

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT IS THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

The Promise Career Institute is an alternate path to high school graduation where students graduate with a high school diploma and two technical college certificates which can lead to a technical college diploma or associate degree. Students must complete nine core academic courses. The remaining coursework is training in a high wage, in-demand, high skill career field (**Accelerated Career Program**).

WHAT IS THE ACCELERATED CAREER DIPLOMA?

Georgia State Law Code Section 20-2-149.2 has established a non-traditional graduation path allowing high school students the ability to earn a high school diploma with a reduced amount of required high school classes. Whereas students have been required to earn 23 credits to graduate with a traditional diploma, the **Accelerate Career Diploma** requires students earn a total of nine specific credits in high school AND two technical certificates, one technical diploma or an associate degree through the Dual Enrollment program.

WHO IS THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA PARTNER FOR THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

The Promise Career Institute is a partnership between Fulton County Schools (FCS) and Atlanta Technical College (ATC) to provide relevant and career-ready curriculum for students.

WHO CAN ENROLL IN THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

The Promise Career Institute will be open to students in grades 9-12. It is recommended students enter **The Promise Career Institute** in the 10th or 11th grade, to provide sufficient time to complete the postsecondary credits needed for graduation.

WHAT IS THE FINAL OUTCOME OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION?

Students who attend and graduate from **The Promise Career Institute** will have earned a high school diploma and two technical college certificates in one of the following programs of study: Automotive Technology, Avionics Technology, Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, Design and Media Production Technology, Diesel Technology, Early Childhood Care and Education, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, or Welding. Students who graduate from **The Promise Career Institute** will be job and career ready in these programs of study and/or can continue working towards a college diploma or associate degree at any Technical College System of Georgia School.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GRADUATE?

A four-year course plan has been developed for **The Promise Career Institute** students. However, students who progress through their coursework at an accelerated pace may be able to graduate earlier.

HOW MUCH WILL THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE COST?

Students enrolling in high school graduation **Accelerated Career Program** are limited to 30 hours of Dual Enrollment funding, just like traditional Dual Enrollment students. High school graduation **Accelerated Career Program** students who max out their 30 hours of Dual Enrollment funding may use the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant to finish their diploma program, if eligible. Students who use the HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant must meet HOPE residency requirements. Any HOPE Grant or HOPE Career Grant hours used will count against HOPE caps. All students who max out their 30 hours can choose to self-pay for additional courses.

WHERE WILL I ATTEND THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

Students taking their nine core credit classes will take these courses at **The Promise Career Institute**. Computer Networking, Cybersecurity, Design and Media Production Technology, Early Childhood Care and Education, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, or Welding students will also take their courses at **The Promise Career Institute**. Automotive Technology, Avionics Technology, and Diesel Technology students will receive transportation to Atlanta Technical College to complete these programs of study.

HOW WILL I GET TO THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

Students will receive transportation to and from their zoned high school to **The Promise Career Institute**.

WHAT CLASSES ARE OFFERED AT THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

Students enrolled at **The Promise Career Institute** will need to take nine core academic courses including American Literature and one additional English credit, Biology and one additional Science credit, Algebra I and one additional Math credit, American Government/Personal Finance and one additional Social Studies credit, and one Health/Personal Fitness credit. After completion of these courses, students will take their technical certificate courses. Find programs of study and courses [here](#) »

WHAT AM I GRADUATING WITH?

Students who enroll in **The Promise Career Institute** will graduate with a high school diploma and two technical college certificates.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ATC?

Students will follow the regular dual enrollment process listed on the Atlanta Technical College website. It will be important for students to work closely with their assigned school counselors on the application process. All students must also complete the FCS Dual Enrollment Contract.

WHAT ARE THE PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENTS FOR FCS MIDDLE COLLEGE?

While there are no pre-requisite requirements for **The Promise Career Institute**, failure to pass the nine specific high school courses and earn two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC) in a specific program of study or earn a diploma or associate degree from the technical college will prevent a student from meeting high school graduation requirements, and thus ineligible to graduate high school.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION WINDOW?

September 2023 - November 2023

CAN I DO AN INTERNSHIP WHILE AT THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

Work-Based Learning, which includes internships and apprenticeships, will be an integral part of **The Promise Career Institute**, especially during senior year.

WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED TO ATTEND?

Equipment needs will be supplied by **The Promise Career Institute**. There may be some out-of-pocket supply costs depending on the program area.

CAN I TAKE MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AT THE PROMISE CAREER INSTITUTE?

Completing programs beyond the required certificates may incur additional out-of-pocket costs. Students should work closely with their school counselors regarding academic advisement.