



*Connect to College offers academically capable youth between the ages of 17-20 the opportunity earn their high school diploma and college credit, up to and including a postsecondary certificate or associate degree. The first of its kind in South Carolina, Connect to College opened in 2006 as a “second chance” program for students who, for a variety of reasons, hadn’t been successful in a traditional high school. It is a collaborative offering of the school districts of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties and Tri-County Technical College, and it is based on a nationally recognized model. Connect to College provides deserving students with a genuine opportunity for a second chance – to finish their high school education, to earn a college degree, to have the kind of future they really want.*

#### HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Connect to College (C2C) uses a comprehensive application and selection process. While not every applicant is accepted, all applicants are given careful consideration, and everyone receives an individualized educational plan and assistance to find the option that best meets his or her needs.

During the first semester in C2C, students typically enroll in COL 103 (College Skills) and three other courses that meet their academic needs and address requirements in their educational plan. There are no special courses—the courses are regular College courses, taught by regular College faculty, and taken by regular College students. While there may be several C2C students in a particular course section, there are no courses only for C2C students. (The sole exception is SFT 109 [Lifetime Fitness and Wellness], which is a college-level course used to fulfill physical education requirements for the high school diploma. Registration for that course is limited to C2C students.)

JERMONIKA H., 2010 graduate of T.L. Hanna High School via C2C

#### WHAT'S REQUIRED TO APPLY?

Connect to College at Tri-County Technical College accepts students each semester (fall, spring, and summer). The C2C staff works closely with each applicant to guide him/her through all the steps and requirements (see the website for more details), starting with the first individualized meeting during the Overview Session.

Here are the two main steps in the application process for Connect to College:

- 1** Sign up for an informational Overview Session by calling (864) 646-1461. Parents/guardians or other support persons are encouraged to attend, too. (It is not necessary for the prospective student to officially apply to C2C or complete any paperwork before attending an Overview Session.)
- 2** Complete an Assessment Session and submit all required application materials.

Students who complete the application process will be considered for admission by the C2C Admission Committee. All applicants will be notified personally by phone regarding the committee's decision.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONNECT TO COLLEGE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.TCTC.EDU/C2C](http://WWW.TCTC.EDU/C2C)**



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**CONNECT TO COLLEGE OFFERS HOPE TO YOUTH WHO NEED A SECOND CHANCE.**

*Every nine seconds, a student somewhere in the country drops out of high school.*

*Without a diploma, the future is bleak – few job prospects, low wages, and little or no career advancement.*





All C2C students are assigned to a Support Specialist who serves as an advisor, coach, mentor, and learning facilitator. The student and his/her Support Specialist work closely to maintain a detailed, individualized education and career plan that outlines requirements for both the high school diploma and postsecondary credential[s].

On average, it takes about five semesters to complete the high school diploma, depending on the number of units the student enters C2C with and the number of courses he/she successfully completes each term (fall, spring, and summer). Upon completion of all requirements, the diploma is awarded by the student's sponsor high school, which is a public high school in one of the seven partner districts in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. Students may also graduate simultaneously with a Tri-County Technical College credential, provided all requirements for the postsecondary major are satisfactorily completed.

**WHAT ARE THE COSTS?**

Connect to College is a relatively low cost program for students and their families. While the costs for tuition and books are covered, students must pay College fees (some are one-time fees, others occur each semester) and cover their own expenses for transportation, child care, and supplies. There is no financial assistance available to offset these costs. The C2C program does not provide van or bus transportation.

For the most up-to-date information about Tri-County Technical College's academic and student fees, visit the college website at [www.tctc.edu/Content/Paying\\_for\\_College.xml](http://www.tctc.edu/Content/Paying_for_College.xml)

**WHERE AND WHEN IS THE PROGRAM OFFERED?**

Connect to College is offered primarily on the Pendleton campus of Tri-County Technical College. Students may, with permission, take courses on any of the other Tri-County campuses. (Sometimes students take a combination of online, evening, and traditional courses on one or more campuses, depending on their needs and preferences.) The C2C courses are regular Tri-County Technical College courses, so the program is offered year-round according to the College's academic calendar.

**WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?**

C2C students receive exceptional support to help them reach their goals:

- **Support Specialist Services** (academic advising, transcript review, educational planning, personal guidance, assistance with time and stress management, and referrals for campus and community resources);
- **Academic Support** (daily Academic Success Lab, study groups, online resources and individualized study plans, tutoring);
- **Extracurricular Learning** (workshops, seminars, learning trips, leadership and/or work skills development).

In addition, students may also participate in mentoring, which is arranged on an individualized basis. Beyond these specialized services, C2C students also have full access to the services and activities available to any Tri-County Technical College student. (The only exception is that C2C students may not participate in intercollegiate athletics.)

**WHAT IS EXPECTED?**

**ATTEND EACH AND EVERY CLASS**

*Arrive on time, be prepared, and meet all requirements as described in each course syllabus.*

**USE YOUR RESOURCES**

*Take full advantage of Academic Success Lab, group study sessions, campus resources like the Writing Center, and assistance from your Support Specialist.*

**STAY FOCUSED**

*Make your studies a priority, maintain a "can do" attitude, and seek help when you need it.*

**MAINTAIN YOUR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

*Keep up your grades (overall "C" average), adhere to the policies of Tri-County Technical College, and pay your fees and fines (if applicable) in a timely manner.*

**GRADUATES THROUGH CONNECT TO COLLEGE (AUGUST 4, 2011)**

*(L to R) J Kandace H. (Pendleton HS); Tyler P. (Pendleton HS); Chase H. (TL Hanna HS); Kaci W. (TL Hanna HS); Michaela S. (Seneca HS); Ariel D. (Liberty HS).*

