

**Get even more free college credit —
Dual Enrollment & Advanced Placement**

In addition to the articulated credits you may earn from Career Pathway programs, you may also enroll in Polk State's Dual Enrollment program or take Advanced Placement (AP) courses at your high school. Check with your guidance counselor or a Polk State advisor to see if you are eligible, if courses are available at your high school or whether you might attend classes at a Polk State campus.

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Pathway to your Bachelor's at Polk State

**Don't STOP
with your
Associate's!**

Once you've completed a Polk State associate's degree, not only will you have the technical skills to get a job, you can continue, full-time or part-time, at Polk State to complete a bachelor's degree program.

- ↑ Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- ↑ Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- ↑ Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- ↑ Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- ↑ Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Administration
- ↑ Bachelor of Science in Professional Pilot Science
- ↑ Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision & Management, with concentrations in:
 - ↑ Business Administration
 - ↑ Business Information Technology
 - ↑ Healthcare Administration
 - ↑ Public Administration
 - ↑ Public Safety Management

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Tampa Bay Career Pathways Consortium

**Search for your Career Pathway Program at
careerpathways.me**

The Tampa Bay Career Pathways Consortium is a partnership between post-secondary and secondary schools around the Tampa Bay region, including Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and Manatee counties. Students who completed a career or technical program in one of these counties and are interested in pursuing the next level of their education should visit careerpathways.me for more information about participating schools and potential free college credit.



Careerpathways.me

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Polk State College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment. For additional information, visit polk.edu/equity.



Career Pathways



**Earn
FREE
College
Credits**

Through Your High School Academy or Technical College Programs

polk.edu/pathways

What is the difference between an AA and an AS degree?

AA – The Associate in Arts prepares you to continue toward a bachelor's degree at four-year colleges, such as Polk State College, other state colleges and universities. The majority of the courses are general education courses.

AS – The Associate in Science prepares you to enter a specialized career field. Many credits also transfer to Polk State College or other state colleges and universities. The majority of the courses are technical education courses.

Why an AS degree?

- ↑ Begin a career in two years or less.
- ↑ Numerous high-skill, high-wage careers in healthcare, business and information technology are open to AS graduates.
- ↑ Graduates of these programs often enter the workforce earning higher salaries than those with four-year degrees!
- ↑ Many AS degree programs allow students to first earn workforce certificates. In general, these certificates may be earned in a year or less, and they lead to immediate employment opportunities. Credits earned toward certificates may also be applied to the AS degree in that same field.

How it works

Career Pathways is a partnership program that links high school career academy students to Polk State College. The program allows students to earn college credits in their high school courses of study, saving them time and tuition costs.

How it works (Continued)

To receive credit:

1. Enroll in one of the Career & Technical Education or Career Academy Programs at your school.
2. Complete the curriculum of your program with a 3.0 GPA or better.
3. Complete high school with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.
4. Successfully complete the end-of-course assessment required for each articulated course.
5. Present to Polk State College Admission and Registrar's office your original letter of congratulations from the Polk County School Board. This letter lists earned credits and can be obtained from the Polk County School Board Workforce office by contacting:

863.519.8707 or **WorkForceEducation@polk-fl.net**

The original letter can be submitted to:

**Polk State College Admission Office
Attn: Transcript Evaluation
999 Avenue H NE,
Winter Haven, FL 33881**

6. Enroll in the Polk State College certificate or Associate in Science degree program that correlates with your high school program within three years of graduating from high school.
7. Earn at least three college credits at Polk State College and your articulated credits will then be applied to your Associate in Science or certificate program as applicable.

Note: Polk State College cannot guarantee the transfer of Career Pathway credits to other institutions. Each institution has its own policies about credits earned through Career Pathways. Articulated credits will count toward your Polk State degree or certificate, but may not transfer to a four-year university if you do not first graduate from Polk State. Application to Polk State is FREE.

Degree Programs

Degree Programs	Free Potential Credits
Accounting, AS	3 - 12
Aerospace Admin./ Prof. Pilot Science, AS	3 - 12
Aviation Maintenance, AS	30**
Business Administration, AS	3 - 6
Business Operational Management, AS	15*
Cardiovascular Technology, AS	3 - 6
Computer Network Engineering, AS	3 - 12
Computer Systems/Business Analysis, AS	3 - 12
Criminal Justice Technology, AS	3 - 13
Diagnostic Medical Sonography, AS	3
Digital Media, AS	3 - 12
Early Childhood Education, AS	3 - 12
Education, AA	3
Electrical Distribution Technology, AAS	36**
EMS/EMT, AS	3
Engineering Technology, AS	3 - 15
Fire Science, AS	36**
Medical Coding, CCC	3-12
Nursing, RN	10
Radiography, AS	3
Supply Chain Management, AS	3-15

* Available through Ridge and Triviss technical colleges only

** Requires post-high school programs

Opportunities for credits are dependent on programs offered at high schools. Credits earned are subject to change. For detailed and most current information, visit polk.edu/pathways or polkacademies.com

