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.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**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.


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

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Is College Right For Your Child?

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 **Students Occupationally and Academically Ready**

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.

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**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.

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**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!*