

# Career Path High Model of Education

## Is this Early College Model Right for Me?

Career Path High is an Early College Charter High School. We are a Blended Learning Flex model meaning we combine digital curriculum and instruction with the advantages of a face-to-face teacher component in a bricks and mortar setting called a Learning Center. We utilize a technology rich environment to deliver our online curriculum and to facilitate learning. Our blended learning model removes restrictions and limitations that formerly have been defined by bell schedules and seat-time requirements of traditional models. The Flex model we have adopted will empower students over their own personalized learning path in a way that allows them to enroll in college while simultaneously attending high school.

Our team of highly qualified teachers will get to know each student's individualized learning style and academic needs. Through one-to-one interaction and rich data that informs instruction, teachers are able to constantly monitor progress and adjust student instruction accordingly. With our model, the teacher's role is transcended. Rather than spending their time delivering the curriculum in traditional classroom style the curriculum is delivered digitally, freeing up teachers to be knowledge facilitators and to provide mentoring and instruction to students both individually and in groups. Our model combines online learning with interactions in face-to-face settings.

Blended learning provides control over time, place, path and pace and allows students to take charge of their own learning. The flexibility of this model is essential for allowing our students to successfully obtain both their high school diploma and a Career and Technical Certification upon graduation.

## Questions About Our Learning Model for Students

### Is this Early College blended learning model right for me?

Blended learning requires personal responsibility! It is for students who are comfortable learning online and engaging with their teacher through a combination of online methods and face-to-face instruction. This also includes online activities such as collaborative discussions, group projects, or other assignments. Successful blended learning students are:

- interested in active and participatory learning--both online and face-to-face;
- comfortable with using the computer, the Internet, learning platforms, and web-based tools;
- organized and good at time management;
- strong writers, critical thinkers, and communicators;
- willing to dedicate quality time to their online coursework.
- committed to balancing high school studies with their Career and Technical Program.

*Coursework combined with a DATC program can be rigorous and requires dedication and commitment. Students who have previously struggled with motivation or attendance, completion of coursework, and/or are credit deficit will have difficulty being successful in this model.*

### How much time should I expect to spend online?

Students should expect to regularly engage in their high school coursework daily Monday-Friday, putting in whatever amount of time it takes to stay on pace. This time does not include face-to-face or group and collaborative activities that may take place in the Learning Center.

### **What should I expect in blending learning courses?**

- Blended learning courses provide more flexibility, but they require just as much dedication and focus on the learning process.
- The reward for the student comes from taking a more active, participatory role in their own learning process. By engaging and collaborating with other students and the instructor both face-to face and online, the blended learning student becomes an active contributor to the learning process.
- Career Path High is a competency education model. Students must achieve a minimum mastery level of 70% on all assignments and units of instruction in all coursework in order to progress.

### **What are the learning requirements for students attending Career Path High?**

1. Students are required to exercise personal responsibility.
2. Students are required to complete their courses by the assigned end dates.
3. Students must achieve a minimum mastery level of 70%.
4. Students must log in and work in their courses daily Monday through Friday.
5. Students must follow their pacing guides and make adequate weekly progress in their coursework in order to stay on track for successful completion.
6. Students must communicate regularly with their teachers.
7. Students must attend the Learning Center anytime it is required; arriving on time, being prepared, and staying for the entire learning session.
8. Students must contribute to discussions and other online activities, as instructed by teachers.
9. Students must have access to the Internet with sufficient bandwidth to handle required coursework.
10. Students may not use their assigned laptops for anything other than school purposes.
11. Students must adhere to all school policies found on the School's website  
[www.careerpathhigh.org](http://www.careerpathhigh.org)

### **What are the requirements of parents/guardians of Career Path High students?**

At Career Path High we consider parents/guardians to be partners in their student's education! Parents will receive an Observer Account. Through our technology they will be able to log in and view their student's performance in real-time 24/7. Parents will have direct access to their student's dashboard through the Learning Management System. This will provide them with an up-to-date overview of their student's grades and progress in every course. Parents need to play an active role in monitoring student attendance and engagement in their coursework.

### **What are the requirements for participation in DATC Career and Technical Programs?**

- All 11th and 12th grade students must participate in a DATC Program.
- On average Career and Technical programs will require 12 hours weekly.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA at Career Path High in order to remain in their DATC Program.

## Tips for Success in Our Blended Learning Model

**Get organized:** Time management is critical. Make time for learning and engaging with your teachers. Map out your study plan and give yourself plenty of time to complete coursework. Check for online communications from your teachers on a regular basis.

**Prioritize your work:** Organize your learning and your courses and determine the order in which you need to tackle them. Utilize your pacing guides and your online dashboard to monitor your progress.

**Log in regularly:** Log in daily. There may be new class announcements, responses to questions, new learning units, assignments, and new discussion postings. Active participation in learning activities is critical for your learning success.

**Do not fall behind:** It is dangerous (and may result in a loss of credits needed for graduation) to wait until the last minute to complete your assignments, procrastinate your unit tests, or to miss scheduled instruction with your teacher. You will find yourself struggling to catch up and becoming de-motivated and pressured as a result.

**Participate, participate, and participate:** Whether engaging in your online curriculum or face-to-face with teachers or other students, participation reveals new ideas and thoughts and develops your critical thinking skills.

**Be comfortable with technology:** Ensure that you have access to the Internet and that you are comfortable with using the required technologies.

## What are the other benefits for students attending Career Path High?

Students are provided with an accelerated track to both career placement and college. They earn a high school diploma, a completed industry-based technical certificate, and may simultaneously earn college credits that matriculate to an Associate of Applied Science degree.

The Career Path High model assists students in developing personal responsibility for both their high school and college studies while operating in a college environment. The skills you build and use in blended learning – organization, time management, and problem solving – are life skills that will benefit you in your studies, in your work, and in your personal life.

*It is recommended that you review all Career Path High policies and review the FAQ section and other important information at [www.careerpathhigh.org](http://www.careerpathhigh.org)*