

TECH PREP

Tech Prep allows students to earn college credit while in high school. The Tech Prep multi-year planned sequence of study for a technical field begins in high school and extends through one or two years of a Temple College technical occupational program following the high school instruction, and results in a certificate or associate degree. Temple College's Tech Prep program also provides students with the opportunity to transfer to a university.

Tech Prep requires a formal and program-specific articulation agreement between the high school and Temple College. The articulation agreement is a commitment for school districts and Temple College to jointly develop and implement Tech Prep curricula and instruction. Tech Prep prepares students for direct entry into the workplace as technically skilled employees or, with appropriate arrangements, for further education leading to baccalaureate and advanced degrees.

Students are encouraged to contact their high school career and technology teacher or counselor for Tech Prep programs in their high school that are approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

The steps a student should follow to participate in Tech Prep are:

1. Pick a career path from one of the occupational clusters while in high school; Health Science Professions, Business/Office Professions, Industry/Technology, Personal/Protective Services.
2. Register while in high school to take Tech Prep course work during the junior or senior year;

After high school graduation,

3. Enroll in the Tech Prep program at Temple College that offers the appropriate career pathway and articulate high school Tech Prep course work into college course work.
4. File a degree plan and complete the college course work for the certificate or associate degree program.

Temple College has articulated in conjunction with independent school districts the following career and technical programs:

- Biotechnology
- Child Development
- Computer-Aided Design
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Technology – Entertainment and Business Software Development
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Technology - Computer Applications Technology
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Technology - Network Administration Option
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Technology - Repair Technician Option
- Computer Information Systems: Computer Technology - Web Technology
- Criminal Justice
- General Business
- Geographic Information Systems
- Management

For more information about Tech Prep career preparation programs at Temple College, contact your high school career and technology teacher or counselor or Temple College's Tech Prep office.