



We are committed to:

Creating challenging, dynamic programs of study that will bring the classroom, workplace, and community together for the benefit of our students.

Providing relevant curriculum and appropriate resources to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Continuously improving teaching and technology, while creating partnerships to benefit students.

For more information contact:

Your high school guidance counselor

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The Heartland Technical Academy programs offer unique career preparation opportunities for High School Juniors and Seniors. Classes include:

- Hands-on Learning
- Professional Certifications
- Field Trips
- Job Shadowing
- Conferences/Competitions
- Student Organizations
- Dual College Credit with Richland Community College

Programs	Sample Courses and Tuition Credits**	College Cost Savings*	Related Career Opportunities
Accounting	Accounting and Business Math. Up to 7 credit hours.	\$931.00	Accountant, Financial Planner, Tax Preparer
Agricultural Sciences & Technology	Agribusiness, Crop Science, and Horticulture Up to 13 credit hours.	\$1,729.00	Veterinary Technician, Conservation Officer, Plant Scientist, Nutritionist
Auto Body-Collision Repair	Collision Repair, Paint Prep & Detail; Damage Estimating, and Structural Repair. Up to 8 credit hours.	\$1,064.00	Auto Body Technician, Body Shop Manager, Automotive Repair Service Estimator
Automotive Technology	Basic Auto Repair, Automotive Electrical Repair, and Engine Repair. Up to 7 credit hours.	\$931.00	Service Technician, Certified Auto Mechanic, Dealership Service Manager
Business Technology Procedures/Medical Office Specialty	Word Processing/Personal Finance Medical Terminology: Intro to Health Careers and Medical Terminology. Up to 10 credit hours.	\$846.00 \$1,330.00	Nursing Assistant, Health Information Specialist
Cosmetology	Two years towards professional license. A license requires 1,540 hours.	\$6,000.00 (approx.)	Beautician/Barber, Nail Technician, Make-up Artist
Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice Fundamentals, Criminal Investigation, and Corrections Fundamentals. Up to 9 credit hours.	\$1,197.00	Police Officer, Corrections Officer, Probation Officer
Culinary Arts	Intro to Culinary Arts and Culinary Math. Up to 9 credit hours.	\$1,197.00	Prep Cook, Pastry Chef, Caterer, Restaurant Manager, Dietitian
Drafting	Drafting Fundamentals and AutoCAD. Up to 12 credit hours.	\$1,596.00	Architect, 3D Design and Production
Early Childhood Education	Art, Music & Drama for Young Children, Play Activities for Young Children, and Science for Young Children. Up to 12 credit hours.	\$1,596.00	Child Care Provider, Elementary Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Social Worker
Engineering Technology & Drafting	Fluid Power Fundamentals and Drafting Fundamentals. Up to 24 credit hours.	\$3,192.00	Mechanical Engineering Technician, Civil Engineering Technician, BioFuels Technician
Digital Business	Business Fundamentals and Professional Development. Up to 6 credit hours. Credential - Richland Community College	\$798.00	Social Media Marketer, Video Producer, Website Designer, Website Programmer
Fire Fighting	Introduction to Fire Science and Techniques of Firefighting. Up to 15 credit hours. Seniors only	\$1,995.00	Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Arson Investigator
Graphic Arts	Digital Photography, Computer Graphics, and Fine and Applied Arts. Up to 10 credit hours.	\$1,330.00	Graphic Designer, Computer Animator, Illustrator
Industrial Trades	Manufacturing Processes, Blueprint Reading, and Metrology and Quality Control. Up to 12 credit hours. Credentials – Certified Production Technician Certificate	\$1,596.00	Carpenter, Electrician, Roofer
Nursing Assistant	Nurse Assistant Training. Up to 8 credit hours. Credentials – Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate	\$1,064.00	Certified Nurse Assistant, EMT/Paramedic, Registered Nurse, Surgical Technician
Welding	Welding Fundamentals, Shielded Metal Arc Welding, and Industrial Welding. Up to 14 credit hours.	\$1,862.00	Pipefitter, Boilermaker, Ironworker, TIG Welder, Arc Welder



Heartland Technical Academy provides career exploration and training to nearly 400 high school juniors and seniors in 15 program areas. We serve students from high schools representing Decatur and the surrounding areas.

* Richland Community College tuition cost saved by enrolling in this program and earning credits while in high school. Students will also save money on books and fees.

** Classes and dual credit offerings may vary from year to year, based on availability and schedule changes.