



Connect to College AT-A-GLANCE

COMPONENT	CONNECT TO COLLEGE (C2C)	COMMENTS
YOUTH AGE LIMITS	17-20	Students must be able to complete requirements for the high school diploma by the time they turn 21 or within the academic year (fall, spring, summer terms) of their 21 st birthday.
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	Yes	Students must meet all requirements of the South Carolina Department of Education in order to receive a diploma. The diploma is awarded by the student's sponsor school (a public high school in Anderson, Oconee, or Pickens Counties).
INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE	No	C2C accepts students into the program regardless of income.
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	Yes	Students who earn their high school diploma participate in Tri-County Technical College's commencement exercises, which are held at the Anderson Civic Center in May and August each year. (Students may earn their diplomas in December and participate in an informal ceremony and then, if they choose, march in the May commencement.) The superintendent of the school district that the student is graduating from, or his/her designee, presents the diploma during the commencement ceremony. Students who earn a postsecondary credential from Tri-County Technical College receive the credential at the same ceremony during which they receive their high school diploma. The president of the College presents the postsecondary credential. Students do not have to participate in commencement exercises in order to receive either their high school diploma or postsecondary credential.
GED	No	C2C does not offer GED study.
COLLEGE CREDIT / CREDENTIALS	Yes	C2C is a dual credit program. Students earn high school credit by taking college courses at Tri-County Technical College (primarily on the Pendleton campus). It is possible for a C2C student to earn a high school diploma and a postsecondary credential at the same time.
JOB TRAINING	(See Comments)	C2C students take college classes toward a postsecondary goal, which often includes technical/career courses. (Students who plan to earn a four-year/university degree take appropriate general education courses.)
VIRTUAL SCHOOL CLASSES	Sometimes	C2C allows students to take free online Virtual School courses under certain circumstances. These classes are for high school credit only.
SUPPORT SERVICES	Yes	C2C offers <i>many</i> academic and personal support services – Academic Success Lab, mentoring, study groups, tutoring, education/career planning via regular meetings with a Support Specialist, etc. (Connect to College students also have full access to all services offered by Tri-County Technical College.)
EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	Yes	C2C offers activities just for program students (like LIFE 101 seminars) but students can also participate in activities offered by Tri-County Technical College – the only exception is intercollegiate athletics.
LOW COST	Yes	College tuition and book costs are covered. The only costs students must cover are Tri-County Technical College fees each semester (\$65-\$200 at current rates) and their costs for transportation, child care, and supplies. They must also pay for any debts they owe their sponsor school and/or Tri-County Technical College (like parking tickets or library fines).
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	Partially	Connect to College covers the cost for tuition and textbooks. Students are required to pay College fees each semester (which range from \$65 to \$200 at current rates) and to cover their own costs for transportation, child care, and supplies. Students must also pay for any debts they owe their sponsor school and/or Tri-County Technical College (like parking tickets or library fines). There is no financial assistance available to offset the costs of fees, transportation, child care, supplies, or fines. Connect to College does not provide its own van or bus transportation.
LOCATIONS IN EACH COUNTY	No	C2C is located on the Pendleton Campus of Tri-County Technical College. (Connect to College students may, depending on individual circumstances, be approved to take class[es] on one of the other Tri-County campuses in Anderson, Seneca, and/or Easley.)
COLLEGE/JOB PLACEMENT	Yes	C2C assists students to find part-time employment (while they're in the program) and/or to continue their education at Tri-County or other colleges (after they graduate).
MORE INFORMATION	(See Comments)	Come for a free informational Overview Session! To sign up, or to just ask a couple of questions, contact our office manager Kris Coleman at 864-646-1461 or via email at kcolema3@tctc.edu . (The Connect to College Office is located on the Pendleton Campus of Tri-County Technical College in Pickens Hall, room 125.)
WEBSITE	(See Comments)	www.tctc.edu/c2c