

Accelerated Career Pathways give eligible students an exciting opportunity to fast-track their education. With this program, students can earn both a high school diploma and one of the following:

- An Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)
- A Technical Diploma
- A Published Program Leading to Licensure (PLL)
- Two Published Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs)

Students pursuing Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs) can combine two TCCs within the same program area, as outlined in the published guidelines, to meet the requirements for the Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD). If a student wishes to pair TCCs from different but closely related program areas, they must obtain prior approval from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) before enrolling. This ensures that the selected combination aligns with industry standards and provides a cohesive educational pathway for career readiness.

By focusing on a specific career pathway, students gain the skills needed for success. The "ACE" Grant covers the cost of the chosen pathway, and students must enroll in one of the 22 colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).

Ready to take the next step? Connect with your high school counselor or contact any TCSG college to learn more about **Accelerated Career Pathways**.



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

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HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- 2 English Courses (including EOC course)
- 2 Mathematics Courses (including EOC course)
- 2 Science Courses (including EOC course)
- 2 Social Studies Courses
- 1 Health/Fitness Course

Students may replace one Social Studies course with an additional Math course. Local School Districts may NOT add additional requirements above the state minimum.

COMPLETE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL COLLEGE CREDENTIALS

- 2 Published Technical Certificates or
- A Technical Diploma or
- A Published Program Leading to Licensure (PLL) or
- An Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)

AAS, Diploma, PLL, and TCC program offerings and placement criteria vary by college. Please contact your TCSG College for program availability and eligibility.



APPROVED PROGRAMS THAT LEAD TO LICENSURE

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CGL1 Cosmetology for Licensure
EB71 Emergency Medical Responder
EMJ1 Emergency Medical Technician
CE11 Esthetician
HD21 Hair Designer

NT11 Nail Technician
PN21 Practical Nursing
BI31 Barber II
BA31 Master Barber



TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES OF CREDIT (TCCs)

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To explore Accelerated Career TCCs, visit TCSG.edu/ACPathways.

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Use of the Accelerated Career Diploma Program is designed for students who intend to complete their high school diploma via Technical College awards. Students should be appropriately advised on program use to prevent switching between graduation tracks and creating possible delays in graduation.



PROGRAM OPTIONS

Students may select one of the following pathways:

1. **TCSG Associate of Applied Science (AAS)**
2. **TCSG Diploma**
3. A TCSG published **Program that leads the licensure (PLL)**
4. **Two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs)** from the published list within the same area or a pairing of closely related programs



GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAM SELECTION

1. Both TCCs and PLLs must be from the list published by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) as approved by the TCSG State Board.
2. Any two TCCs from the same area may be paired together.
3. TCC pairings of closely related programs from different areas must be approved by TCSG prior to enrollment. (Approval process below)
4. Any Entrepreneurship TCC can be combined with a TCC from any area EXCEPT the following:
 - Health Science
 - Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
 - Radiologic Technology
 - Registered Nurse
 - Social Work, Other



TCSG APPROVAL PROCESS

1. Colleges submit the requested pairing to the Office of Secondary Education Initiatives (OSEI) through the Pairings Request Form located at TCSG.edu/ACDResources.
2. In consultation with Academic Affairs, the OSEI will review the pairing using evidence provided by the college showing that the TCCs are closely related and/or lead directly to employment opportunities.
3. The list of eligible TCCs and pairings will be approved by the TCSG State Board.



IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Program offerings, as well as placement criteria, vary by college.
2. Students are encouraged to contact their local TCSG college to confirm program availability and eligibility requirements.
3. Advising plays a critical role in this process. Colleges must ensure that students can mathematically complete the program they intend to pursue within the available time frame. For example, students cannot begin an AAS program during their senior year of high school if there is insufficient time to complete the program before graduation.