

# **GCIT**

## **ADMISSIONS**

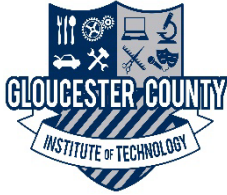
### **Gloucester County Institute of Technology**

#### **ADMISSIONS HANDBOOK APPLICANTS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**



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# Gloucester County Institute of Technology Admissions Rubric 2026-2027

The Admissions Rubric below is for the following GCIT CTE (Career Technical Education) Programs:

- Academy of Education
- Advanced Manufacturing and Applied Science
- Biological Science
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Finance & Business Management
- Health Science

Data Source	Max Points
7th Grade Average: Math, Science, Social Studies, and English	30
Teacher Recommendation (recommendation will not be viewable to applicant): * Engineering - recommendation must come from the Algebra I or Geometry teacher * Biological Science - recommendation must come from a science teacher * All other CTE programs - recommendation can be from any academic teacher	10
GCIT Administered LinkIt ELA and Math Assessment (30 points each)	60
Total Points Possible	100

**Note: All candidates applying to the Academy of Engineering must successfully pass Algebra I prior to completing 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Those who do not meet this requirement are not eligible to apply.**



The Admissions Rubric below is for the following GCIT CTE (Career Technical Education) Programs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automotive Technology</li> <li>• Baking &amp; Pastry Arts</li> <li>• Carpentry</li> <li>• Cosmetology</li> <li>• Criminal Justice</li> <li>• Culinary Arts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Media</li> <li>Electrical</li> <li>HVAC</li> <li>Performing Arts – Dance</li> <li>Performing Arts – Drama</li> <li>Plumbing</li> <li>Welding</li> </ul> |
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<b>Data Source</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
7th Grade Average: Math Science, Social Studies and English	15
Teacher Recommendation: *Recommendation may come from any academic teacher (this recommendation will not be viewable to applicant)	10
GCIT Administered LinkIt ELA and Math Assessment (25 points each)	50
CTE Assessment for the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automotive Technology      Digital Media</li> <li>• Baking &amp; Pastry Arts      Electrical</li> <li>• Carpentry      HVAC</li> <li>• Cosmetology      Performing Arts – Dance</li> <li>• Criminal Justice      Performing Arts – Drama</li> <li>• Culinary Arts      Plumbing</li> <li>   Welding</li> </ul>	25
Audition for the following programs: Performing Arts Dance & Drama	25
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	<b>100</b>

## **ADMISSIONS BASICS**

- Applicants must currently be in eighth grade as of September 2025.
- The admissions process requires the following:
  - **Seventh-grade final grades for English, Math, Science and Social Studies.** Honors classes carry no additional weight.
  - **GCIT test scores for LinkIt Math and ELA testing.** LinkIt testing covers math and Language Arts. Each test session will be approximately 45 minutes, consisting of 30 multiple choices. If your student requires accommodations for testing, parents/guardians will need to provide the contact information for the student’s case manager in order to obtain a copy of the student’s accommodations.
  - **One teacher recommendation.** Recommenders will NOT be writing personal recommendations but will complete a form. Applicants will not have access to the score results.
  - **CTE Assessment Score for specific career areas (see list in scoring rubric).**
  - **Admission to the Academy for Performing Arts Dance and Drama requires an audition.** Applicants will not have access to the audition scores results.
- An applicant is considered a Gloucester County resident if they are domiciled in Gloucester County during the 2025-2026 academic school year. A domiciled address is listed on the Federal tax return and driver’s license.

- If a resident county does not offer the academy program to which the student wishes to apply, they are eligible to apply to GCIT. If accepted, the parent/guardian is required to provide proof of tuition and transportation payment from their resident district.
- All admissions inquiries should be emailed to: [admissions@gcecnj.org](mailto:admissions@gcecnj.org). All correspondence will be through email only.
- Admitted applicants will begin their ninth-grade year in September of 2026. Applicants cannot change their Career Program once they become a student at the Gloucester County Vocational Technical School District. If we accept a student and they subsequently withdraw, they will not be able to return to the program later.
- Applicants must apply to only one career program. Applicants can change their career program choice until 12/2/2025, by contacting the Admissions Department via email [admissions@gcecnj.org](mailto:admissions@gcecnj.org). No requests for changes will be accepted after this date.
- Applicants applying to the Academy of Engineering must be in Algebra I math course in Grade 8 or have previously taken Algebra I in middle school. Applicants must successfully complete Algebra I prior to entering high school. Failure to successfully pass Algebra I by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade will make a student ineligible for GCIT's Engineering Academy.
- Homeschooled and private school students must provide the same data as all public-school applicants and will sit for GCIT administered LinkIt ELA and Math assessments as well as any applicable career assessment.
- Student Program Visits may be scheduled for applicants by visiting <https://www.gcit.org/admissions/apply-to-gcit> and click the + Student Program Visits tab. Applicants may arrange to visit GCIT during the school day to experience the career area shop. Student visits are not required for the application process but are highly encouraged! The following programs are the ONLY programs that are scheduling Student Visits:
  - Automotive Technology
  - Baking & Pastry Arts
  - Carpentry
  - Cosmetology
  - Culinary Arts
  - Digital Media
  - Dance
  - Electrical
  - HVAC-R
  - Performing Arts – Dance
  - Performing Arts – Drama
  - Plumbing
  - Welding
  - Drama

