.edu.

Dual credit courses are not eligible for financial aid.

If you would like more information about Tech Prep programs, call Global EDGE at 972.548.6723 or check with your counselors to see which college Tech Prep courses you can take to earn college credit before you graduate.

Tech Prep courses taken in high school do not require tuition.

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Eighty-five percent of jobs today require training beyond high school. If you have this resource guide, either you have completed a college Tech Prep program in high school or you are considering a college Tech Prep program in high school.

Tech Prep programs:

- Give students marketable skills
- Give students a chance to earn tuition-free credit in high school
- Give students a head start on their associate degree
- Are based on the recommended graduation plan
- May qualify students for the Distinguished Achievement Plan
- Give students a head start on their associate degree

Business and industry in the North Texas region need employees with education in technical areas. There are many technical programs at Collin College that can train students for a rewarding career with a good starting salary.

Collin College is affordable, has smaller classes, dedicated instructors and excellent counselors to help you get started. Collin College is a valid option whether you are seeking a certificate or an associate degree, or are taking your basics to transfer to a university. Remember to ask for your Tech Prep Credit. It’s money in the bank.

Earn college credits in high school. Collin College Tech Prep programs were set up to help students be successful in community college and beyond. It is an opportunity to see that you have what it takes to succeed in college and provides you a chance to earn free college credit to help you get started. Many times, even a one-year certificate can greatly increase your potential for earnings and a two-year associate’s degree can put you “in demand” in the workforce.

You can earn college credit at Collin College through courses taken during high school. This credit can give you a financial benefit as well as a head start in college.

Steps to receive your college Tech Prep scholarship...

1. Complete the high school Tech Prep class with a grade of B or better.
2. Receive an 80 or better on the end-of-course exam in high school (applicable only to select programs).*
3. Enroll at Collin College within 24 months after high school graduation and complete six* non-developmental education credits.* Students who were concurrently enrolled at Collin College need to complete only three additional credits after high school graduation as a condition of eligibility.
4. Complete a petition for Tech Prep Credit and return it, along with an official final high school transcript, to the Global EDGE Office on the Central Park Campus.

* Child development courses require end-of-course grades of 85 or better.

For more information, contact the Global EDGE office at 972.548.6723 or visit the Global EDGE Tech Prep Consortium website at www.ccccd.edu/globaledge.
www.bridges.com

Here’s what Bridges.com can do for you:

**Choices Explorer**
Don’t know what career you’d like to have in the future? Take a career interest survey, read articles about careers and set up a personal portfolio with the careers that you like!

**Choices Planner**
Use planner to map your educational and career pathway. Continue using your personal portfolio and take a look at college choices, costs and make well-informed decisions about your future.

See your Tech Prep teacher or Guidance Office for your school’s username and password. Not all schools have Bridges products.

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Getting there in two years.

At a time when some graduates of universities are finding jobs in their field of study harder and harder to come by, it is not surprising that occupation-oriented degrees and certificates awarded by the nation’s more than 1,200 community colleges are becoming increasingly attractive to students. For many students, two-year programs often offer something far more important than status: employment with only two years of college.

**Biotechnology**
- Learn methods and technology that relates to agriculture, pharmaceuticals and medicine.
- Become a part of one of the fastest growing occupational fields in the nation.
- Take coursework offered in a variety of scientific areas including biotechnology, chemistry and biology.
- Participate in an internship for hands-on experience in the biotechnology field.

An associate of applied science (AAS) in biotechnology will prepare you for entry level positions in biological research and industrial laboratories.

**Child Development**
- Gain childcare instruction and education for specialized employment.
- Learn stages of growth and behavior.
- Study how to understand children’s needs.
- Earn an associate of arts (AA) degree in education, AAS in child development or specialized certificates in early childhood administrator, infant and toddler educator, school-age educator, early childhood special educator, child development associate and teacher assistant.

Help our children by becoming a Head Start teacher or child care provider.

**Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD)**
- Learn how to prepare technical drawings used to build products and structures.
- Receive training for production of visual design used for packaging and displays.
- Use modern drafting equipment, computers and computer software.
- Earn an AAS in CADD, electronic design or integrated circuit design and layout.

Be a graphic designer or computer-aided drafting specialist.

**Computer Information Systems**
- Solve problems that are encountered when working in this ever-changing and growing occupation.
- Gain a broad business background and the professional skills needed to be successful.
- Earn an AAS in computer information systems or computer applications and specialized certificates in applications programming and computer applications.

Become a business programmer, database programmer, PC support specialist or a computer programmer.
Computer Networking Technology
- Learn routing configuration and networking
- Master computer maintenance
- Study design and management of local and wide area networks
- Utilize Flex Entry classes to fit your schedule
- Earn an AAS in computer networking technology, Cisco systems networking specialization and information systems cybersecurity specialization

Become a Cisco certified networking associate, LAN specialist or network manager.

Convergence Technology
- Work with voice, video and integrated data over an IP network
- Study with programs solving real-world issues
- Use Collin College’s state-of-the-art Convergence Technology Lab
- Build a portfolio of completed work before entering the convergence technology workforce

Enter the world as a convergence specialist, home technology integrator or wireless communications specialist.

Criminal Justice
- Study the role of criminal justice in the United States
- Comprehend the social and political aspects of crime in our society
- Learn the purpose and need for laws
- Earn an AA in criminal justice

Become a criminologist, detective, victim services counselor, law enforcement officer or investigator.

E-Business Media
- Create dynamic websites for information distribution, tutorials, e-commerce and business
- Earn an AAS in e-business media and specialized certificates in web development, e-business and e-commerce

Be an e-commerce site manager, an interactive multimedia programmer, a web content developer or a multimedia developer.

Electronic Technology and Electronic Engineering Technology
- Become a electronic technician
- Work with computers, electronic maintenance, manufacturing, field service engineering and communications
- Earn an AAS in electronic technology, electronic engineering technology, electro-optical specialization, computer maintenance electronic specialization and instrumentation electronic specialization

Enjoy careers in avionic and space communications, laser and fiber optics and equipment manufacturing.

Hospitality and Food Service Management
- Get a glimpse of behind-the-scenes operation of the hospitality industry
- Learn food sanitation and safety
- Learn food preparation
- Earn an AAS in hotel/restaurant management, culinary arts specialization

Let your creativity run free…become a chef or a caterer. Or take the corporate route and become a banquet, restaurant or resort manager.

Information Systems Cybersecurity
- Develop skills in cybersecurity management
- Learn tasks relating to network management, system administration, technical support and equipment repair
- Design and install secure network systems
- Prepare for a variety of Cisco, Microsoft and CompTIA certification exams.

Become a network consultant, systems administrator, security analyst or security consultant.

Interior and Architectural Design
- Study computer-aided design
- Learn technical drawing
- Master the elements of design
- Earn an AAS in interior and architectural design

Enter the world of architectural or interior design. Help to create a more beautiful environment.

Marketing
- Learn about small business management
- Explore courses in advertising and earn specialized certificates in business management and marketing
- Collin College’s new sports marketing marketable skills achievement award prepares students for a wide variety of occupations in sports management and marketing

Enjoy a position in advertising, customer service, international marketing, promotions and sales, retailing and sales management.

Office Systems Technology
- Develop oral and written communication skills
- Learn to prepare and analyze business records
- Operate office equipment and software
- Develop attitudes, knowledge and skills for office settings
- Utilize Flex Entry classes to fit your schedule
- Earn an AAS in office systems technology and specialized certificates in legal office support, medical office support and medical transcription

Be an office manager, an executive assistant, an accounting clerk or virtual office assistant.