**Affiliate career college blog announcement**

**A simple path to a diploma is the key that unlocks the door to a new career**

The decision to go back to school to learn a trade can be life-changing. No matter what your age, there is nothing more satisfying than finding a career that is both personally and financially rewarding. All too often, however, prospective career college students find themselves facing a big hurdle: they don’t have a high school diploma. While having a diploma hanging on your wall does not make you smarter or more likely to be successful in a trade, it is one of the basic prerequisites for entering a school like ours—and for getting many jobs today.

Since our school does not offer high school education courses, when we would meet with a prospective student without a high school degree, our admissions team could only give them advice: “Go on the Internet and find an online school or get a GED.” Many of these potential students do just that, and they come back to us some time later with a diploma and the determination to get started in a new career.

Sadly, many don’t return. Some go on to study elsewhere, but many simply are not successful in finding a place to complete their high school education. Let’s face it, when faced with page after page of Google results for even the most targeted search, it can be a daunting task to sort through all the options, investigate which might be a good fit, and then actually enroll. It’s not surprising that a lot of students do not get past this stage.

There is an easier way.

We wanted to make it easier for potential students to take the first steps toward their future. To that end, we have partnered with **Citizens High School**, a nationally accredited distance education school that is recognized as a pioneer of online and distance education. CHS is not new to the business of educating. In fact, the school celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021. In that time, CHS has graduated 8000 students, while a whopping 30,000 have taken individual or clusters of courses. So, it’s fair to say that Citizens High School knows what it takes to teach students online and help them move down the road toward their ultimate educational and professional goals. We are pleased to partner with CHS to provide a top-notch institution for our potential students who need to complete their high school educations.

While Citizens High School features several tracks for completing a high school diploma, their **CHS Express** program is particularly appealing to students wishing to attend a school like ours. **CHS Express** is an online course that marks the starting point for the journey to get a diploma. It helps students plot out an education plan, get transfer credit for classes already successfully completed, and—perhaps best of all—shows ways to attain credit for work and life experiences. Plus, the course itself earns students credits that count toward their diploma.

CHS understands that, for a vast range or reasons, people choose or are forced by circumstance to drop out of high school. They also know that anyone with the drive to succeed can go back to school and graduate with a real high school diploma that is recognized by trade schools, colleges, and universities nationwide.

It’s easier than you’d expect.

When students come into our offices, we can help them enroll at CHS or they can visit the Citizens High School website ([www.citizenshighschool.com](http://www.citizenshighschool.com)) on any smartphone, laptop or desktop computer. When you finish your diploma program, we will be waiting for you!

[dual enrollment section is for participating career colleges…if you don’t offer this, call CHS and we can get you set up!] If you want to get started with us right away, you should consider dual enrollment. With dual enrollment, you register for your high school classes and your career college courses simultaneously. It’s the best of both worlds! The advantage is that you can get started in your new career courses immediately. At the same time, you move forward with your high school diploma classes, as well.

We are certain that our partnership with Citizens High School will provide a huge advantage to those people who want to learn a trade but need a high school diploma. As always, we are available to discuss our requirements with you and can help you get started with CHS. Together, let’s take the first steps down the road to your new career!