ELKHART AREA CAREER·CENTER

COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE 2027-2028



CHOOSE YOUR PATH. DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS.

MAKE YOUR MARK AT EACC.

Real experience. Real skills. Real results.













*A high school experience that **inspires**.*





*How do you know **you** belong here?*

- You're serious about your future and want to **learn alongside peers who share your passion**.
- You **thrive on hands-on experiences**, connecting classroom skills with real industry practices.
- You're **ready to earn credentials, college credits, and real-world opportunities** that set you apart.
- You want **educators and professionals who "get you"** and can guide you toward multiple career or college pathways.

By the numbers.

A snapshot of student success through college credits, credentials, and real-world experience.

27	16	1,200
Programs	Sending Schools	Students

300

By the time they graduate, **over 300 EACC students annually have already earned college-level certificates** — credentials that move seamlessly toward degrees or direct employment.

464

Each year, EACC students earn over **450 state- and industry-recognized certifications** that demonstrate and validate technical skills and readiness for in-demand careers.

570

EACC students complete **over 550 hands-on work-based learning experiences every year,** including site-based internships, connecting classroom skills to real workplaces in the Michiana area.

9,925

EACC students collectively earn more than **9,900 transferable college credits each year**, saving families over **$2.27 million in tuition costs** through embedded dual-credit courses.

Ready for What Comes Next

At the Elkhart Area Career Center, we believe high school should do more than prepare students to graduate – it should prepare them for what comes next.

Credentials That Count
As Indiana transitions to new diploma requirements beginning with the Class of 2029, EACC students have opportunities to earn valuable credentials through college credits, industry-recognized certifications, and college-level certificates.

Real-World Experience
Students learn by doing in state-of-the-art labs alongside instructors with industry experience. Hands-on learning builds a foundation for expanded opportunities, including internships, clinicals, and other employer-based experiences.

A Head Start on Your Future
In many EACC programs, credentials and work-based learning can help students meet requirements toward Indiana's Enrollment Honors, Employment Honors, and Employment Honors Plus diploma seals.

More than 350 business and industry partners help connect students with real workplaces and career opportunities.

Whether your next step is college, an apprenticeship, the military, or the workforce, EACC can help you graduate with more than a diploma – with skills, credentials, experience, connections, and a head start on what comes next.



EACC Work-Based Learning Program



Raegan Hostetler, CCMA | EACC Pre-Nursing Class of 2027 | Internship Host: Goshen Physicians

"My soul lights up whenever a child walks through the door because I know I have an opportunity to listen and help them. My internship has shown me just how much I love caring for patients and confirmed that pediatric nursing is where I want to be." – Raegan Hostetler

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How has EACC prepared you for your internship?
EACC gave me the knowledge, hands-on training, and certifications to step into a real healthcare setting with confidence. I've earned my Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) credential, and now I'm putting those skills to work taking vital signs, administering vaccinations, and caring for patients. I love seeing how the healthcare team works together, and everyone has made me feel so welcome!

What are your plans for the future?
I plan to attend college to earn my Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and pursue a career in pediatric nursing, possibly becoming a nurse practitioner someday. I've always loved working with kids, and this experience has reinforced how much I want to make a difference in their lives.

What's your favorite part of attending the EACC?
I love meeting students from other schools who share my career goals. We've grown and learned so much together, and it's exciting to think that some of my classmates could be my coworkers someday!

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Develop Your Skills.

Industry-Experienced Teachers

Learn from educators who bring real-world industry experience into the classroom.

Employer Partnerships

Build connections with local employers who help shape our programs and support student opportunities.

Dual College Credits

Earn college credits while in high school, saving time and money after graduation.

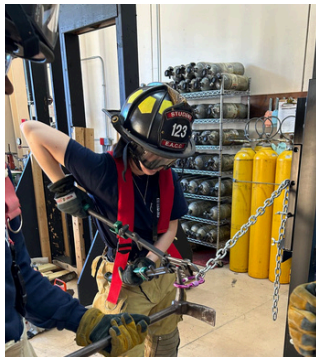
Industry-Recognized Certifications

Graduate with credentials that demonstrate your skills and strengthen your résumé.

Work-Based Learning

Put your skills into practice through hands-on training and employer-based experiences.







Choose Your Path.

Discover 27 programs that connect your passions with real careers. Choose your path now and shape the future you want!

LEARN MORE
Visit the EACC website to learn more about EACC programs, college credits, and industry certifications: **http://myeacc.org**

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR
Learn collision repair, welding, trim, and exterior panel restoration through hands-on training that restores vehicles to safe, factory condition. (1, 2, 3, 4)

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES TECHNOLOGY
Diagnose, maintain, and repair automotive systems through hands-on training that prepares you for careers in the automotive industry. (1, 2, 3, 4)

BARBERING
Master haircutting, styling, and grooming techniques while preparing to earn your Indiana Barbering license and serve diverse clients. (4)

CNC MACHINING
Turn computer designs into real-world products using advanced manufacturing technology and precision equipment found in industries around the world. (1, 2, 3, 4)

CONSTRUCTION TRADES/CARPENTRY
Gain real construction experience in carpentry, wiring, plumbing, and concrete while helping build a residential home. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

CONSTRUCTION TRADES/HVAC
Gain hands-on experience installing, maintaining, and troubleshooting heating, cooling, refrigeration, and electrical systems used in residential and commercial buildings. (1, 4)
New program for 2027-2028!

