JUMPSTART ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS RECEIVE FREE TUITION FOR ELIGIBLE COURSES

Pre-registration opens March 2nd at 10 AM

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FALL 2026 ACADEMY OPTIONS

CITY CENTER

ALTERNATIVE FUEL MAINTENANCE & ADVANCED ELECTRONICS
Time: 8:00am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 Year*

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Time: 8:00am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 Year*

*Program is 1 year with an opportunity to continue in related programs for year two

CLIMATE & ENERGY CONTROL ACADEMY
FALL START ONLY
Time: 8:00am - 11:00 am (returning)
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (new)
Program Length: 2 Years

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (new)
Program Length: 2 Years (includes internship)

ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY
FALL START ONLY
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am (new)
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (new)
Program Length: 2 Years (includes internship)

MOBILE EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY (DIESEL)
Time: 8:00am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 Year*

WELDING TECHNOLOGY
FALL START ONLY
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 Years

WSU SOUTH

BUSINESS ACADEMY†
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
OR Online
Program Length: 2 Years

CLOUD COMPUTING/CODING
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 Years

COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 Years

CRIMINAL JUSTICE~
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 Years

HEALTHCARE
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Program Length: 1 Semester
Must enroll in full academy (CNA, Phleb, EKG, Med Term)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
Time: 7:30 am - 10:15 am OR 11:45 pm - 2:30 pm
Program Length: 1 Semester

VETERINARY ASSISTANT~
Campus: WSU South
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 Semester

~Requires high school transcript for review | †Not all courses are tuition-free

NATIONAL CENTER FOR AVIATION TRAINING (NCAT)

AVIATION MAINTENANCE
FALL START ONLY
Time: 8:00am - 11:00 am (returning)
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (new)
Program Length: 2 Years

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Program Length: 2 Years

DRONES ACADEMY
FALL START ONLY
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am (Returning)
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (New)
Program Length: 2 Years

ENGINEERING DESIGN
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Program Length: 2 Years

MACHINING TECHNOLOGY (MACHINING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY)
Time: 7:30 am -11:00 am OR 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
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The Career and Technical Education Act - Excel CTE was approved to begin the 2012-2013 school year. This opportunity waives the tuition for high school juniors and seniors taking college courses that prepare them to work in high-demand technical career fields. It allows students to acquire work-ready skills while building a college transcript and contribute to a skilled workforce for Kansas employers.

STEPS TO START EARNING FREE TUITION

1 APPLY

- Go to myjumpstart.wsutech.edu
- Select High School Student and complete the application.
- Log in if you have already created an account.

SCAN HERE TO APPLY OR LOGIN

2 ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

- Read and sign your enrollment agreement digitally.

3 SELECT YOUR PROGRAM AND TIME

- Click on "Enroll in Classes"
- Select the 2nd tab "Search for Class(es)
- "Select Term" needs to be changed to Fall 2026
- Refer to Academy Section numbers on page 3 for Subject and Course
  - example Subject: (ORI) Orientation and Course: (ORI 061) High School Block Criminal Justice
  - Click "Submit form and Search for Class(es)"
- Click the box for whether you want/need the morning or afternoon section and "Apply for Selected"

4 HS COUNSELOR APPROVAL AND PARENTAL CONSENT

- Speak with your high school counselor and verify approval for program
  - Counselors will approve in MyJumpstart and you can see it by checking "Enrollment Status"
- Send Parental Consent to your parent/guardian. You cannot be enrolled without this.

