

**PTECH** is a new model for secondary education that trades classrooms for “innovation spaces” and ditches lectures for group collaboration and hands-on learning. Here, students take the lead role in their learning, choosing pathways to their careers and taking college-level, credit-bearing courses from their first year.



PTECH aims to look and function more like a hybrid between college and the workplace.

The 4- to 6-year sequence emphasizes

individualized pathways to completion, workplace experiences, mentorship, in-depth project-based learning and real-world experiences.

**Learn more:**

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**“It’s not just a high school and college, it’s the future – it’s our future.”**

PTECH student Melodie McClary, Amsterdam

**10 associate’s degrees offered by FMCC that students can earn through PTECH.**

- Business Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Technology and Applications
- Electrical Technology
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Networking
- Computer Technology
- Medical Administrative Studies
- Health Studies
- Radiologic Technology

**Are you PTECH material?**

PTECH students are incoming ninth-graders who will simultaneously earn Regents high school diplomas and associate’s degrees at no cost to their families from Fulton Montgomery Community College in four to six years.

PTECH students:

- Are motivated to learn in new and exciting ways
- Are innovative and creative
- Are interested in applying science, technology engineering and math
- Work well in a collaborative team environment
- Thrive in a non-traditional classroom setting

**PTECH is a place where students create their own pathways to success. Are you ready to write your story?**

## How do I apply?

Eighth-graders in participating HFM BOCES districts can apply. Along with an online application that includes a writing section and a section that parents fill out, applicants must get recommendations from teachers and guidance counselors. Applicants also must participate in a personal interview. Each spring, there are 50 slots open for the following school year. Go to [www.hfmboces.org/applynow](http://www.hfmboces.org/applynow) for more information on how to apply and deadlines.

## How are students selected for the program?

- Completed applications received by the deadline are evaluated by the Application and Recruitment Team.
- Selected students are required to attend a "Summer Bridge" program for incoming freshmen.

## What about transportation?

- Home school districts will transport students from their home school to PTECH in the morning, and from PTECH back to their home school in the afternoon. Late buses also are provided for after-school activities at PTECH.
- PTECH students are bused back to their home schools in time to participate in sports and other after-school activities.

Find more FAQs at [www.hfmboces.org/programs-services/ptech/faq](http://www.hfmboces.org/programs-services/ptech/faq)

## PTECH by the numbers:

- In the 2015-16 school year:
- 99% of students completed at least one college course
- 99% of students have earned at least 4 college credits
- 94% Daily average attendance rate
- 94% passed ELA Regents
- 1 1/2 years ahead of schedule

## PTECH's business partners

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| • Air Jet Technologies                           | • GLOBALFOUNDRIES                       |
| • Avanti Control Systems                         | • Gloversville Sewing                   |
| • Beech Nut Corp                                 | • Belmont Mills                         |
| • Benjamin Moore                                 | • Home Heath Care Partners              |
| • Bouchey & Clarke                               | • Keymark Corp                          |
| • Broadalbin Manufacturing                       | • Lexington                             |
| • Center for Economic Growth                     | • Liberty ARC                           |
| • Cisco Systems                                  | • Mohawk Cabinet                        |
| • Community Health Center                        | • Nathan Littauer                       |
| • Curtin Hebert Machines                         | • NBT Bank                              |
| • D.M. Romeyn Civil Engineering Design           | • Old Fort Johnson                      |
| • Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce | • Palio Ignite                          |
| • Fulton Montgomery Community College            | • Safety First Training                 |
| • Gehring Tricot Corp                            | • St. Mary's Health Care                |
|  | • Tetra Tech                            |
|  | • Work Force Solutions                  |
|  | • Townsend Leather                      |
|  | • U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Albany |

In addition to our business partners, many business professionals in the region commit to acting as mentors to PTECH students. Our partners and mentors work with students throughout their PTECH career, guiding them through internships and putting graduates in line for jobs in their companies.



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as a 2016  
Model  
School



## A new model for secondary education

- Personal pathways to careers
- Project-based learning
- Workplace experiences
- Collaborative learning
- Strong partnerships with business, school and community
- A college degree  
*at no cost to families*

## Create your pathway to a career in:

- Business management
- Advanced manufacturing  
(clean technologies)
- Information technology
- Health sciences
- Renewable resources