Accelerated Career Education

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:

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



Bartow County College & Career Academy

Providing Students a Competitive Advantage

Eligibility:

- Students in 10th grade or higher
- Student is admitted to a unit of the TCSG
- Student/Parent meeting with high school counselor or dual enrollment coordinator

9 Required High School Courses:

2 English

1 high school ELA EOC course
1 state-funded core ELA course*

2 Math

1 high school math EOC course
1 state-funded core math course*

2 Science

1 high school science EOC course
1 state-funded core science course*

2 Social Studies

Any 2 state-funded core social studies courses*

1 Health/PE

* A state-funded core course is any high school course listed as core or required on the state funded course list and any technical college diploma level or postsecondary degree-level English, math, science, or social studies course for which the student earns dual credit.

Available High Demand TCCs at the BCCCA

Automotive Technology

AE41 Automotive Electronic Systems Technician
ASG1 Automotive Chassis Technician Specialist I

Criminal Justice Forensics

FSF1 Forensic Science Fundamentals
IT51 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Early Childhood Education

EC31 Early Childhood Care and Education Basics
CD61 Child Development Specialist

HVAC Technology

AZ31 Air Conditioning Technician Assistant
AZ21 Air Conditioning System Maintenance Technician
ACK1 Air Conditioning Electrical Technician

Welding Technology

FS31 Basic Shielded Metal Arc Welder I
GTA1 Gas Tungsten Arc Welder

All Dual Enrollment courses offered at the BCCCA are taught by Chattahoochee Technical College instructors. Additional TCCs can be earned at any Technical College in Georgia using ACE Grant Funding.

https://www.tcsg.edu/accelerated-career-pathways/

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Accelerated Career?
Georgia's Accelerated Career Diploma Program requires students to successfully complete nine required high school courses along with specific technical college credential programs. Participating students earn a high school diploma AND two technical college certificates (within the same program area), a technical college diploma, licensure, OR an Associate of Applied Science.

What is the difference between Accelerated Career and Dual Enrollment?
Accelerated Career – this program is designed for the student who is planning to attend a technical college or go straight into the workforce after graduating high school. These students take fewer high school courses but also earn credentials at a technical college to meet graduation requirements. Traditional Dual Enrollment – this program is designed for the student who is planning to attend a four-year college after high school and will graduate by meeting all the traditional high school graduation requirements in Georgia.

Which technical college partners with the Bartow County School System?
Chattahoochee Technical College (CTC)

Do I have to complete the nine required high school courses before taking CTC courses?
No, high school courses and CTC courses can be taken simultaneously.

Will I receive a high school diploma if I graduate through Georgia's Accelerated Career Diploma Program?
Yes, students who graduate through Georgia's Accelerated Career Diploma Program earn a regular high school diploma.

Is there a cost for the Accelerated Career Program?
The ACE Grant covers the cost of tuition, fees, and books for the chosen pathway while students are dually enrolled in one of the 22 colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).

Am I guaranteed a spot in a BCCCA CTC program if I am accepted to CTC?
No, space is limited. Accelerated Career students are registered before traditional dual enrollment students for technical program courses based on their admittance date.

Is transportation provided to the BCCCA?
Yes. Transportation is provided to and from each of the three Bartow County high schools.

How many college credit hours are required for two technical certificates, a technical diploma, or an AAS?
Two TCCs: 15+ college credit hours
Technical college diploma: 40+ college credit hours
AAS: 60+ college credit hours

How long does it take to complete two technical college certificates?
A minimum of two semesters.

Is there a minimum GPA requirement?
College courses need to be completed with a C (2.0) or better average to meet pre-requisite requirements and/or earn the certificate, diploma, or degree.

What happens if I fail a college course?
While ACE Grant allows for retakes and there is no withdrawal limit, students MUST maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress defined as a 2.0 GPA.

Will I be able to attend a four-year college directly after high school if I graduate through Georgia's Accelerated Career Diploma Program?
It depends on what academic courses the student has completed. No, not directly from high school if the student has only taken the minimum 8 required academic courses; however, students may continue at a TCSG institution and eventually transfer to a four-year college or university. If a student has taken all 16 academic courses required for the traditional diploma route plus 2 courses of the same foreign language, that student would be eligible for admission to a four-year college or university.

How can I get a copy of my certificate, diploma, or degree?
Certificates, technical diplomas, and degrees are awarded by CTC not the BCCCA. A Petition to Graduate must be submitted to CTC based on your program of study.

Who should I talk to first if I am interested in Georgia's Accelerated Career Diploma Program?
You should meet with your high school counselor.

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