

POLK STATE COLLEGE

Public Safety

It's never too early or too late to think about your career choices. At the following high schools and career centers, you can earn free college credit toward an Associate of Science (AS) degree at Polk State College.

It's simple!

- 1) Enroll in one of the listed high school programs at one of the high schools listed below.
- 2) Complete the listed high school instruction with a minimum weighted grade point average of 3.0 and an overall weighted grade point average of 2.0.
- 3) Enroll in the corresponding Polk State degree or certificate program within 3 years of graduating from high school.

In addition to articulated credits from a Career Pathways program, you may also enroll in Polk State's Dual Enrollment Program to receive even more free credits toward your degree. Check with your high school guidance counselor or a Polk State College advisor to see if you are eligible, if courses are available at your high school, or whether you might attend classes at Polk State College. For more information about dual enrollment, visit www.polk.edu/DualEnrollment.

Click [HERE \(PDF\)](#) to see what career programs are offered at each of the Polk County High Schools.

You can bring up to 15 Free College Credits to Polk State College's [Criminal Justice AS](#) Program.

Criminal Justice Operations, AS				
High School	Academy Course / Program	Course#	Polk State Course	Cr
Kathleen HS	>Criminal Justice Operations 1, 2, 3, 4	CCJ 1020	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
	>Criminal Justice Operations 1, 2, 3, 4	CJE 1130	Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation	3
	>Criminal Justice Operations 1, 2, 3, 4	CJL 1100	Criminal Law	3
	>Criminal Justice Operations 1, 2, 3, 4	CJE 2003	Career Choices in C.J.	3
	>Introduction to Computer Technology	CGS 1061C	Intro to Computers and Information	3

You can bring up to 6 Free College Credits to Polk State College's [Emergency Medical Services AS](#) Program.

Emergency Medical Services, AS (EMS/EMT)						
High School	Academy Course / Program	Course#	Polk State Course	Cr		
Auburndale HS	McKeel Academy	>Allied Health Assisting >Nursing Assistant HSC 2400	First Aid and Injuries	3		
Bartow HS	Ridge Community HS				>Emergency Medical Responder	>Home Health Aide
George Jenkins HS	Ridge Career Ctr				>Electrocardiograph Aide	
Kathleen HS	Traviss Career Ctr					
Lake Gibson HS	Winter Haven HS					
Lake Region HS						
Some High Schools or at Polk Campus		Available at some High Schools as Dual Enrollment	EMS 1059	Emergency Medical Responder	3	

Post-High School: A student can bring program 36 Free College Credits to Polk State College's [Fire Science Technology AS](#) Program. Bartow HS Fire Science program offers no college credit; however, this program prepares students to enter Ridge Career Academy's Fire Fighter Program. Completion of Fire Officer I and II programs at Ridge Career Center will articulate into 36 Fire Science degree credits.

Fire Science Technology, AS				
High School	Academy Course / Program	Course#	Polk State Course	Cr
Bartow HS	Fire Academy Program prepares you for Fire Fighter program at Ridge Career Center (NO COLLEGE CREDIT)			
Ridge Career Ctr	Post-High School - Completion of Fire Fighter I & II AND Fire Officer I & II at Ridge Career Center will articulate into 36 Fire Science degree credits.			36
	http://www.ridgefireacademy.com			

- Students must request articulated credits within 3 years of graduating from high school. All credits will be transcribed as credit-by-exam.
- Students must complete the required secondary program curriculum with a 3.0 or better GPA and a minimum 2.0 overall graduating GPA
- Students must complete assessment testing required by Polk State College.
- Students must apply to Polk State, meet the college's admission requirements, and complete 3 credits at Polk State before high school credits will be transcribed.
- This agreement is between Polk State College and the Polk County School Board. Articulated credits will count toward your Polk State degree but may not transfer to other colleges if you do not first graduate from Polk State.
- This agreement is currently in effect, but may change in the future. Always confirm current program agreements with your high school guidance counselor or a Polk State advisor.