

WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

CAREER EDUCATION TECHNICIAN - Stephanie Price
HOURS: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00pm)
MONDAY - FRIDAY (when school is in session)
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WORK PERMITS

- If you are a student between the ages of 12-17 and are employed, the State of California requires that you have a work permit on file with your employer (Students 18 years old are not required to have a work permit). To be eligible, you must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and have 15 hours or less of Saturday School hours. For further information, instructions, and forms, visit the College and Career Center page on the Tracy High School (THS) website: <https://tracyhigh.tracy.k12.ca.us/academics-programs/college-career-center>
- To help maintain confidentiality and keep your social security number safe, official work permits will be issued to student's TUSD student email account. Student prints and signs the official work permit and submits the official work permit to their **employer**.
- If you are interested in work experience classes for high school credit, see Mr. Rooney (work experience teacher in room H102) to see if you meet the requirements for the course. If approved, follow up with your counselor to change your schedule if needed. Update your work permit with the Career Tech to reflect work experience enrollment.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities are posted on the College and Career Center page as available. The Career Center does not place students in jobs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tracy Unified School District does not have a Community Service (CS) requirement for graduation. However, some Tracy High programs have a CS requirement such as AVID, SEA, and FFA. The Career Center provides log sheets and posts community service opportunities for students. All students are encouraged to provide service to our community. Keeping track of your hours is helpful for college and scholarship application requirements. *Only Block T participants are required to turn in log sheets to the Career Center (monthly basis).*

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

- The Career Center arranges for college admissions reps to visit our campus in the fall and spring each year either in person or virtually. Listen for announcements in the student bulletin or visit the College and Career Center page on the THS website for a calendar of events.
- Start researching and visiting colleges as early as freshman year. There are many college fairs locally with several institutions providing information in one place. Colleges and Universities also have virtual tours and admissions information on their websites.
- Some local colleges in our area:
 - UC Merced
 - CSU Stanislaus
 - University of the Pacific
 - San Joaquin Delta College
 - Modesto Junior College
 - Humphrey's University
- Some local trade schools in our area:
 - Carrington College
 - San Joaquin Valley College
 - UEI College
- UC and CSU application deadlines:
 - UC application opens Aug. 1st each year
 - CSU opens October 1st each year

The deadline to submit for both UC and CSU apps is generally November 30th, unless otherwise posted.

- Apply for Community Colleges late fall or early spring (varies by college).
- Private universities have various fall and spring application openings and deadlines. The best way to determine dates for private universities is to visit their websites. Common App is used for many private institutions. It's a one stop shop where you can store your information and then apply directly from Common App.

**BE SURE YOUR COUNSELOR REVIEWS ALL COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
BEFORE YOU SUBMIT!**

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION:

- Browse the Apprenticeship link on the Career Center webpage

SAT, PSAT, and ACT INFORMATION:

- The SAT and ACT are college entrance exams. College Board is your site for SAT and ACT is its own entity. The ACT tests includes Science content while SAT does not. Check the college website directly to determine if SAT/ACT are required.
- Juniors may choose to take the PSAT/NMSQT in fall of Junior Year. This may qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship program. See College Board for more specific information.
- SAT and ACT fee waivers are available to qualified students. Refer to the fee waiver information posted on the College and Career Center webpage for more info.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

- Most scholarships advertised through the Career Center are for seniors, however, there are scholarships for grades 9 and up that are posted as received. Many local Tracy clubs and organizations will also offer scholarships for graduating seniors. Scholarships are posted as they are received on the College and Career Center page of the THS website. Please also check the CC Instagram, CC News, and sign up for the CC Remind App.
- Be sure to read all scholarship instructions and take note of the deadlines!! Be sure you meet the requirements to apply.
- There are many free scholarship search websites available. Create a profile and scholarships are sent to you based on your selections. Visit the scholarship section of the College and Career Center webpage for more details. Also check the website of the college you plan to attend for scholarships offered.
- Never pay money to apply for scholarships! You can apply for free!

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

- Typically December of senior year the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens for students to apply for federal (and state) financial aid. The California Dream Act is also available at this time (CADAA).
- FAFSA and Dream Act workshops are held early spring to assist parents and students with applications. Workshop information is typically announced in September.
- Cal Grant aid will be determined from the submitted FAFSA. There is not a separate application for Cal Grant. However, you will need to create an account with Cal Grant once the FAFSA is completed. Instructions will be provided to you with your FAFSA email correspondence.
- Never pay money to apply for FAFSA! This application is free.

US MILITARY INFORMATION:

- Recruiters from the various US Military Branches visit Tracy High throughout the year. Information is available on the College and Career Center page of the THS website.