



ATKIN COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

EDUCATION SERVES INDUSTRY

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In 1967, the Aiken County Vocational Center was one of the first four vocational centers in the State of South Carolina. Aiken's trade and industrial school was created to serve students from all high schools in Aiken County. The school was renamed the Aiken County Career & Technology Center (ACCTC) in 1999 and continues to serve Aiken County High School students with vocationally based education programs throughout the district. ACCTC students value the importance of having real world skills that lead to successful careers.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Student enrollment at ACCTC is determined on a first-come, first-serve basis and all students are required to have successfully completed 9th grade, Algebra I and English I. Some of the science based courses may require successful completion of Biology with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Please consult with your guidance counselor to inquire about any additional course specific pre-requisites.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The programs of study include: Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Cyber Security, Diesel Technology, Digital Art & Design, Electricity, Emergency & Fire Management, Fashion Design & Apparel Construction, Health Science Technology, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Machine Tool Technology, Mechanical and Architectural Design, Mechatronics Industrial Maintenance, Nail Technology, and Welding Technology.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY

ACCTC seniors are required to complete mock interview night as part of their course completion program and will meet with local industry professionals related to their field of study. Faculty lecture will be limited in time and the majority of learning occurs through hands-on projects in a lab environment. Students demonstrate mastery through projects, end-of-course examinations, and industry certification assessments.



DUAL CREDIT AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

ACCTC works in partnership with local and national universities and technical colleges to provide students with the opportunity to obtain dual credit. Seniors can earn Technical Advanced Placement (TAP) credits from Aiken Technical College or other technical schools.

INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

Teachers are facilitators of learning where lecture is limited and students own their learning, own their behavior, own their results, and own their career and future. The instructional delivery is specific to their program is central to the ACCTC mission.

INTERNSHIPS & WORK BASED LEARNING

Students have the opportunity to experience and earn course credit in the workplace through structured partnerships with business and industries. These partnerships enable students to experience real world opportunities while still enrolled in high school, to increase employment opportunities after graduation, and/or earn college scholarship assistance with partner companies.



PROGRAM TIMELINES

10th graders: Students may take a Survey Course for one unit of credit. The first semester, all students rotate through each of the skill areas offered and during the second semester they remain in their program of choice.

Certain Programs of Study, such as, Cosmetology, Emergency & Fire Management, Health Science Technology, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, and Welding Technology span three years where students begin in 10th grade instead of participating in the Survey Course.

Nail Technology is a single year program. Students may enroll in 10th or 11th grade.

11th graders: Students are enrolled for two hours in a chosen CATE course. Applications are required.

12th graders: Students earn two additional credit hours in the same CATE course to reach the four-credit hour completer status recognized by the State of South Carolina and to be eligible for advanced placement credits.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Students who are interested in attending ACCTC should meet with their counselor, along with their parents, to develop an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) that includes a program of study at the ACCTC beginning in the 10th grade. The student's senior year at the ACCTC will involve internships, course work, and Honors Level research.

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