

News Release: Career Academy Program Application Now Available

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Grade-eligible high school students are now able to apply for enrollment into the Career Academy Program. The Academy provides students with technical skills and knowledge that add great value to their academic education. Programs of study have strong collaborative relationships with area businesses, industry leaders, and post-secondary education opportunities.

Programs of study consist of multi-year sequences of course work, career guidance, and work-based learning experiences that enable students to make more informed college and career choices. They also afford students an opportunity to earn college credit, industry certification/licenses, or pre-apprenticeship experience prior to leaving high school.

Available programs include:

Career Academy	Program Length	Grade Level for Entry	Program Location*
Auto Body Repair	2 years	11 th	Suitland
Automotive Technician	2 years	11 th	Suitland, Crossland, Laurel, Gwynn Park
Barbering	2 years	11 th	Crossland, Suitland
CISCO Academy	2 years	11 th	Wise (only offered to Wise boundary students) Crossland & Laurel
Cosmetology	2 years	11 th	Crossland, Laurel, Suitland
Culinary	2 years	11 th	Bladensburg & Oxon Hill (only offered for boundary students) & Crossland
Electrical	2 years	11 th	Bladensburg, Crossland, Suitland
Carpentry	2 years	11 th	Bladensburg, Suitland
HVAC	2 years	11 th	Suitland, Crossland
Masonry	2 years	11 th	Suitland, Crossland
Plumbing	2 years	11 th	Suitland
Nursing	1 year	12 th	Laurel
Health Professions (Nursing)	2 years	11 th	Laurel, Suitland, Crossland
Publishing & Graphics	2 years	11 th	Suitland

*Location of Career Academy Programs in which a student may be accepted is determined by the student's home address. You may contact a Program Coordinator at 301-669-6012 for more information.

There are four general qualifications for the Career Academy Program.

Students cannot transfer into the Career Academy Programs; an approved application is required.

The student must, at the time of entering the program, be enrolled in a Prince George's County public school, have a class status of junior (11th) grade, and have at least a 2.0 GPA.

The student and parent/legal guardian must sign the "Career Academy Student/Parent/Guardian Agreement" upon acceptance into the program.

The student must be eligible to complete the Career Academy Program and meet all high school graduation requirements.

For admission into Health Professions, Cosmetology, Barbering, and CISCO Academies there are additional enrollment requirements:

Health Professions - Students enrolling in this two-year specialization must have successfully completed biology with a minimum grade of "C," and must take the industry certification exam associated with the health profession area prior to graduation.

Cosmetology - Students enrolling in this two-year specialization must: have successfully completed biology with a minimum grade of "C," and must take the Maryland State Board of Cosmetologists Certification exam prior to graduation in order to complete the program.

Barbering - Students enrolling in this specialization must: have successfully completed biology with a minimum grade of "C," and must take the Maryland State Board of Barbers Certification exam prior to graduation in order to complete the program.

CISCO Academy - Students enrolling in this specialization must have successfully completed a combination of Algebra I and Geometry or Algebra I and Algebra II with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.

Students who apply for admission into a Career Academy will receive a letter by mail regarding their program application status by May 1, 2015.

To access instructions of how to apply, [click here](#). To apply now, [click here](#). For further inquiries please contact the Career Academy Program Office via email at capoffice@pgcps.org or by phone at 301-669-6012.