



ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE - COUNSELORS' WORKSHOP

Counselors' Workshop Myths

MYTH	TRUE OR FALSE	FACT
ACCEL classes do not transfer to the University of Georgia.	False	An agreement between the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) guarantees that 27 general education classes will transfer between institutions within the two systems. (For non-USG colleges, the receiving institution is responsible for determining whether courses will transfer from another college.) All ACCEL classes taught at the Career Academy are included in the transfer agreement between the two systems.
The faculty credentials required to teach at Athens Technical College are different than those required to teach at the University of Georgia.	False	The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) establishes the qualifications for individuals who teach freshman and sophomore-level coursework at any institution accredited by this regional accrediting agency. The requirements are the same for all types of institutions (community colleges, four-year colleges, research universities, etc.). Athens Technical College and the University of Georgia hold accreditation from SACSCOC.
All classes at the Career Academy are taught online.	False	Some of the college classes offered at the Career Academy are taught in a hybrid format, which combines face-to-face instruction with online content. In all instances, instructors meet face-to-face with students each week.
Career Academy students are ineligible to be named valedictorian or salutatorian at their home high school.	False	Students are eligible for these honors and any other high school honors for which they qualify.
If you attend ACCA, you must go to a technical college after you graduate from high school.	False	(See the information on ACCEL classes)
ACCA is the same school as Classic City High School.	False	Classic City High School is located next door to the Career Academy. Like their counterparts at Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central, students at Classic City must meet the admissions standards established by Athens Technical College to enroll in ACCEL and dual enrollment classes offered at the Career Academy.
If you attend ACCA, you will not graduate with your class from your home high school.	False	You are still a high school student at your home high school even though you are taking college classes at the Career Academy.
If you attend ACCA, you cannot participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics or clubs.	False	Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at their home high school. College faculty work with students to make up missed coursework due to excused absences.
ACCA classes count against my HOPE.	False	Clarke County students do not access their HOPE benefits while participating in dual enrollment activities at the Career Academy. Instead, the school district covers the cost of tuition and fees for students.



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