

24-CREDIT HOUR PROGRAM

TC3 offers the 24-Credit Hour Program, allowing students to earn a high school equivalency diploma based on the completion of a core set of college courses. When the required courses are complete, as well as some paperwork, the student receives a high school equivalency diploma.

The High School Equivalency Program of the New York State Education Department has established the following guidelines for granting an equivalency diploma based on earned college credit:

1. A student who has not earned a high school diploma may be issued a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. This will be granted if satisfactory documentation is provided of the student's successful completion of the required 24 college credits at an approved institution.
2. Student has reached "maximum" compulsory school attendance age. Compulsory Age is defined as "the academic year in which the student turned 16 has ended (July 1)."
3. The candidate must send a completed special application form (Attachment J) and a transcript to the State Education Department. If the candidate is aged 17-18, or aged 16-18 and homeschooled, complete and submit Attachment B with Attachment J.
4. In order for the Registrar to certify Attachment J, the student must be accepted to the college in a degree program for which the 24 credits apply.

Students need to receive the high school equivalency diploma from the State Education Department prior to matriculation into a College degree program. In accordance with federal law, financial aid is not available for the 24-Credit Hour program.

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NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA
BASED UPON COLLEGE CREDITS**