



CHARTIERS VALLEY

HIGH SCHOOL

Inspiring excellence.

Post Secondary Planning

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COLLEGE SEARCH

WHAT TO CONSIDER?

- Cost & Financial Aid
- Location & Setting
- Distance from home
- Selectivity
- Size of Campus
- Number of students
- Type - Public or Private
- Majors
- Special Programs
- Student Organizations
- Athletics
- Affiliations

FINDING YOUR COLLEGE FIT

- Academic Fit
- Social Fit
- Financial Fit



Fit happens over time and requires effort on the part of the student.
There maybe more than one “perfect” fit school for you!

COLLEGE ADMISSION DECISIONS...

- Your HS Grades
- Strength of curriculum - rigorous courses?
- SAT & ACT scores - *many colleges are now test optional*
- Essay / Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation (LOR)
- Demonstrated interest - visit/tour? meet with reps?
- Class Rank
- Interview / Portfolio
- Extracurricular Activities /Leadership positions

How many colleges should I apply to?

5 - 8 is ideal

- **Safety Schools** - Your test scores and GPA exceed the minimum requirements
- **Fit/Match** - Your test scores and GPA are within the required standards
- **Dream/Reach** - Your test scores are at the tail end or don't meet the minimum requirements

JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

SPRING SEMESTER

- Take SAT/ACT in March, April, May, or June
- Register for senior year carefully, review post secondary admissions requirements
- Visit college campuses (or participate in virtual rep visits & tours)
- Participate in summer programs in your area of interest
- Before summer break, request (2) teacher letters of recommendations and if required (1) counselor letter
- <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1598531170/cvsdnet/vf9yrc5btqxduhz8llk2/COLLEGEPLANNINGCHECKLIST-JUNIORS.pdf>


VISIT CAMPUS



Sign up for **Rep Visits** via Naviance!
Online virtual campus tours have become extremely popular - especially this year!

- TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR
- VISIT AS MANY SCHOOLS AS POSSIBLE
- OPEN HOUSE, INFORMATION SESSION, INTERVIEW
- THREE SCHOOL DAYS FOR VISITS TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES ARE PERMITTED JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR
(COLLEGE VISIT FORM IN HS OFFICE)

SAT vs. ACT

 Test Structure and Format	SAT	ACT®
Number of questions	154	215
Time per question	1:10	0:49
Structure	3 tests + optional SAT Essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Score Range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing test scores: 2–12)
Test components	Reading Test 65 minutes, 52 questions Writing and Language Test 35 minutes, 44 questions Math Test 80 minutes, 58 questions <i>Use of a calculator permitted on some problems</i>	Reading Test 35 minutes, 40 questions English Test 45 minutes, 75 questions Math Test 60 minutes, 60 questions <i>Use of a calculator permitted on all problems</i> Science Test 35 minutes, 40 questions
Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute SAT Essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)

NAVIANCE STUDENT

<https://student.naviance.com/chartiersvhs>

- VIEW ADMISSIONS DATA (SPECIFIC TO CV)
- SEARCH & SAVE FAVORITE COLLEGES
- VIEW SCHEDULE & REGISTER TO MEET WITH COLLEGE REPS VISITING THE HIGH SCHOOL
- COMPLETE SURVEYS & REQUEST LETTERS OF REC
- LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS
- INDICATE WHERE YOU HAVE APPLIED/DECISIONS

APPLICATION TYPES

- **Rolling Admission**: NO application deadline. Ongoing decisions are made all throughout the year. Priority given to those applying early. Can depend on major.
- **Early Action**: (non-binding) typically apps due in November, recommended. Decisions mid January
- **Early Decision**: **BINDING!** Can only apply early DECISION to ONE college. Application deadline is usually November 1st or Nov. 15th. You may apply to other colleges under Early Action. **YOU MUST COMMIT TO COLLEGE ONCE ACCEPTED!!!** Sometimes there is an advantage with admissions decisions & financial aid when applying early decision
- **Regular Decision**: Deadline – usually January 1st. Decisions released April 1st. Students have till May 1st to commit

