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Go to [CollegeTransfer.net](http://CollegeTransfer.net) or scan this QR code with your smartphone to see how SOAR programs are accepted at higher education institutions.

**AVAILABLE PROGRAMS**

- Accounting Technology
- Administrative Assistant
- Agricultural Mechanization
- Applied Horticulture
- Autobody/Collision & Repair Technology
- Automotive Mechanics Technology
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Biotechnology
- Building/Property Maintenance
- Cabinetmaking/Millwork
- Carpentry
- Child Care and Support Services Management
- Commercial & Advertising Art
- Communication Technology
- Computer Systems Networking & Telecommunications
- Computer Technology
- Construction Trades
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Dental Assisting/Assistant
- Drafting & Design Technology
- Electrical & Power Transmission Installers
- Electromechanical Technology
- Electronic & Communications Engineering Technology
- Engineering Technologies
- General Office Occupations & Clerical Services
- Graphic Communications
- Health/Medical Assisting
- Health Professions & Related Clinical Sciences
- Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance
- Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting & Protective Services
- Institutional Food Worker
- Logistics, Materials & Supply Chain Management
- Machine Tool Technology
- Management Information Systems
- Mason/Masonry
- Medical/Clinical Assistant
- Medium/Heavy Vehicle & Truck Technology
- Plumbing Technology
- Sales, Distribution & Marketing Operations
- Vehicle Maintenance Technology
- Web Page, Digital & Information Resources Design
- Welding Technology

**SOAR SUPPORTS HIGH DEMAND CAREERS**

SOAR programs prepare today's student for High Priority Occupations which include career categories that are in high demand by employers, have higher skill needs, and are most likely to provide family sustaining wages.

**BENEFITS OF SOAR:**

- Save money on college tuition
- Save time by shortening college attendance
- Get on the right career pathway
- Enter the job market well prepared
- Get a consistent education

To view a complete list of programs please visit:

<http://www.education.state.pa.us/programsofstudy>

**YOUR FUTURE BEGINS BEFORE GRADUATION**



## WHAT IS SOAR?

- SOAR stands for Students Occupationally and Academically Ready
- SOAR programs of study incorporate secondary and postsecondary education elements to insure relevant career and technical content

## WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS TIME NEXT YEAR?

Working in a low paying job?  
Living with your parents?  
Going to college?

- College is a good next-step for career and technical students
- SOAR is a new opportunity for students which makes earning college credits through your career and technical program of study a real possibility

## WHY IS A COLLEGE EDUCATION RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Often students with four-year degrees return to their community college in order to earn technical degrees needed in the job market
- Many community college graduates earn certificates or associate degrees
- Many associate degrees can transfer to baccalaureate programs
- Students with two-year degrees may be employed at higher starting salaries than some four-year degree graduates
- Ask your school counselor about this exciting new program when you schedule your career and technical courses

For more information about your future career plans, speak to your school counselor and check out [www.pacareerzone.com](http://www.pacareerzone.com)

## HOW DO YOU EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDITS?

- Earn a high school diploma
- Maintain a 2.5 grade point average in your technical courses
- Achieve competent or advanced on the End of Program assessment (NOCTI, etc.)
- Complete a competency task list at the proficient level or above
- Earn industry certificates where available
- Successfully apply to the college of your choice that offers your Program of Study

Programs are listed on the other side of this brochure. Don't be discouraged if your field of interest is not listed as new programs are continually being developed.

To view current advanced credit opportunities articulated with postsecondary institutions, go to the Equivalency Search results at [www.collegetransfer.net](http://www.collegetransfer.net) Select PA Bureau of Career and Technical Education at the "From" drop down menu.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The key to a successful and productive society is found in maintaining an educated workforce. Pennsylvania's commitment to developing that workforce is evidenced by its dedication to career and technical education. Whether you want to become a computer technician, an aviation mechanic, or an entrepreneur, you've come to the right place. Pennsylvania's Career and Technical Education programs provide training and education for individuals ages 14 and up through regional career and technical programs located across the state.

## HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

- Your first step is to share this information with your parents
- Together you can then contact your school counselor prior to scheduling for the next school year
- Include college prep academic courses in your schedule to assure college success

