

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

To be eligible for the S.O.A.R./Program of Study college credits, the student must accomplish several tasks:

1. Earn a high school diploma.
2. Complete the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approved SOAR/POS program at the high school or tech school.
3. Earn a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) Grade Point Average (GPA) in the technical courses.
4. Achieve competent or advanced on the exam at the end of the technical program.
5. Achieve proficiency in all tasks required for the approved SOAR/POS program.
6. Within three years of graduation, be accepted as a student at a college that offers Program of Study credits in the student's program.



### NEXT STEPS

You and your child should meet with their Guidance Counselor to talk about the S.O.A.R./POS program. They can help you find out which colleges and Career and Technical Centers or high schools offer which programs. Not all schools offer all programs.

### GO TO THE WEB

A good place to start is with the College Transfer Center. Here you can find links that will tell you information about the colleges and the SOAR/Programs of Study (POS) that they offer.

CollegeTransfer.net - Transfer Center  
Aspire | Assess | Articulate



<http://www.collegetransfer.net/Default.aspx?tabid=943&from=4067>

A second place is the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) website. Here you will find detailed information on S.O.A.R./POS.

[http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs\\_of\\_study/7686](http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs_of_study/7686)

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*How Parents Can  
Help their Teen  
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# Is College Right For Your Child?



What should I do?

All parents worry about their children getting a good start when they leave high school. Some

students look forward to graduating and getting a job, but others want to continue their education. It has been proven that workers with at least some college education earn a lot more money than workers who do not go on to college.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has developed a new program for Career and Technical students to earn college credits. The program is called **S.O.A.R./POS**.

**S.O.A.R.** stands for

**S**tudents **O**ccupationally and **A**cademically **R**eady

It promises that students who are successful in this program will be ready to go to work or on to college upon high school graduation.



## POS Stands for Programs of Study

POS is a delivery method for instruction. POS students have the opportunity to:

- *Earn industry certifications*
- *Take nationally recognized End of Program exams*
- *Take higher level academic classes*
  - *Earn **FREE** college credits*

## Each Program of Study is matched to a High Priority Occupation (HPO)

These occupations are:

**HIGH DEMAND**  
**HIGH SKILL**  
**HIGH WAGE**

They represent available jobs in the state of Pennsylvania.

## Programs of Study

Programs of Study are matched with colleges across the state. These colleges have aligned their instruction with the academic and technical competencies/tasks that students accomplish while enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Most of these colleges offer nine credits. Some, especially the Health Careers, offer less. One school is offering twenty-five credits in Computer Systems Networking & Telecommunications.



*That's more than a free semester of College!*

## Thirty-nine Participating Colleges

Bucks County Community College  
Butler County Community College  
Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology  
Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
Commonwealth Technical Institute  
Community College of Allegheny Co.  
Community College of Beaver County  
Community College of Philadelphia  
Crawford County AVTS-Practical Nursing Prog.  
Delaware County Community College  
Fayette Co. Area Vocational-Technical School-Practical Nursing Program  
Greater Altoona CTC  
Greater Johnstown CTC  
Greene County CTC  
Harcum College  
Harrisburg Area Comm. College-Harrisburg  
Johnson College  
Lackawanna College  
Lancaster County CTC  
Lawrence County CTC-Practical Nursing Prog.  
Lehigh Carbon Community College  
Lenape AVTS-Practical Nursing Program  
Luzerne County Community College  
Manor College  
Mercyhurst College  
Montgomery County Community College-Central  
Mouth Aloysius College  
Northampton Co. Community College  
Northern Tier Career Center  
Orleans Technical Institute  
Peirce College  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Pennsylvania Highlands Comm. College  
Pennsylvania Institute of Technology  
Reading Area Community College  
Rosedale Technical Institute  
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology  
Westmoreland Co. Community College  
Wilkes-Barre Area CTC

Note: Not all colleges offer all programs. See the College Transfer Center on reverse side for updates to this list.