## Career and Technical Education Pathways

The Technical College High School (TCHS), Brandywine Campus, is a public high school specializing in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and available for students in grades 9 through 12. CTE programs prepare students for success in college, the workplace and life. Most of the CTE programs at the Brandywine Campus are designated as High Priority Occupations (HPO) by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and are aligned with Pennsylvania's Academic Standards and national industry certifications.



Many CTE programs at TCHS Brandywine lead seamlessly to postsecondary education through the Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) SOAR Programs of Study. The mission of SOAR is to prepare **S**tudents (who are) **O**ccupationally and **A**cademically **R**eady for college and careers in an increasingly diverse, high performing workforce. Graduates of approved SOAR programs who meet challenging academic and technical criteria qualify for several **free** technical credits at over twenty-five participating colleges across Pennsylvania. These include the Pennsylvania College of Technology, Delaware County Community College, Clarion University, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and Harcum College. For more information about SOAR and the complete list of participating colleges and postsecondary programs:

http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs\_of\_study/7686/articulations/679190

"Get the credits you've already earned!" in the following SOAR programs at TCHS Brandywine: Automotive Collision Technology, Automotive Service Technology, Banking and Financial Services, Carpentry, Commercial and Graphic Arts, Computer Information Systems, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Care and Education, Electrical Occupations, Electronics and Robotics, Engine Technology and Recreational Vehicles, Health Occupations, Health Career Academy, and HVAC/Refrigeration Technology.

PDE-approved Tech Prep Programs are also college pathways that connect to colleges and technical schools that offer credits for technical competencies and certifications achieved at the Brandywine Campus. Tech Prep Programs are: Cosmetology, Barbering, Animal Science and Technology, and Criminal Justice and Police Science.

In addition to the PDE-approved CTE programs, TCHS also offers two seniors-only college preparatory academies: Teacher Academy and Allied Health Science Technology.

For more information about all of the rigorous Career and Technical Education programs, seniors-only academies, and the application process for the Technical College High School Brandywine Campus, please visit: <a href="http://www.cciu.org/tchsbrandywine">http://www.cciu.org/tchsbrandywine</a> Or contact the Admissions Specialist at 484-237-5325.

The Technical College High School is operated by the Chester County Intermediate Unit on behalf of Chester County's 12 public school districts.