

## Tech Prep Works for EDUCATORS:



### What is Tech Prep?

**Tech Prep is for *all* students.** An important national education program, Tech Prep provides exciting opportunities for *all* students to receive valuable education, technical skills, and specialized training that can lead to rewarding, high-skill, high-wage or high-demand careers. Tech Prep begins in high school and it's free!

**Tech Prep encourages students to pursue further education and rewarding careers.** Tech Prep students start learning technical skills AND earning college credit while they are still in high school. Highly versatile, challenging, hands-on, and responsive to current trends in local industry, Tech Prep programs combine the academic courses needed for success in college AND the technical courses that begin to prepare students for a career. After high school graduation, Tech Prep students can continue their education in a community or technical college, receiving further technical training, certification, or an associate degree that can lead directly to rewarding work or prepare them for further education.

**Tech Prep makes good sense.** Times have changed. More than ever, for today's youth to be successful they must be properly prepared - prepared to make wise decisions and, often, prepared with specialized technical skills and training. Tech Prep students have the opportunity to explore career options early. In this hands-on, challenging environment students discover their own interests and skills and experience practical, real-world ways to pursue their goals in a wide variety of high-skill, high-paying technical careers. Through their high school experiences, students learn important social skills, a positive work ethic, and gain the motivation and confidence to be successful in their future chosen careers. And, because Tech Prep involves local community colleges and local business and industry, students can stay close to home through high school, college, and into their local world of work – an important benefit for their families and the community.

**Tech Prep has proven results.** Research shows that Tech Prep (PEIMS 3) students have higher attendance rates, higher graduation rates, lower dropout rates, and go on to college at higher rates than their non-career/technology counterparts. And further, Tech Prep works for under-represented and at-risk students.

**How Tech Prep works.** Tech Prep works for students by providing the life goals, clear education pathway, academic training, technical expertise, and social skills needed to successfully identify and enter the right high-skill, high-wage or high-demand career. By reaching students early, Tech Prep offers important information, understanding, and real-world feedback about personal strengths, talents, and goals so that students are informed and prepared to make wise choices.

**Tech Prep saves students and their families time and money.** Because Tech Prep students can get college credit for coursework they finish in high school, they can reach their educational and career goals in a much shorter time. Students can get up to 12 college credit hours – that's about 4 college courses – while they are still in high school - *for free* – a potential savings of almost \$900!

**Students can go as far as they want!** Whether students are interested in going on to a university for further education, a community college for additional coursework, a certificate or an associate degree, or directly into the workforce, Tech Prep offers numerous ways for them to follow their chosen path and reach their goals.

**For more information about Tech Prep,** visit the Tech Prep Texas website [www.techpreptexas.org](http://www.techpreptexas.org).