



Pennsylvania Institute of Technology

Proof of High School Graduation Policy

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Applicable Department(s)

Primary/Owner: AD

Secondary: FA, ARO

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Admission requirements vary according to majors. At a minimum, all applicants must provide proof of high school graduation or an equivalent credential. Acceptable documentation includes:

- A high school diploma issued by a secondary school recognized by the state's Department of Education or equivalent accrediting body.
- A final, official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded (not some date in the future).
- Completion of a secondary education in a homeschool setting in accordance with applicable state law. Acceptable documentation may include a homeschool diploma, transcript, or signed attestation from the parent/guardian.
- A state-recognized high school equivalency credential, such as a GED certificate, HiSET (High School Equivalency Test), TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion), PA 30 credit-option, or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam.
- An earned associate, bachelor's, or graduate degree.
- Successful completion of at least 60 semester/trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours that are acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution.
- Enrollment in an accredited bachelor's degree program where at least 60 semester/trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours have been successfully completed, including transfer credits.

High school diplomas, transcripts, and postsecondary degrees earned outside the United States are acceptable for admission if determined to be equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma or U.S. postsecondary degree. Students must have their documents evaluated by a credential evaluation service approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES).

Admission to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Practical Nursing, and Neurodiagnostic Technology programs requires an official high school transcript.

Name Discrepancies on Proof of High School Completion

If the name on a student's proof of high school completion (e.g., diploma, transcript, or official evaluation) does not match the name on their application for admission, the student must provide official documentation verifying the name change before admission and enrollment can be finalized. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Marriage certificate
- Court order for legal name change
- Divorce decree showing restoration of a prior name
- Government-issued identification reflecting both names