COSMETOLOGY
Learn professional hair, nail, and skincare techniques while preparing to earn your Indiana Cosmetology license.(2, 4)
New evening session available for 2027-2028!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Train in patrol operations, investigations, corrections, and dispatch while exploring careers in law enforcement and public safety. (1, 2, 3, 4)

CULINARY ARTS
Prepare for culinary careers by mastering sanitation, culinary theory, cooking, and baking techniques in a professional kitchen and baking lab. (1, 2, 4)

DENTAL CAREERS
Build confidence in dental assisting through hands-on training in dental terminology, chairside procedures, and expanded functions that support healthcare teams. (1, 2, 4)

DIESEL SERVICES
Diagnose, repair, and maintain diesel engines, drivetrains, brakes, fuel systems, and electrical components through hands-on training. (1, 2, 3, 4)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Learn child development and create play-based lesson plans that nurture creativity, curiosity, and growth for children from birth through age eight. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

EDUCATION PROFESSIONS
Explore the teaching profession by learning to plan lessons, manage classrooms, and design meaningful learning experiences. (1, 2, 3, 4)

EMT: EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE
Experience the adrenaline of emergency medicine. Train to deliver lifesaving care in hospital emergency rooms or on-site as part of a fast-moving paramedic team. (1, 2, 3, 4)

EXERCISE SCIENCE CAREERS
Discover how science and movement connect in careers like athletic training, physical therapy, personal fitness, and sports medicine. (1, 2, 4)

FIRE & RESCUE
Train in firefighting tactics, rescue operations, and emergency medical response through real-world simulations and teamwork. (1, 2, 3, 4)

MECHATRONICS
Combine mechanics, electronics, and computer systems to install, troubleshoot, and repair automated and robotic equipment. (1, 2, 3, 4)

MOTORSPORTS
Learn how to maintain, repair, and optimize motorcycles, small engines, and agricultural equipment in this high-performance, hands-on training program. (1, 2, 3, 4)

MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTIONS
Develop creative and technical skills in graphic design, photography, videography, and digital storytelling while producing professional multimedia content. (1, 2, 3, 4)

PRE-LAW
Explore the foundations of law and criminal justice while developing research, communication, and analytical skills for careers in legal and public service fields. (1, 2, 3, 4)

PRE-NURSING: CLINICAL CARE
Step into the world of healthcare through family practices and specialty medical offices. Build real-world clinical skills that prepare you for patient-focused careers in outpatient care. (1, 2, 3, 4)

PRE-NURSING: PATIENT CARE
Discover what it takes to support patients in hospitals and long-term healthcare. Gain the confidence, compassion, and technical skills to make a difference every day. (1, 2, 3, 4)

ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Design, build, and program large-scale robotic and mechanical systems using sensors, circuits, and automation technology. (1, 2, 3, 4)

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
Design, code, and test applications for computers and mobile devices while building skills in programming and database management. (1, 3, 4)

SURGICAL SERVICES
Learn human anatomy, medical terminology, surgical tools, and sterile processing to support surgical teams during procedures. (1, 2, 3, 4)

VETERINARY CAREERS
Gain hands-on experience assisting veterinarians with patient handling, lab work, surgical preparation, and grooming. (1, 2, 3, 4)

WELDING TECHNOLOGY
Develop precision welding skills in stick, MIG, and TIG processes, preparing for high-demand careers in manufacturing, construction, and fabrication. (1, 2, 3, 4)

1 = **Credential of Value** (3.0+) available
2 = **Dual Credit** available
3 = Supports **Enrollment Honors Plus** diploma seal
4 = Supports **Employment Honors** diploma seal
5 = Supports **Employment Honors Plus** diploma seal

Additional coursework is required for seals. Work with your high school's guidance counselor while planning.

Application Checklist

Get to know the Elkhart Area Career Center!

Explore the EACC website to learn about programs, embedded college credits, and industry certifications.

Talk to your counselor about what requirements you still need to complete in order to graduate – and if the EACC can help you attain your diploma along the way!

Schedule a visit through your school counselor!

Keep an eye out for the annual **Open House in November**! Bring your family and explore the EACC, meet teachers, and see our hands-on learning labs that set the EACC apart!

Narrow down which EACC programs most closely align with your interests and career goals.

Prepare for answering the following application essay questions:

- Why are you interested in this EACC program?
- How will this program help you reach your future education and/or career goals?
- What do you think will be expected of you as an EACC student?
- What will you do if you have difficulty keeping up with your work or attending EACC classes regularly?

EACC's **application window opens in November** for the following school year.

Complete your application through the EACC website. Your high school counselor is available to assist.

All applications submitted prior to the deadline are scored through a blind rubric.

High school counselors are notified about student acceptances in late April.

A short application window re-opens in May for programs with available capacity.

With Gratitude.

Thank you to our business partners who support EACC students through volunteering, hosting internships, participating on advisory boards, and more.

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