



Triton College

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Triton College's Career Academy Allows Academically Qualified High Schoolers a Taste of College

RIVER GROVE – Triton College's Career Academy allows academically qualified in-district high school students a unique opportunity to get a head start on their college education and career. By enrolling in a variety of Triton programs, students can earn college credits and even pursue post-secondary certificates, setting them on a path to success both in college and in life.

"Our in-district high schools have seen strong interest from students and asked Triton College to develop this program," said Alexandria Terrazas, dean of Triton's Early College Program.

Career Academy programs include Barbering, Dental Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Fire Science, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Welding, Electrocardiogram (EKG), and Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC), among many others.

"We are meeting the need for several high-demand jobs," said Terrazas. "The result is a stronger workforce and a boost to our local economy."

Career Academy is part of Triton College's Early College Program, which offers students three opportunities to earn college credit or receive an associate degree or an industry certificate. The opportunities are Dual Credit, Dual Enrollment and Dual Degree college programs, allowing high school students to take college courses and earn credits while completing their high school education.

Terrazas highlighted that the Career Academy enriches Triton's Early College Program by offering students more flexibility and access to higher-paying careers while they're still in high school. It allows students to explore potential career paths, develop hands-on skills and earn industry certifications.

"Courses are available in the morning and afternoon, and even evenings" Terrazas said. "Students are not limited to their high school cohort. The program can be customized to fit individual needs."

High school students interested in the Career Academy must contact their high schools before Feb. 21, 2025, for the 2026 fiscal year.

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ABOUT TRITON COLLEGE Triton College is an institution of higher education dedicated to student success. Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs designed for students to realize their career aspirations and effectively compete in a global economy. The college campus spans 110 acres in River Grove, Illinois, holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's exemplary faculty and staff work to provide high-quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 10,000 students each year. Triton College is a member of The Community Colleges of Illinois and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://triton.edu/>.