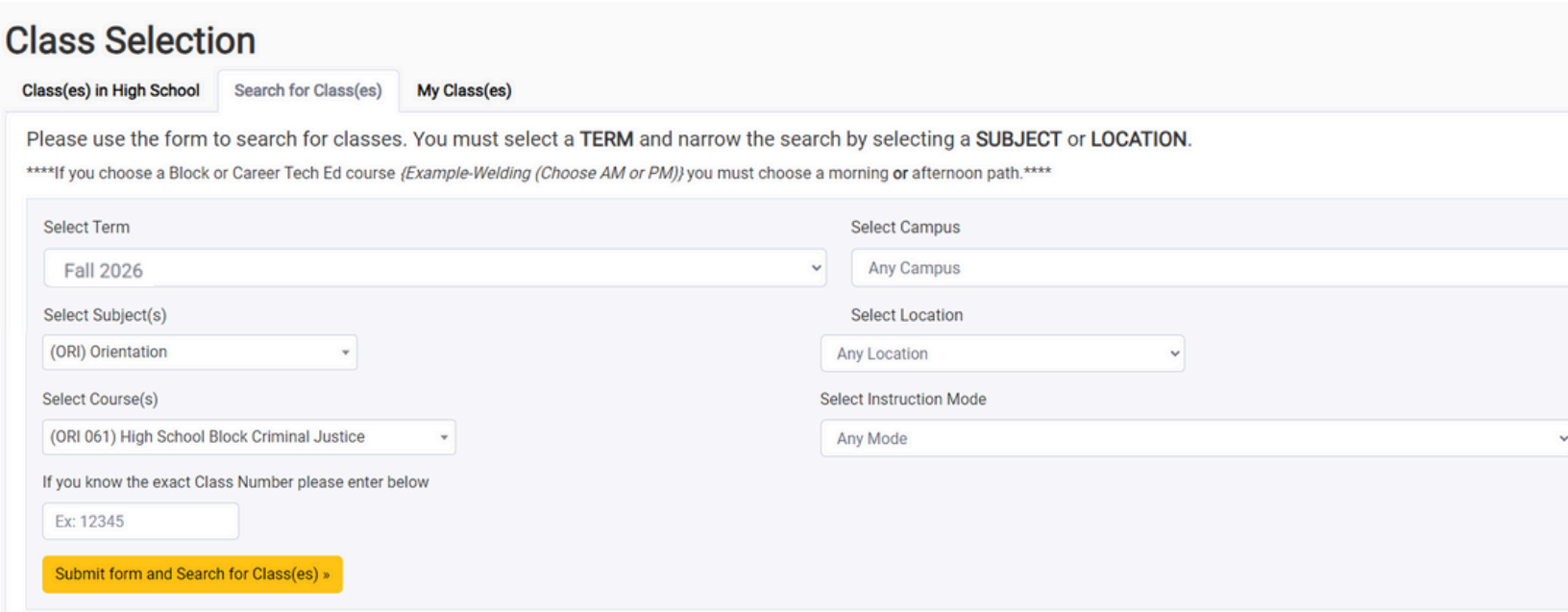
5 ATTEND MANDATORY ORIENTATION MEETING

- If accepted into the program, you will receive information for the required Orientation taking place the first week of May.

Public and private high school and homeschool sophomores - seniors are eligible for FREE TUITION via Excel CTE. For more information visit wsutech.edu/jumpstart. WSU Tech is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a Kansas Board of Regents Institution. Many credits are transferable. Books, tools, scrubs and additional materials are NOT covered by Excel CTE and must be purchased by the student.

JUMPSTART ACADEMY | SECTION NUMBERS

ACADEMY NAME	SECTION	NUMBER
ALTERNATIVE FUEL MAINTENANCE & ADVANCED ELECTRONICS	ORI	051
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN	ORI	060
AUTO SERVICE	ORI	052
AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOY	ORI	055
BUSINESS	ORI	067
CLIMATE & ENERGY CONTROL ACADEMY	ORI	053
CLOUD COMPUTING/ CODING	ORI	068
COMPUTER SUPPORT & CYBER SECURITY(INFORMATION TECH)	ORI	063
CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE	ORI	054
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	ORI	061
DRONES ACADEMY	ORI	058
ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY	ORI	070
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	ORI	066
ENGINEERING DESIGN	ORI	056
HEALTHCARE	ORI	062
MACHINING	ORI	057
MOBILE EQUIPEMENT TECHNOLOGY (DIESEL)	ORI	071
WELDING	ORI	059
VETERINARY ASSISTANT	ORI	069



ALTERNATIVE FUEL MAINTENANCE & ADVANCED ELECTRONICS

Campus: City Center
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 year with an opportunity to continue in related programs for year two
COURSE NAME: ORI 051 Alternative Fuel Academy

Classes include instruction in areas of electrical vehicles, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles, compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, hybrid fuel technology, electrical and electronic systems, engine performance, diagnosis and repair, and conversion/installation.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Campus: NCAT
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 060 Architectural Design Academy

Architectural Design Technology is a program that prepares graduates for careers in commercial and/or residential architectural fields. In a state of the art computer lab at the National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT) students will solve the real world architectural problems they will encounter in the field.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Campus: City Center
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 year with an opportunity to continue in related programs for year two
COURSE NAME: ORI 052 Automotive Tech Academy

The Automotive Service Technology program allows students to gain skills and knowledge to accurately diagnose, repair and service various automotive vehicles. Program includes classroom and lab instruction.

BUSINESS

Campus: WSU South

TimeL 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm OR online

COURSE NAME: ORI 067 Business Academy

This program prepares students for going into business degrees, such as Finance, Business Administration, Accounting, and Marketing.

AVIATION MAINTENANCE (FALL START ONLY)

Campus: NCAT
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am (returning students)
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (new students)
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 055 Aviation Maintenance Technology Academy

The Aviation Maintenance Technology program meets the requirements for students to take the exam for the airframe and power plant mechanic certificate. The certificate
authorizes the holder to approve aircraft that has undergone inspection or maintenance "for return to service". A&P Mechanics in Wichita earn an average of $28.98 per hour.