WAYS TO APPLY

- Direct - College's Official Website
- Common App
- Coalition App

Colleges will utilize your email address to communicate with you regarding your application. Check your email and save your application login info- username & password

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Letter of Recommendation (LOR) - Teacher

- Ask early. Teacher should have 3 weeks to write letter.
- Log into Naviance - College tab - Apply - LOR
- Select Teacher & Add Request
- Complete Teacher Rec Letter Survey (in About Me - Surveys from your School)
- Write a thank-you note to your teachers

NO MORE THAN 2 TEACHER LETTERS

Counselor Recommendation Letter/Written Evaluation

- Same as above, but complete the “counselor letter of recommendation”
- Only if application requires, should you request a counselor letter

TECHNICAL & SKILLED TRADES PROGRAMS

Skilled Trades

Skilled trades are occupations that require a special skill, knowledge or ability which can be obtained at a college, technical school or through specialized training. Skilled trades provide an alternative to jobs that require four years of college education. While skilled trades can be separated into many areas such as manufacturing, technology, energy, and healthcare, they are generally divided into the following three categories

Skilled Industrial Trades: welders, machinists, mechanics, tool and die makers, programmers

Skilled Construction Trades: electricians, plumbers, gasfitters, carpenters, bricklayers, technicians, insulators

Skilled Service Trades: nurses, aides, orderlies, therapists, service technicians

Bella Capelli

<https://paulmitchell.edu/pittsburgh>

412-424-0379 x3

Cosmetology

Summary

Paul Mitchell Diploma & State Boards

10 months (1250 hours)

Monday - Friday 9:00a - 4:30p

\$19,500 (School Supplies, Kit, and Tuition Costs)

Applicants Must

Complete Application and entrance essay

OTHER PROGRAMS:

[Empire Beauty](#), [N & S Hills Beauty Academy](#), [Toni & Guy](#)



Bidwell Training Center

1815 Metropolitan St., Pgh., PA 15233

<https://bidwelltraining.edu/>

Chemical laboratory Technician (Associate's Degree)	13 months
Culinary Arts	12 months
Medical Assistant	7 months
Horticulture Technology	8 months
Medical Coder/Biller	8 months
Pharmacy Technician	8 months



- No Cost
- Full time – Monday through Friday
- Must have either high school diploma or GED
- Must attend information session, take assessment, and interview

CCAC offers affordable tuition, financial aid to those who qualify & state-of-the-art facilities.

The average trades class size is 16 students per course and many programs offer both day and evening classes.

The following degrees or certificates can be earned in two years or less. In addition to formal education, skilled trade occupations often require apprenticeships and professional licenses.

CCAC trade programs include:

Automotive Technology

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- CCAC offers students the option of enrolling in the newest technologies related to green initiatives, including learning to service hybrid and alternative fuel cars.
- Automotive service technicians earn an average of \$19.61 per hour or \$39,220 per year.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Career Guide to Industries, 2010-2011

Building Construction Estimating

Associate of Science (AS) Program

Building Construction Supervision

Associate of Science (AS) Program

Building Construction Technology

Associate of Science (AS) Program

- CCAC Building Construction programs are LEED compliant. The construction industry is one of the nation's largest industries resulting in nine million jobs.
- Construction industry jobs are expected to grow much faster than average through 2018 with 19% job growth. Skilled construction workers earn an average of \$21.87 per hour or \$43,740 per year.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Career Guide to Industries, 2010-2011

Building Maintenance Technology

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- Employment of general maintenance and repair workers is expected to grow 11% through 2018. The median hourly wage of general maintenance and repair workers is \$16.21.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Carpentry Certificate Program

- The median wage for carpenters in Pittsburgh is \$41,410 per year.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2011, www.bls.gov

Electrical Construction Technology

Associate of Science (AS) Program

- The median wage in Pennsylvania for electricians is \$26.89 per hour or \$55,940 per year.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Electrical Distribution Technology

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- The median hourly wage of electrical and electronics repairers of powerhouse, substation and relay is \$29.34.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Heating & Air Conditioning

