




Student Occupationally & Academically Ready

Schuykill Technology Center



What is SOAR

Students Occupationally and Academically Ready

- SOAR prepares students for college and careers in a diverse, high performing workforce
- The programs links secondary (high school) technical education with post-secondary (college) education.
 - Saving \$ on college tuition
 - Saving  by shortening college attendance
 - Entering the job market ready
 - Getting a consistent education

What is Articulated Credit?

- An articulation is an agreement.
- Technical high schools and colleges work together to compare the curriculum studied and tasks that are completed on the high school level.

POS task list = College Introductory Courses
(Program of Study)

How do I qualify?

- To qualify for Program of Study postsecondary credits, students must:
- SOAR Checklist
 - ☐ Graduate
 - ☐ 2.5 or higher GPA
 - ☐ NOCTI or PDE –approved End of Program Assessment
(obtain PA Skills Certificate)
 - ☐ 100% Task list completion



Find a College Program that
offers Articulations

www.Collegetransfer.net

Now that I qualified and found a college, how do I apply?

- If you have completed a SOAR Program of Study and meet the qualifications, you are eligible to apply for credits up to 3 years after you graduate.

Apply for SOAR credits

- You will work with the college admissions throughout the normal application process, including submitting applications, transcripts, fees, taking placement tests, and financial aid.
- SOAR students will also submit the following forms to designate that you are a SOAR participant seeking advanced credit.

Additional Forms Needed

SOAR/POS Paperwork to be collected by the student and forwarded to the college:

- ☐ Copy of High School Diploma (you obtain at graduation)
- ☐ Official High School Transcript (must be sent separately by high school counselor)
- ☐ NOCTI Skills Certificate or Certificate of Completion (obtain from STC school counselor)
- ☐ POS Perkins Statewide Articulation Agreement Student Documentation Cover Sheet (obtain from STC school counselor)
- ☐ Secondary Program Competency Task List signed by CTE program instructor (obtain from CTE program instructor)

What if I can't find the college on the list or if I don't fully qualify for SOAR?

- Don't be discouraged if your field of interest or college of choice is not listed. New programs are continually being developed and added to colletransfer.net
- If you are interested in applying to a college that offers the same program but not a statewide agreement for credits through SOAR, you may still be eligible for credits.
- STC may have an individual agreement or you may request Credit for Prior Learning.

What if I can't find the college on the list or if I don't fully qualify for SOAR? (continue)

- Talk to that college's enrollment office. Present your portfolio, completed task list, and industry certification.
- You may still be able to earn credits by testing out of specific classes or having already achieved industry certifications.

More information...

Contact STC guidance

Visit the following websites:

- www.stcenters.org/guidance
- www.education.state.pa.us

Get The Credit You Have Already Earned