**All applicants must complete the application process in its entirety no later than midnight on 12/4/25. No late applications will be accepted.**



## GCIT'S APPLICATION PROCESS

### PHASE 1

- The applicant must access the online application at [www.gcit.org](http://www.gcit.org) under the Admission Tab
- Applications and all required assessments must be completed in full and be submitted no later than 12/4/25, to be considered for admission into the Class of 2030 for September 2026.
- Please plan to have the following information ready when completing your application:
  - Name, address and Date of Birth
  - The full name and address of the school district you live in
  - The name and address of the middle school the applicant attended
  - The full name and email of the teacher that will be providing a recommendation
  - The correct email address of the teacher the applicant requests a recommendation from. NOTE: The applicant should communicate with the teacher before applying to forewarn the teacher. The teacher will receive a recommendation link once the student completes the application.
- The parent/guardian will be required to check a box following a statement for *“I allow permission for release of all my child’s educational records. Type full name.”* – this is required in order to request records from the applicant’s middle school.
  - Records requested will be the following:
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade final grades
    - Discipline reports
    - Attendance reports
- Upon submission of the application, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address that was designated as the “Primary email” on the application.

## PHASE 2

- All applicants will be required to register and take the GCIT LinkIt ELA and Math test. You will be required to register for the required admissions testing when submitting your application. *Applications will not be able to be submitted without selecting testing dates.*
- Students applying to the Academy of Performing Arts – Dance and Drama are required to audition for their CTE Assessment. All students applying to the Dance or Drama program will be required to register for an audition date when submitting your application. Applications will not be able to be submitted without selecting audition dates.
- Students applying to the following programs are required to complete the CTE Assessment. CTE assessment dates must be chosen when you submit your application. *Applications will not be able to be submitted without selecting testing dates.*
  - Automotive Technology
  - Baking & Pastry Arts
  - Carpentry
  - Cosmetology
  - Criminal Justice
  - Culinary Arts
  - Digital Media
  - Electrical
  - HVAC
  - Performing Arts – Dance
  - Performing Arts – Drama
  - Plumbing
  - Welding
- The applicant should follow up with their middle school counselor to ensure they have submitted all the required data.
- The applicant should follow up with the teacher to ensure they have submitted the required teacher recommendation
- NOTE: all testing, middle school records and teacher recommendations MUST be received and completed no later than 12/4/25, to be eligible for application review. Late submissions will not be accepted.

## PHASE 3

- All applicants will receive an email with their admission decision in January 2026.

## PHASE 4

- Once accepted, parents/guardians must click on the link in the acceptance email by the date specified to either accept or decline admissions. Failure to complete this process by the designated date will result in the acceptance offer to be rescinded.
- Once a parent/guardian accepts admittance to GCIT for the 2026-2027 school year, a follow up email will be sent to complete your child's specific information for our PowerSchool Student Data System.
- Accepted students will receive an email in March 2026 to complete course selection for the 2026-2027 school year.



## ***DID YOU KNOW.....***

- GCIT is a full-time comprehensive high school that has enhanced its' partnership with Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) to become GCIT Rowan College Prep. This designation affords GCIT students with additional academic and industry credentialing opportunities while in high school. GCIT now has Middle States Commission approval, permitting additional college courses to be taught at GCIT up to and including degree completion. GCIT's concurrent enrollment model with RCSJ will be expanded through our Pathways Model, which aligns and streamlines GCIT high school programs with RCSJ certificate and degree programs and Rowan University certificate, undergraduate, and graduate degree programs. GCIT operates three Post Secondary Apprenticeship programs, enabling graduates to join the work force upon graduation with advanced industry standing. Our Pathways Model and our CTE and Apprenticeship programs accelerate our students' advancement in their chosen fields and greatly reduce their financial burden.

- Offers dual credit options beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade for college credit through our partnership with RCSJ. Ask a school counselor how this works or visit [Guidance - GCVTSD](#)
- GCIT offers many sports options for males, females and even has co-ed teams! Visit [Athletics - GCVTSD](#) for more information
- Offers senior year options to attend RCSJ or enroll in the School to Work program. Earn while you learn! Visit [School to Work - GCVTSD](#) for more information to see how to qualify.
- Has large offerings of Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) to experience teamwork, leadership and career building skills. Organizations such as SkillsUSA, Thespian Troupe 5480, HOSA, DECA, FCCLA, FBLA, National Honors Society, National Technical Honor Society, Student Council and many, many more! Visit [Clubs & CTSO's - GCVTSD](#) to learn more.
- GCIT has a very active PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) that is always looking to support the school administration and student body as a whole. Learn more about GCIT's PTO at [PTO Facebook Page](#)
- School Based Youth Services Program (SBYS) offers GCIT students individual and family counseling, recreational activities, career/employment exploration, leadership opportunities and other supportive services. SBYS is generously funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of Family and Community Partnerships. Learn more about SBYS at [School Based Youth Services - GCVTSD](#)