CLIMATE & ENERGY CONTROL ACADEMY (FALL START ONLY)

Campus: City Center
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 053 Climate and Energy Control Academy

The Climate & Energy Control Technologies program is preparing students for careers in the air conditioning industry. Learning opportunities develop academic, occupational, and professional knowledge and skills required for acquiring, retaining, and advancing your career. The program includes a combination of electricity, heating, residential air conditioning, refrigeration, sheet metal fabrication, direct digital controls (DDC) & commercial HVAC applications. The foundational skills and principles learned in this program prepare students to work in the residential and commercial HVAC market place.

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CLOUD COMPUTING/CODING

Campus: WSU Tech South
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 068 Cloud Computing Academy

What is cloud computing? Microsoft defines cloud computing as the delivery of computing services—including servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, and intelligence—over the Internet, or "the cloud", to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale. Wichita starting wage ranges $14-17/hour with average of $65,840 per year.

COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Campus: WSU Tech South
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 063 Information Technology Academy
This program prepares students to enter the rapidly advancing field of computing technologies to earn an average of $30 an hour. The coursework provides the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to complete CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association) Certifications. Careers that use CompTIA certifications include: Information security, Network and cloud technologies, Hardware, services and infrastructure, IT management and strategy.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Campus: City Center
Time:12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 year, Year 2 is internship
COURSE NAME: ORI 054 Construction Academy

The Carpentry program prepares students in the basic skills necessary for all occupations in construction. Students begin their study in nine modules, which include: safety; math; materials; hand and power tools; construction drawings; basic rigging; communication; and employability skills. Students
then advance to courses which provide hands-on application of technical knowledge and skills. The average wage in Wichita for this profession is $20.96 per hour.

~CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Campus: WSU Tech South
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 years
Course Name: ORI 061 Criminal Justice Academy

This program introduces students to courses in criminal justice for a career in law enforcement as a police, probation or parole office or for a career in another area of police science or criminal justice. Average wages for this career are $28 per hour.
~Placement test required to enroll

DRONES ACADEMY

Campus: NCAT
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 058 Drones Academy

Students will learn the skills and knowledge to design, program and operate an effective UAS mission. Students will obtain a Part 107 license and rating while developing a safety-oriented mindset through risk management and situational awareness. Topics include GIS, Multirotor, UAS Ground School, BLoS drone preparation and FixedWing Flight. UAV pilots are employed in careers like: law enforcement/search and rescue, 3D modeling/surveying, photography and filmmaking, commercial deliveries, and inspections. Must be 16 years of age.

ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

Campus: City Center
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 year, Year 2 is internship
COURSE NAME: ORI 070 Electrical Technology Academy

The Electrical Technology program equips students with the skills to install, maintain, and repair electrical systems, preparing them for the Journeyman Electrician licensure exam. The program covers essential topics such as AC/DC circuits, blueprint reading, wiring methods, motor controls, and safety practices. With hands-on training and industry knowledge, graduates will be ready for a successful career in the electrical field.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
Campus: WSU Tech South
Time: 7:30 am - 10:15 am OR 11:45 pm - 2:30 pm
Program Length: 1 semester
COURSE NAME: ORI 066 EMT Academy

The program prepares students to develop quick reactions and competent care practices to respond to emergency calls, perform medical services, and transport patients to medical facilities. This program establishes a student's EMT- Basic certification.

ENGINEERING DESIGN
Campus: NCAT
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00pm-3:00pm
Program Length: 2 years
COURSE NAME: ORI 056 Engineering Design Academy

Drawings include technical details and specify dimensions, materials, and procedures. Drafters fill in technical details using drawings, rough sketches, specifications, and calculations made by engineers or scientists. Drafters use technical handbooks, tables, calculators, and computers to complete their work. Engineering Designs in Wichita earn an average of $29.08 per hour.

HEALTHCARE

Campus: WSU Tech South
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 semester
COURSE NAME: ORI 062 Healthcare Academy

This block of courses is designed to prepare students for WSU Tech's Registered or Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, & Patient Care Tech programs. Student will prepare to assist doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals in providing patient care in a variety of healthcare environments. The classroom and clinical experiences support industry's need for healthcare professionals who are proficient in a variety of direct patient care areas. As a result, students of the program have the opportunity to take certification exams in multiple direct patient care areas including certified nurse aide, electrocardiograms, and phlebotomy.

