TECH PREP

What is Tech Prep?

The TECH PREP program is an effort between high schools and colleges to provide an opportunity for students to earn college credit for specific high school classes. The major goal is to provide students with a guided curriculum for high school completion which will prepare them to be successful when they enter technical programs at the community college level. The technical programs can be in the areas of business, health, or industrial technology.

The high school completion component of the program will be a blend of the mathematics, science, communication skills, and occupational exploration/preparation courses, which will provide graduates with the background needed at the community college level. For those students who decide to pursue an occupational/technical specialty track as part of their high school completion, advance college placement and credit opportunities may be available to them through a proficiency exam.

As part of the process, students will work with high school counselors as they construct an educational development plan (EDP). This will map out the classes leading to a high school diploma as well as courses to be taken at the community college.

Why a Tech Prep Program?

A high school diploma is not sufficient preparation for acquiring a good paying job. The chances of gaining jobs with just a high school diploma will be even less likely in the future. It needs to be considered that a person's education should span at least 14 years - high school plus two years at a community college.

The job market does not demand a great number of four-year college graduates. It does, however, demand employees who can solve technical problems and share ideas with others. The TECH PREP program was developed to guide students into courses, which will form a firm academic and technological foundation on which to build their futures.

See Counselors for further information.