## OPEN HOUSE DATES

<del>Tuesday, October 21, 2025</del>	<del>6:00pm to 8:00pm</del>
<del>Wednesday, November 5, 2025</del>	<del>8:30am to 2:00pm</del>
Saturday, November 15, 2025	10:00am to 12:00pm

- Our Open House event is held for students and parents to visit our shops, meet the teachers and answer questions about career programs that GCIT offers.
- Registration is required to attend an Open House. Click here to register for a session [Admissions - Apply to GCIT](#) and click + GCIT Open House tab.
- Students may choose to register to complete one or more of their required assessment during Open Houses

## REQUIRED TESTING DATES

All applicants are required to take the GCIT LinkIt ELA and Math Assessment. Certain programs require CTE Assessment testing as well (see below). These scores will be used to calculate your final score. When completing your application, you will be required to select testing sessions. Applications cannot be submitted unless testing sessions are selected.

### ELA and Math Assessment Dates and Times

<del>October 20, 2025 — 5:30pm to 8:00pm</del>	November 25, 2025 5:30pm to 8:00pm
<del>November 5, 2025 — 8:30am to 2:00pm</del>	December 3, 2025 3:30pm to 6:00pm
November 11, 2025 5:30pm to 8:00pm	December 4, 2025 5:30pm to 8:00pm
November 19, 2025 3:30pm to 6:00pm	

### CTE Assessment Dates and Times

The following career programs require a CTE assessment for admissions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Automotive Technology</li> <li>○ Baking &amp; Pastry Arts</li> <li>○ Carpentry</li> <li>○ Cosmetology</li> <li>○ Criminal Justice</li> <li>○ Culinary Arts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Media</li> <li>Electrical</li> <li>HVAC</li> <li>Performing Arts – Dance</li> <li>Performing Arts – Drama</li> <li>Plumbing</li> <li>Welding</li> </ul> |
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<del>October 21, 2025 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm / 7:00pm to 8:00pm</del>
November 15, 2025 - 10:00am to 11:00am / 11:00am to 12:00pm
December 10, 2025 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**The following career programs require an audition for admissions:**

**Dance Auditions** – applicants will need to attend the entire 2 hours to audition.

- October 28, 2025                      5:00pm to 7:00pm
- November 13, 2025                    5:00pm to 7:00pm

**Drama Auditions** – applicants will need to attend for 15 minutes to audition.

- October 30, 2025                      3:00pm to 6:00pm
- November 13, 2025                    5:00pm to 8:00pm
- January 6, 2026                        3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Students may also complete their CTE Assessment during their student visit.**

Questions about testing, please email [admissions@gcecnj.org](mailto:admissions@gcecnj.org)

## **GCIT STUDENT PROGRAM VISITS**

Student visits are held every week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning October 7, 2025, and concluding on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Please note that shop visits are not mandatory but are highly recommended as they provide students with a realistic experience of their program interest. The following Career areas are the only programs that are accepting student visits.

**Automotive Technology**  
**Baking & Pastry Arts**  
**Carpentry**  
**Cosmetology**  
**Culinary Arts**  
**Digital Media**  
**Dance**

**Electrical**  
**HVAC**  
**Performing Arts - Dance**  
**Performing Arts - Drama**  
**Plumbing**  
**Welding**  
**Drama**

Click here to schedule a student visit [Admissions - Apply to GCIT](#) and click the + Student Program Visits tab



# STUDENT APPLICANT CHECK LIST

To keep you on track – here is a quick reference checklist you can follow to be sure to complete all the items required for applying to GCIT:

- All applicants will need to complete the following:

**Complete the online application**

**ELA and Math LinkIt Testing – REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

**CTE Assessment – REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ONLY**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Technology | Digital Media           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking & Pastry Arts  | Electrical              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry             | HVAC                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetology           | Performing Arts – Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice      | Performing Arts – Drama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts         | Plumbing                |
|  | Welding                 |

Register for Open House if you wish to attend – this is not required but highly recommended

Register for a Student Visit – this is not required but highly suggested. *The following programs are the ONLY program that students will be able to sign up for student visits:*

Automotive Technology	Electrical
Baking & Pastry Arts	HVAC
Carpentry	Performing Arts - Dance
Cosmetology	Performing Arts - Drama
Culinary Arts	Plumbing
Digital Media	Welding
Dance	Drama

- Complete the online application no later than 12/4/25. No applications will be accepted after this date. **GCIT will only accept applications for students entering grade 9 in September 2026.**
- Have your teacher recommendation and school counselor contact information READY when completing your application. Be sure you DO NOT have any typos!