

WHAT IS SOAR?

- SOAR stands for Students Occupationally & Academically Ready
- SOAR programs of study incorporate secondary and postsecondary education elements to insure relevant career and technical content

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS TIME NEXT YEAR?

Working a low paying job?
Living with your parents?
Going to college?

- College is a good next-step for Career and Technical students
- SOAR is a new opportunity for students which makes earning college credits through your career and technical program of study a real possibility

WHY IS A COLLEGE EDUCATION RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Often students with four-year degrees return to their community college in order to earn technical degrees needed in the job market
- Many community college graduates earn certificates or associate degrees
- Many associate degrees can transfer to baccalaureate programs
- Students with two-year degrees may be employed at higher starting salaries than some four-year degree students
- Ask your school counselor about this exciting new program when you schedule for your Career and Technical courses

For more information about your future career plans, speak to your school counselor and check out www.pacareerzone.com

HOW DO YOU EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDITS?

- Earn a high school diploma
- Maintain a 2.5 grade point average in your technical courses
- Achieve competent or advanced on the End of Program assessment (NOCTI, etc.)
- Complete a competency task list at the proficient level or above
- Earn industry certificates where available
- Successfully apply to the college of your choice that offers your Program of Study

Programs are listed on the other side of this brochure. Don't be discouraged if your field of interest is not listed as new programs are continually being developed.

To view current advanced credit opportunities articulated with postsecondary institutions, go to the Equivalency Search results at www.collegetransfer.net Select PA Bureau of Career and Technical Education at the "From" drop down menu.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The key to a successful and productive society is found in maintaining an educated workforce. Pennsylvania's commitment to developing that workforce is evidenced by its dedication to career and technical education. Whether you want to become a computer technician, an aviation mechanic, or an entrepreneur, you've come to the right place. Pennsylvania's Career and Technical Education programs provide training and education for individuals ages 14 and up through regional career and technical programs located across the state.

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

- Your first step is to share this information with your parents
- Together you can then contact your school counselor prior to scheduling for the next school year
- Include college prep academic courses in your schedule to assure college success



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Partnering schools:

Allegheny County High School
Allegheny Career Center
Allegheny Senior and Technical Center
Allegheny County Career and Technical Center
Allegheny Technical School
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Allegheny Career Center
Allegheny High School
Allegheny Technology Center
Allegheny Career Center

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AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Accounting Technology
Administrative Assistant
Agricultural Mechanization
Autobody/Collision & Repair Technology
Automotive Mechanics Technology
Biotechnology
Building/Property Maintenance
Cabinetmaking/Millwork
Carpentry
Child Care and Support Services Management
Commercial & Advertising Art
Computer Systems Networking & Telecommunications
Computer Technology
Construction Trades
Dental Assisting/Assistant
Drafting & Design Technology
Electrical & Power Transmission Installers
Electronic & Communications Engineering Technology
General Office Occupations & Clerical Services
Graphic Communications
Health/Medical Assisting
Health Professions & Related Clinical Sciences
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting & Protective Services
Institutional Food Worker
Logistics, Materials & Chain Supply Management
Machine Tool Technology
Mason/Masonry
Medical/Clinical Assistant
Medium/Heavy Vehicle & Truck Technology
Plumbing Technology
Sales, Distribution & Marketing Operations
Vehicle Maintenance Technology
Welding Technology

SOAR SUPPORTS HIGH DEMAND CAREERS

SOAR programs prepare today's student for High Priority Occupations which include career categories that are in high demand by employers, have higher skill needs, and are most likely to provide family sustaining wages.

BENEFITS OF SOAR:

- Save money on college tuition
- Save time by shortening college attendance
- Get on the right career pathway
- Enter the job market well prepared
- Get a consistent education

To view a complete list of programs please visit:

http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs_of_study

YOUR FUTURE BEGINS BEFORE GRADUATION