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- Special attention will be given to the integration of green technologies in this program, which is Energy Star compliant.
- The median wage for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics and installers in Pennsylvania is \$43,570 per year. Jobs for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration installers are expected to grow much faster than average through 2018 with 28% job growth.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Heavy Equipment Operating Engineers

Certificate Program

- The median wage for operating engineers in Pittsburgh is \$22.12 per hour or \$46,010 per year.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov



Community College of Allegheny County

www.ccac.edu

- Degrees or Certificates
- Two years or less
- GED or high school diploma
- Est. \$10K per year for full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students

Community College of Allegheny County

Automotive
Building Construction/maintenance,
Carpentry
Electrical construction/distribution
Heating & Air
Heavy Equipment
Ironworker
Mechanical electronics/maintenance
Painters & Allied Trades
Plumber
Sheet Metal
Stationary Engineer
Welding Technology

Ironworker Certificate Program

- The median wage for structural iron and steel workers in Pittsburgh is \$54,970 per year. Reinforcing iron and metal worker jobs are expected to grow at least as fast as the overall rate through 2018 with 12% job growth.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Mechanical Electronics Technology Certificate Program

- Overall employment of electrical and electronics installers and repairers is expected to grow by 5% through the year 2018. The median hourly wage of electrical and electronics repairers of commercial and industrial equipment is \$23.29.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Mechanical Maintenance Technology Certificate Program

- Employment of general maintenance and repair workers is expected to grow 11% through 2018. The median hourly wage of general maintenance and repair workers is \$16.21.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Painters & Allied Trades

Associate of Science (AS) Program

- Overall employment is expected to grow 7% through 2018. The hourly wage for painters ranges from \$14.87 to \$16.72.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Plumber Apprenticeship Certificate Program

Plumbing Certificate Program

- Green initiatives such as conservation, sustainability and alternative energy will be covered in this program.

- The median wage for plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters in Pittsburgh is \$52,730 per year. Jobs for plumbers, pipe layers, pipefitters and steamfitters are expected to grow much faster than average through 2018 with 16% job growth.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Sheet Metal Worker Apprenticeship

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- Employment of sheet metal workers is expected to increase by 6% through 2018. The median hourly wages of sheet metal workers is \$19.37.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Stationary Engineer

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- Employment of stationary engineers is expected to grow by 5% through 2018. The median annual wage of stationary engineers is \$49,790.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

Welding Technology

Associate of Science (AS) & Certificate Programs

- The median wage for welders, cutters, solderers and brazers in Pittsburgh is \$34,490 per year.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2011



Community College of Beaver County

<http://ccbc.edu/>

Community College of Beaver County offers the #1 aviation training program in the nation, which includes four two-year degree programs: Professional Pilot, Air Traffic Control, Aerospace Management, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drones).

Programs of Study

Aerospace Management

Air Traffic Control

Aviation Instructor (Certificate)

Professional Pilot

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

- 2 years
- Additional fees for flying
- High need for all above majors



For-Profit Schools

The schools listed below are for-profit institutions that are run and owned by private, profit-seeking companies.

They have been established and operate with the intention of making a profit.

They are very *costly* and most colleges/universities will *not* accept any credits to transfer to a four year degree.

This is not a complete list

*DeVry U, Kaplan, Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics,
Strayer U, Triangle Tech, U of Phoenix, Vet Tech Institute*



New Century Careers

333 East Carson Street, Pgh, PA 15219

www.ncsquared.com

Machinist

Student will learn the basic of operating pedal grinders, saws, drill press, surface grinders, lathes, vertical milling, and CNC machines. Students will also learn blueprint reading, applied math, layout and bench work.

Summary:

- 6 months
- Certificate
- NO Cost!