MACHINING TECHNOLOGY (MACHINING & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY
Campus: NCAT
Time: 7:30 am - 11:00 am OR 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Program Length: 1 year
COURSE NAME: ORI 057 Machining Academy

This program includes classroom and laboratory instruction in safety, proper use of hand and power tools, blueprint reading and sketching, precision measuring and layout, setup, operation, clean-up and basic maintenance of lathes, milling machines and surface grinders with extra emphasis on CNC set up and operation.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT TECHOLOGY (DIESEL)
Campus: City Center
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 year with an opportunity to continue in related programs for year two
COURSE NAME: ORI 071 Mobile Equipment Academy

The Mobile Equipment Technology program will prepare students to service and maintain various types of mobile equipment. Students will understand the working functions of diesel-powered equipment and their sub-systems. Additionally, students will demonstrate diagnostic skills to identify component failure and perform timely and accurate repairs or service.

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VETERINARY ASSISTANT
Campus: WSU Tech South
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 1 semester
Course Name: ORI 069 Veterinary Assistant Academy

The Veterinary Assisting Academy will prepare students for entry level employment opportunities in veterinary facilities and/or for continuing education as a veterinary nurse. The program courses will provide students with knowledge of veterinary medical terminology, veterinary anatomy and clinical laboratory procedures. In addition, students will be able to practice skills like animal restraint, bandaging and performing basic diagnostics. Students will work with a variety of animal models, microscopes and other examination equipment.

WELDING TECHNOLOGY
Campus: City Center
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
OR 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Program Length: 2 years
Course Name: ORI 059 Welding Academy

The Welding program allows students to gain knowledge and skills in cutting, shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW) and gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW) and provides some exposure to oxy-acetylene cutting and welding.

GENERAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

WSU TECH OFFERS GENERAL EDUCATION* COLLEGE CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. TRANSFER THEM TO ANOTHER KANSAS COLLEGE.

Whether taken directly through WSU Tech or in cooperation with a participating high school, eligible students pay a special rate of just $149 for 3 credit hour course or below and $199 for a 4 or 5 credit hour course. Save thousands. Please meet with an academic advisor to discuss transferability.

American Government
Art Appreciation
Calculus I
Child Psychology
College Algebra
Computer Applications
Developmental Psychology
Elementary Statistics
Composition I
Composition II
Ethics
First Aid & CPR
General Chemistry
General Physics I
General Physics II
General Psychology
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Interpersonal Communication
Introduction to Criminal Justice
Introduction to Teaching
Logic
Macroeconomics
Managerial Accounting
Medical Terminology
Microeconomics
Music Appreciation
Personal Finance
Physical Science
Principles of Accounting I
Principles of Biology
Principles of Nutrition
Principles of Sociology
Public Speaking
Social Problems
Spanish I
Spanish II
Theatre Appreciation
Trigonometry
US History since 1865
US History to 1877
World History I

Q. Do I still have to attend WSU Tech on days that my high school is not in session?

A. Yes, students enrolled in Academies are required to follow the WSU Tech college schedule.

Q. What are students responsible for paying as part of the program ?

A. Students are responsible for the cost of their books and supplies in the program.

Q. I lost my schedule. How do I get a new one?

A. You are able to print a new schedule by:

- signing into your MyWSUTech student portal.
- Select the student tab on the left
- Scroll to student records and select 'my schedule'
- If you are having trouble logging in to your student portal please call the ITHELP- DESK at 316-677-9906 for assistance.

Q. Are the classes in Academies hard?

A. The classes are college level courses and require students to read and complete assignments at a faster pace and higher difficulty level.

Q. How much time should I expect to spend doing homework?

A. Expect at least one hour of reading or homework each day you are in class.

Q. Where are the campus locations?

A. City Center: 301 S. Grove
WSU South: 3821 E. Harry
NCAT: 4004 N Webb Rd.

Q. Is it okay to miss class for doctor's appointments, school sports, or vacation?

A. The short answer is no. If you are an athlete we recommend enrolling in WSU Tech classes during your off season or in the morning. We also recommend you schedule doctor visits and vacations when your WSU Tech classes are not in session. Many of our programs have required attendance and missing too many classes results in removal from the program or an automatic 'F' in the class.

Q. What happens if the high school closes for weather-related issues?

A. E-mail your instructor to let them know and they will work with you to get you caught up. This is an excused absence.

Q. What will I have to pay?

A. Many programs may include book fees, these are automatically applied to your invoice upon enrollment. To complete an Associate of Applied Science degree with WSU Tech, students will complete program classes as well as general education courses that are not a part of the free tuition program.

The Aviation Maintenance Program includes tool fees and FAA Testing fees, an acknowledgement will be signed by students and their parent/guardian prior to being accepted into the program. Scholarship applications available after semester 1.

Aviation Maintenance Fee Breakdown:
Semester 1: $675 FAA Testing Fee
Semester 3: $1250 Tool Kit
Semester 3: $675 FAA Testing Fee
Semester 4: $1250 Tool Kit
Semester 4: $675 FAA Testing Fee

*Cost can fluctuate each year