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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are to have your child enrolled in a **Career and Technical Education Program**. Today's CTE programs provide so many opportunities for students and ensure that they are prepared for life beyond high school. Your child will learn both academic and technical skills in a program that provides relevant hands-on learning experiences, job shadowing opportunities, articulated college credit, and industry certification.

Articulated college credit is available to students that earn a Gold Standard Industry Certification or who complete the CTE program with an "A" average and pass the college end-of-course exam. Gold Standards industry certifications are certifications that have been approved by the state of Florida and are listed on the State Department of Education Career and Adult Education Website. CTE instructors work directly with the College of Central Florida and Santa Fe College to arrange for your child to sit for the college end-of-course exam to earn college credit. All articulated college credit applies to Associate of Science degree programs. Please feel free to contact myself or your schools' school counselor if you would like more information on articulated college credit.

I'm attaching a document to this letter that indicates the Return on Investment (ROI) for industry certification. I hope you find the information helpful as you work with your child to plan for postsecondary training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Jones DuBois".

Carol Jones DuBois, Coordinator  
Career Pathways and Literacy

Attachment



# Return on Investment for Industry Certifications

Certification Name	Cost of Assessment	Cost of Training	College Credit	Cost of College Credit*	Total Cost
Adobe Certified Associate: Dreamweaver	\$105.00		3	\$421.00	\$526.00
Adobe Certified Associate: Flash	\$105.00		3	\$421.00	\$526.00
Adobe Certified Associate: Illustrator	\$105.00				\$105.00
Adobe Certified Associate: InDesign	\$105.00				\$105.00
Agriculture Production Technology	\$85.00		2	\$314.00	\$399.00
Agriculture Biotechnology ^	\$85.00				\$85.00
Animal Science ^	\$85.00				\$85.00
Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.)	\$286.00	\$600.00			\$886.00
Certified Horticulture Professional (FNGLA)	\$85.00		6	\$742.00	\$827.00
Microsoft Office Specialist	\$258.00		3	\$421.00	\$679.00
NCCER: Construction Technology	\$35.00		3	\$421.00	\$456.00
Quickbooks Certified User	\$150.00		3	\$421.00	\$571.00
Emergency Medical Technician –Basic (EMT) Health Academy students can complete this program through Dual Enrollment.	\$200.00		9	\$1063	\$1263.00

\*College Credit costs determined by \$107.00 per credit + \$100.00 for a textbook

^State articulated College Credit not yet determined.

The costs of assessments do not include retakes.

The industry certifications above are offered in the appropriate CTE Program and are listed on the FLDOE Gold Standard List. Students will automatically receive the college credit if they enroll in an appropriate A.S. Degree program and meet the college admissions criteria.

Students that complete a CTE program with an “A” average, and overall GPA of 3.0, may sit for an end-of course exam at the college through local articulation agreements and be eligible for college credit. CTE student may also participate in dual enrollment for prerequisites (ENC 1103, MAC 1105, etc). The cost savings for earning articulated credit by exam are NOT reflected on the chart above.

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-technical-edu-agreements/industry-certification.stml> This link will provide you with more information on state-wide articulation agreements.