Applicants Must:

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Demonstrate successful performance on an aptitude test
- Completed application with two reference letters
- <https://www.ncsquared.com/manufacturing-2000/>



Nursing

[UPMC](#) (Mercy, St. Margaret, Shadyside, Jameson)

[West Penn Hospital school of Nursing](#)

[Heritage Valley Kennedy School of Nursing](#) (formerly Ohio Valley)

[Washington Hospital](#) (Nursing & Radiology)

Summary

RN (Registered Nurse)

Full time 16 - 22 months

Tuition/program typically costs about \$30K

Applicants Must:

- Typically need C+ higher in science/labs
- Cumulative 2.5 unweighted GPA
- TEAS Pre-entrance Exam
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Completed application



Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics

5 Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin, PA 15212

www.pia.edu

Aviation Maintenance Technology *Aviation Electronics Technology*

Summary:

- 21 months
- Associate Degree
- Classes M-Friday 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Applicants Must:

- Have a high school diploma or a GED
- Take math skills assessment test to assess the student's educational needs
- Completed application



Pittsburgh Technical College

<https://ptcollege.edu/>

1111 McKee Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
(412) 809-5100

With more than 30 programs, Pittsburgh Technical College prepares students for career success. On-campus, degree-seeking students have internships or clinical rotations before graduation.

Applicants Must

1. Upload a copy of your transcript(s) so that we can review the application for acceptance.
2. Complete an online background check only if your program requires it
3. Submit your \$100 tuition deposit, since it's a step toward securing admission. All fees are fully refundable, if you are not accepted at this time.
4. Submit your \$350 housing deposit if you plan to live in PTC housing.
5. Submit your housing paperwork (you'll tell us about yourself and sign housing documents).
6. Find directions on completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and information on both grants and scholarships (money towards tuition that you don't need to pay back) and student/parent loan options.
7. Attending required orientation will be your last step before your first day in class.

Rosedale Technical College

215 Beecham Drive, Pgh, PA 15205

www.rosedaletech.org

Students have the opportunity to learn in a friendly, family environment with knowledgeable instructors. An associate in specialized technology (AST) degree can be earned in just 16 months.

Ranked #11 in the nation for top trade schools by Forbes in 2018 as well as a 2019-2020 Military Friendly® Top Ten School (Ranked 8th).

Applicants Must

Have a high school diploma or a GED

Successfully complete and pass a recognized scholastic entrance exam.

Participate in a personal interview and be referred to the Director of Admissions for acceptance

16 month program (apx. \$28,000)

Triangle Tech

www.triangle-tech.edu

CADD w/Additive Manufacturing & 3D Printing Technology

Maintenance Electricity & Construction Technology

Refrigeration, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning Technology

Carpentry & Construction Technology

Welding & Fabrication Technology

Industrial & Structural Welding

Summary:

- 16 months
- 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM Monday thru Friday

Applicants must:

- Have a high school diploma or GED



Vet Tech Institute

125 Seventh Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222

<https://www.vettechinstitute.edu/>

- 18 Month Program
- Graduates of the Vet Tech Institute's **veterinary technology programs** are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE)



Unions/Builders Guild

www.buildersguild.org

Apprenticeship Programs

Apprenticeship and ongoing skills enhancement training are keys to building a life-long career in the construction trade unions.

<http://www.buildersguild.org/index.php/union-apprenticeships>

Applicant Must

- *Be at least 18 years of age*
- *Have a high school diploma or GED*
- *Valid PA driver's license*
- *Suitable transportation*
- *Be drug free*

[Pre-Qualification Application](#)



Unions

- Boilermakers
- Bricklayers & Allied Crafts
- Carpenters
- Cement Masons
- Electricians
- Elevator Constructors
- Insulators
- Ironworkers
- Laborers
- Operating Engineers
- Painters, Drywall Finishers, Glaziers
- Plasterers
- Plumbers
- Roofers
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Sprinkler Fitters
- Steamfitters



PARKWAY WEST STUDENTS

<https://www.parkwaywest.org/>

- Job Postings
- Co-Ops
- Recruiting Events
- Scholarship Opportunities

Military/Armed Services

The U.S. military has five branches of service: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. The requirements to join are similar for all five.

- Military & Veteran Info
- ASVAB
- USA.gov

USAGov is the Official Guide to Government Information and Services

Your School Counselor can provide you with recruiter contact information. Recruiters also schedule visits in the HS Commons during lunch periods.



Resources & School Counselors @

<https://hs.cvsd.net/services/school-counselors>

