Did You Know?

According to 2010 statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, full-time workers age 25 and over without a high school diploma had median weekly earnings of $438, compared with $633 for high school graduates (no college) and $1,139 for those holding at least a bachelor’s degree. As industries continue to merge with global markets, graduates will need the skills necessary to compete on an international level. The Academy at Central is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make a successful transition to college and/or a future career. Students choose from two rigorous, career-focused pathways: Health Sciences or Information Technology (IT).

Each pathway allows students to complete all graduation requirements during grades nine through eleven in preparation for enrollment in freshman-level college courses during their senior year. Students can earn professional level certifications while at the Academy including Certified Nursing Assistant I and Microsoft Certified IT Professional. All tuition expenses are paid by Guilford County Schools, allowing students to earn one year of college credit tuition-free! Scholarships are also available to qualified students during their second year at GTCC.
Learning for the Future!

Both Medical and IT fields are high-paying, high-demand careers. Credentials and certifications increase employment opportunities and salary potential.

**WHY ENROLL at The Academy at Central:**
- Personalized learning in small, focused classes
- Classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards, document cameras and interactive response systems
- Access to a computer in every class
- Rigorous, relevant curriculum applied to real-life situations
- Experienced, qualified and caring teachers

Want To Know More?
The Academy offers priority admission to students residing in the High Point Central attendance zone. Students residing outside the High Point Central attendance zone will be considered as space becomes available. Transportation is only provided to students in the Central attendance zone. Interested students and parents should call (336) 885-7905 for a tour.

The Academy at Central – Health Science

The Academy at Central’s Health Sciences program is designed for students interested in a career as a health-care professional. Students are introduced to the health field, the concepts of personal, family and community health and disease control through classroom instruction, case studies, hands-on activities, interactive computer modules and internships. Health Science students learn:

- Medical terminology and abbreviations
- Human anatomy and physiology
- Risk factors for all body systems
- Tools for recognizing diseases related to all body systems
- Behaviors that keep the systems of the body healthy
- Trends in health care
- Legal and ethical issues related to the medical field and
- Healthcare career options related to each body system

Health Science students, under the supervision of their teacher, will complete internships in which they work with patients in a medical facility. Students also have the opportunity to earn the Certified Nursing Assistant I certification and the Pharmacy Technician certification.

The Academy at Central – Information Technology

The Information Technology program at the Academy is designed to prepare students for a career in the medical IT field or other IT-related field. Information Technology professionals are needed in doctors’ offices, hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities in increasing numbers. By using the Microsoft IT Academy program, students can be certified in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Publisher) and earn professional level certifications in Computer Science. IT students learn:

- Advanced functionality in core Office applications
- Design and implementation of databases, especially as related to the medical field
- Visual Basic and C# programming languages and how to create games and applications for Windows, Xbox, and Windows Phone
- Hands-on experience with programming other machines such as robots and game consoles.
- Critical and logical thinking skills that can be applied to any subject area

Students complete the program prepared for a career in application development and an excellent base in game design and coding.