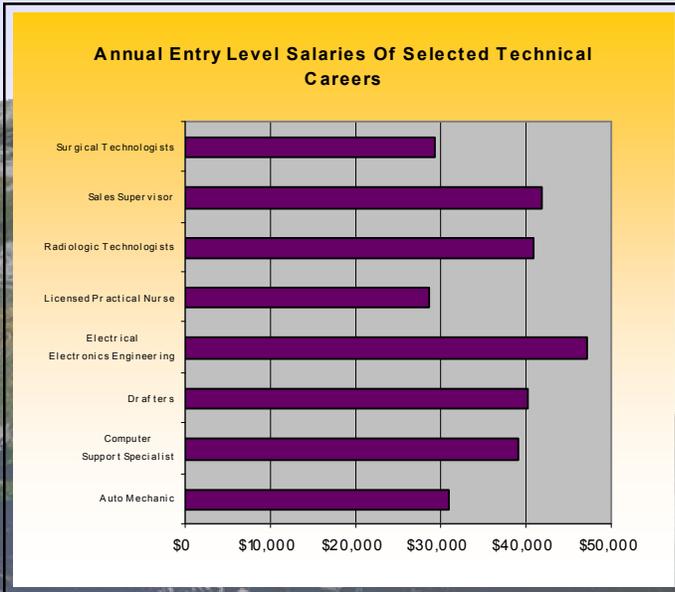




IT'S A TECHNICAL WORLD. BE READY.

Technical education prepares students for well-paid careers which are directly related to a specific trade or occupation. Students develop skills that are competitive and in demand. Technical college courses are just as challenging as those offered at traditional colleges and universities. Georgia's technical colleges provide training for hundreds of careers ranging from culinary arts to engine repair. Even if a four-year bachelor's degree is your goal, getting started at a technical college is a great first step.



Myths and Facts About Technical Colleges

- Myth #1** It is difficult to apply for admission to a technical college.
Fact #1 Applying to technical college is easy! Apply online through www.gacollege411.org or through the college's website.
- Myth #2** It is expensive to attend North Metro or Chattahoochee Technical College.
Fact #2 Technical colleges are very affordable, costing approximately 1/3 as much annually as the cost of a university. Also, with the Hope Grant, you may be able to attend practically free (only \$35 per quarter plus textbooks)!
- Myth #3** Few jobs are available for technical college graduates.
Fact #3 Technical colleges offer training in some of today's most in-demand careers. Nursing, automotive, computer technology, culinary arts, and truck driving are just a few of the options.
- Myth #4** Technical college graduates earn low salaries.
Fact #4 Some technical college graduates have beginning salaries in excess of \$40,000.
- Myth #5** It is more difficult to get into a four-year college after attending a technical college.
Fact #5 Admission requirements for transfer students are not as stringent as those for incoming freshmen. Attendance at a technical college may provide a competitive advantage.
- Myth #6** None of the technical college's credits will transfer to UGA, KSU, Georgia Tech, or Southern Polytechnic.
Fact #6 Regionally accredited technical colleges offer mini-core courses in English and Math that will transfer to most state colleges and universities. Additionally, other credits may transfer.

Local Technical Colleges



Chattahoochee Technical College
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Marietta, GA 30060
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Acworth, GA 30102
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TECHNICAL COLLEGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What degrees/certifications are offered?

Local technical colleges offer certificates, diplomas, and associate's degrees in areas such as accounting, automotive, commercial truck driving, computer information systems, cosmetology, early childhood education, practical nursing and many other disciplines. Please see each college's website for complete listings of available programs.

How long will it take to achieve a certificate/diploma/degree?

A full-time student can generally complete a diploma in about 4 – 6 quarters (1 – 1 ½ years), depending on the program of study. An associate's degree can generally be completed in 6 – 8 quarters (1 ½ - 2 years). Completion times for certificates vary based on program.

What are the potential earnings associated with degrees/certifications?

Starting salaries range from \$24,000-\$45,000 per year, depending on the program of study. (See salary chart on front.)

Is job placement assistance provided?

Each college has a Career Services Coordinator to assist students in their job search (i.e. resume assistance and interviewing skills).

What are the requirements for admission?

Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. They must also take the COMPASS assessment or provide official documentation of a course grade of "C" or better in credit-level English and mathematics from an accredited post-secondary institution (or submit acceptable SAT, ACT, or ASSET scores taken within the last 5 years). Additional requirements may apply based on program of study. See the college's website for more information.

What is the cost?

In 2007, tuition at a technical college is \$31 per credit hour plus an additional \$80-90 of quarterly fees. The number of credit hours required for graduation varies among the different programs of study but generally falls between 70 and 100 hours for a total tuition/fee cost between \$2,500 and \$4,000.

Are flexible schedules available for working students?

Numerous options are available to help students with busy schedules attend college. Night, weekend, and online classes are offered.

What is the HOPE Grant?

Most residents of Georgia admitted to a diploma or certificate program will qualify for the HOPE Grant. The HOPE Grant pays for tuition, registration, activity, and accident insurance fees for those classes within the student's major. In addition, the HOPE Grant supplies eligible students an allowance for books and supplies. For degree programs, the Georgia HOPE Scholarship is also available. For information on eligibility and to apply, visit www.gacollege411.org.