



# Credits

STUDENTS OCCUPATIONALLY AND ACADEMICALLY READY

## AT A GLANCE:

### COST

**Free**

*(No Tuition or Fees!)*

### REQUIREMENTS

- Enroll in a SOAR approved Academy Program
- Schedule college-prep academic classes at your high school
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA in your Academy program
- Achieve your High School Diploma
- Earn a *Competent* or *Advanced* score on your NOCTI exam
- Complete 100% of your technical program competencies list at an Industry Proficient Level

### PORTABLE

Credits transfer to over 40 different institutions in Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) developed and supports the SOAR program, which helps career and technical education programs lead seamlessly to post-secondary education.

The mission of SOAR is to prepare students for college and careers in an increasingly diverse, high-performing workforce. PDE grants SOAR Programs of Study (POS) approval based in part on the adoption of statewide, industry-aligned competencies and the PA academic standards, instructor certifications, and status as High Priority Occupations as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. SOAR creates a transfer credit relationship between The Academy and over 40 Pennsylvania post-secondary colleges. Students who achieve SOAR's challenging academic technical criteria (listed to the left) by the time they graduate from The Academy can earn free credits to transfer to college, saving close to one full, free semester of college!

*Note: Since requirements include test scores and GPAs, students will not know for certain if they qualify for SOAR credits until late in their senior year. Therefore, SOAR credits should be considered a bonus credit that you may earn if you work hard and achieve, not a guaranteed credit that every student will receive.*

## Perfect for:

- The academically strong, motivated student.
- The student who knows they want to go to college locally or in-state (in Pennsylvania), even if they haven't chosen a school yet.