Earn College Credit in High School

What does Advanced Standing mean to me?

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**What is advanced standing?**
Advanced standing recognizes the skills you attained in high school courses by allowing you to earn college credit for certain high school classes taken.

**How does this benefit me?**
When you enroll in a program at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, credit for those high school courses in which you earned advanced standing will be applied toward your technical college degree. You will receive these technical college credits at no charge to you, making your post-secondary education more cost effective.

**Will I complete a program more quickly?**
It might be possible to do so. An even greater opportunity is that you will have time to take additional courses during your technical college career that will enrich both your professional and personal life. If you choose not to take additional courses, you will have additional time in your schedule for study or work related activities.

**How will I know if I qualify?**
When you satisfactorily complete a class that is covered by an advanced standing agreement between your high school and Southwest Tech, Southwest Tech reviews the recommendation of your high school teacher and, if you qualify, issues an Advanced Standing Certificate to you. When you later enroll in a Southwest Tech program, just present this certificate and you will be awarded the credits you have earned.

**Will I benefit if I don’t attend Southwest Tech?**
First of all, we’re sorry to hear that Southwest Tech isn’t currently part of your educational plan. But don’t forget, plans can change. This certificate helps to keep all of your options open. You may choose to attend another technical college within the Wisconsin Technical College System. Other colleges within the system will honor your Advanced Standing Certificate if they offer a course similar in content to the Southwest Tech course for which you earned your certificate.

**What if I decide to earn a 4-year degree?**
Technical colleges throughout the state are constantly developing advanced standing agreements with both private and public 4-year institutions. These agreements allow technical college associate degree graduates to receive credits toward the completion of baccalaureate degrees in participating institutions.

**How do I learn about opportunities at my school?**
The best place to start is with your high school counselor. Your counselor has information about specific courses and about programs available through Southwest Wisconsin Technical College as well as other colleges within the system. Your counselor or faculty advisor can help you plan your education to take the best advantage of all opportunities.

**Can I call Southwest Tech for more information?**
Of course, we would be pleased to assist you. Call our toll-free number and ask to speak to one of the program counselors or advisors at Southwest Tech. They can help you arrange a visit to speak to faculty members representing programs that interest you, and even make arrangements to allow you to sit in on classes in various programs. We hope you will call if we can assist you in any way.