

Washburn Tech Online Courses

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1. Most of the courses offered have tuition listed as “Free to high school students”. Why is tuition not being charged to high school students?
- A1. Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, Kansas high school students can get their tuition paid for if they take qualified technical courses offered at Kansas technical and community colleges. The free tuition is offered through the new Career and Technical Education Act passed this past legislative session. **The incentive program will give school districts \$1,000 for each high school student who graduates from that district with an industry-recognized credential in a high-need occupation.**
- Q2. Are there any additional fees or charges associated with these online courses?
- A2. Similar to other community colleges and technical schools, Washburn Tech does charge additional fees for all courses. For the 2012-13 school year, Washburn Tech has a 1 time admission fee of \$20.00 for high school students plus a \$5.00 per credit hour materials/technology fee. Unfortunately these fees are not paid for by the Career and Technical Education Act.
- Q3. Why is tuition being charged for the Technical Math I course? Isn't Technical Math I required for the AST program?
- A3. Technical Math I is a prerequisite for the Advanced Systems Training (AST) program. Prerequisite courses are not paid for in the Career and Technical Education Act passed this past legislative session.
- Q4. Do the online courses cover the same material as the courses offered on the Washburn Tech Campus?
- A4. Washburn Tech courses with identical course ID numbers (i.e., BAT151) meet the same outcomes, whether taught online or face-to-face. In most cases, the same textbook and course materials are used.
- Q5. Can I get a program certificate by taking online courses?
- A5. Washburn Tech is in the process of developing additional online courses to meet the requirements for Industry Recognized Credentials or program certificates in Office Careers Technology, Computer Repair and Networking, Certified Production Technician, Graphic Design, and Nursing Assistant.

Q6. Are students required to take the WorkKeys test before they can take an online course?

A6. Students are not required to take the WorkKeys test until they have accumulated 6 hours of credit through online courses. WorkKeys tests are given at Washburn Tech throughout the year and are free for high school students attending high schools in the consortium districts.

Q7. Are these courses transferable to other technical schools, community colleges or 4 year colleges?

A7. Washburn Tech is affiliated with Washburn University and is accredited or approved by the Higher Learning Commission, a Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Washburn Tech has articulation agreements with all Kansas community colleges as well as with Washburn University in Topeka. This allows coursework from most Washburn Institute of Technology programs to transfer toward an associate degree from the above institutions. The agreement with Washburn University also provides reduced tuition to Washburn Institute of Technology graduates. Washburn Tech students are encouraged to obtain additional education and training whenever possible. This enhances marketability, employability, and retention in the workplace.