



HAMILTON-FULTON-MONTGOMERY
PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

PTECH 

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What kind of students are good candidates for PTECH?

A student who will succeed in PTECH is motivated to learn in new and exciting ways and thrives in a non-traditional classroom setting. Other important qualities include being creative, being a hands-on learner and having a positive attitude. Potential PTECH students should have the desire to build strong skills in communications, critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration and time management. They also should have a vision of using their individual talents and skills to impact their local and global communities.

Q. What is PTECH?

The Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Pathways in Technology Early College High School, or PTECH, is a model for high school education that includes college-level, credit-bearing coursework in the curriculum and allows students to choose their own "pathways" to middle-skill jobs.

PTECH seeks to redefine secondary education with a curriculum that centers on project-based learning, critical thinking and professional skills. Through the program, selected students can earn one of 18 different associate degrees at no cost to their families and will be considered for jobs with participating companies when they graduate.

Q. What college costs are covered for students enrolled in PTECH?

Tuition and the cost of class materials for SUNY FMCC and SUNY Cobleskill courses are covered for students enrolled in the HFM PTECH program. However, PTECH students are considered scholarship students, and as such, certain academic standards are expected in order for college costs to be paid by the program.

While enrolled in PTECH, students will be allowed to retake one college course (due to failure, withdrawal, drop, or a grade not acceptable for the degree program) for which PTECH will pay. However, students will be responsible for the costs associated with any further courses beyond the one that they retake as part of their SUNY FMCC or SUNY Cobleskill graduation requirements. This includes textbooks, lab fees, and any additional costs associated with the course.

This applies to all SUNY FMCC and SUNY Cobleskill courses PTECH students take, as well as college courses taught at the Glebe Street or HFM BOCES campus.



Q. Where do PTECH students attend school?

All ninth- and 10th-graders attend school at the Glebe Street School in Johnstown.

Eleventh graders will attend classes at the Glebe Street School, HFM BOCES and/or SUNY FMCC campuses.

Depending on their pathway, students in 12th-grade and beyond (years 13 and 14) will attend either SUNY Cobleskill (agriculture degree pathways) or SUNY FMCC (all other degree pathways).

Q. Can I play sports or do other extra-curricular activities?

Yes, PTECH students are bused back to their home schools in time to participate in sports or other after-school activities. PTECH also offers after-school clubs and activities that include late-bus transportation.

Q. What degrees can students earn?

There are 18 associate degrees offered that students can earn through PTECH.

At the end of their freshman year, students choose a pathway to pursue that matches their career interests. Such pathways can lead to degrees in the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business
- Computer Science
- Medical/Health Science

Q. When and how do students apply?

Eighth-graders in the participating districts can apply once the current year’s application has opened, which is usually in mid-December. Deadlines are typically

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in the end of March. The application process is done completely online and involves getting recommendations from teachers and guidance counselors, along with completing all parts of application, including a written statement. There is also a form for parents to fill out. Applicants will visit the school and participate in an interview session at that time.

Q. What role do business partners play?

PTECH works closely with the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce to secure business partners. The regional business partners are committed to serving as mentors for students throughout their PTECH career, meeting with them regularly to develop professional skills. Business partners also provide workplace tours, internships, and coordinate job placement within their companies for PTECH graduates.



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