

High School Diploma Program

With **Relevant, Career Focused** Training

Penn Foster's high school diploma program is designed to help opportunity youth earn their high school diploma and become career and college ready. This flexible program is delivered in a hybrid setting and works well within various organizational frameworks.

"High school graduation and college and career readiness are key components of our program and this partnership with Penn Foster will further help our students achieve success."

– **Scott Emerick, VP of Education, YouthBuild**



PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The Penn Foster High School diploma program includes 16.5 core subject credits and 5 elective credits. A total of 21.5 credits are required for graduation. Penn Foster evaluates all incoming student transcripts and will award all applicable high school credits, including credit for GED and TABE scores. The core curriculum consists of:

- Orientation (.5 credits)
- Basic English (1 credit)
- American History (1 credit)
- Earth Science (1 credit)
- Biology (1 credit)
- Physical Science (1 credit)
- Human Relations (1 credit)
- General Math 1 (1 credit)
- Practical English (1 credit)
- Civics (1 credit)
- General Math 2 (1 credit)
- Written Communication (1 credit)*
- Reading Skills (1 credit)
- Fitness and Nutrition (1 credit)
- Consumer Math (1 credit)
- Literature (1 credit)
- World History (1 credit)

*Required For more information on our career-oriented electives, see the reverse side of this page.

WHY PENN FOSTER?

Program in use at over **130 locations**, including **75+ Job Corps Centers**

Over **20,000** high school students graduated in 2014

On average, our partners see an **85%** completion rate in a hybrid setting

Career-oriented electives prepare students for success beyond the classroom

Regionally and Nationally **Accredited**



A GREAT ALTERNATIVE TO A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAM

- **A comprehensive experience** – students receive support from instructors and a community of their peers, learn life skills, and master a career-oriented curriculum.
- **Long Term Outcomes** – With a high school diploma, students learn how to learn rather than just how to pass a test, better preparing them for their next educational or career step
- **Lifetime Success** – On average, students with a high school diploma earn \$1,600¹ more per month than those who pass a high school equivalency test.



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Career Electives

Our career-oriented electives allow students to focus on a career of their interest, preparing them for success in the workforce upon graduation. Students are able to pursue one of the following 16 career electives:

CARPENTRY

Students learn skills including Basic Math for Carpenters, Hand and Power Tools, Floor Framing, and Interior Finish

CULINARY ARTS

Students learn how to cook a variety of foods including Meat, Poultry and Game, Fish and Shellfish, and Stocks, Sauces and Soups

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Skills learned include: Working Safely with Electricity, Electrical Equipment, Working with Conduit, and The National Electrical Code

MACHINING

Skills learned include Machining Fundamentals, Manufacturing Process, Milling, and Control Concepts

PLUMBING

Courses Include: Plumbing Fittings, Water Supply Systems, Plumbing Connections, and Installing Plumbing Fixtures

AUTOMOTIVE

Skills learned include: Engine Types, Ignition System Maintenance, Automotive Fuel Systems, and Automotive Breaking Systems

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Students learn skills such as Dental Terminology and Anatomy, Cavity Classification and Charting, Radiology, and Infection Control.

INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATIONS

Courses include: Foundation Skills in Math, Industrial Safety, Print Reading, and Hand/Power Tools.

OPTICIAN

Courses include: Math for Opticians, Optical Principles, Terminology, and Anatomy, and Ophthalmic Dispensing.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Students take courses in Computer Applications, Advanced PC Applications, Introduction to Programming, HTML Coding, and Introduction to Database Technology.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Skills learned include: Regulations for drug development, Label Preparation, Pharmaceutical Dispensing, and Medical Terminology.

SECURITY FOUNDATION

Skills learned include: Basics of CSI, Introduction to Private Security, Ethics in Criminal Justice, and Retail Security and Loss Prevention.

GENERAL HEALTH CARE

Students learn: Office Procedures, Law and Ethics in Allied Health, Body Systems/Terminology, and Confidentiality in Allied Health.

RENEWABLE RESOURCES/ENERGY

Courses Include Practical Measurements, Heat, Steam, Types of Steam Turbines, and Types of Steam Generators.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Courses include: Administrative Office Procedures, Business English, Technologies in the Workplace, and Office Finances.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Courses include: Program Planning, Child Development (basics), Caring for School-Age Children, and Working with Parents.



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¹ <http://blogs.census.gov/2012/02/27/ged-recipients-have-lower-earnings-are-less-likely-to-enter-college/>