



"Where Rigor and Relevance Meet"

Student Application Packet 2019-2020

Hancock County Technical Center and Ellsworth High School

**Students who connect career
and college
Are more focused
Invest in education more
wisely
Are more successful
Have fewer false starts
Finish earlier
Pursue their careers sooner**



The Bridge Academy Overview

~About the Program ~



The Bridge Year Academy presents an opportunity to high school students that involves:

- Obtaining an integrated technical skill-based education that ties academics to real world careers through integrated CTE based labs.
- Dual enrollment with an opportunity to earn 24+college credits by high school graduation from universities and colleges of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System. Bridge Academy dual enrollment allows a student to earn high school and college credit at the same time through college courses that are taught at the high school by high school instructors approved by college faculty.
- Additional career assessment, exploration, and advising while in high school.
- The potential to complete an Associate's Degree in Applied Science within 12 months and/or a Bachelor's Degree within 36 months following high school graduation, saving time and money.
- Transfer of these earned credits to many other post-secondary schools.

~Who we are~

Bridge Year Educational Services is a not-for-profit corporation that administers the Bridge Academy Maine whose purpose is to promote and administer dual enrollment college courses and CTE experiences for Maine high schools and students. Bridge Academy operates statewide and will be in its seventh year in 2018-9.

>How is Bridge Academy different from other dual enrollment courses<

Bridge Academy provides more than a menu of college courses. We focus on *preparing* students for success in college. We begin with a summer academy before beginning college courses in the student's junior year to explore the ties between career and higher education, and stress the concept of "investment" in the future. Then we stretch college courses over a full year (36 weeks) rather than just a college (15 week) semester so that students are able to catch up on high school content while they are taking their first college courses. High school teachers then transition their teaching style during the year to the rigor and format of typical college instruction. We select courses for Bridge Year on the likelihood that most colleges and universities will accept them as useful credits towards most degrees. Finally, we provide a second summer academy between the junior and senior years for students to visit colleges and universities in Maine and to learn about the inner workings of those institutions.

Bridge Academy Student Application Form



First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade Level _____ Expected year of Bridge Year completion _____

Current Age _____ Sending School _____

Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Birth Date ___/___/___

- Student Contact Information:

- Email address _____
- Home Phone _____
- Cell Phone _____
- Home Address _____ Zip _____

- Parent or Guardian Names:

- Email address _____
- Work Phone _____
- Cell Phone _____

- Emergency Contact

Names: _____

- Email address _____
- Best Phone _____
- Cell Phone _____

Are you available to attend a three-day Career Academy during summer 2019 Y__ N__?

Are you willing to attend classes after traditional school hours? Y__ N__

Do you have access to transportation? Y__ N__

Desired Program at Hancock County Technical Center

- _____ **Automotive Technology**
- _____ **Carpentry**
- _____ **Certified Nursing Assistant**
- _____ **Medical Terminology/Certified Residential Medication Aide**
- _____ **Culinary Arts**
- _____ **Diesel Technology**
- _____ **Early Childhood Education**
- _____ **Law Enforcement**
- _____ **Multimedia Design**
- _____ **Medical Terminology**
- _____ **Welding Technology**
- _____ **Marine Service Technology**
- _____ **Biomedical Science**

Area(s) of Potential Career Interest: _____

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We certify that all information in this packet is accurate and complete.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Please Print Name: _____

The Bridge Academy Program Student Essay

~One page double spaced and in your own words~

Question: How will you use the Bridge Year Program to help better define and attain your career goals?

Student Signature

Date

Bridge Academy Recommendation Form (Guidance/Faculty/Administrator)

*Please have completed (1 recommendation from your school counselor,
administration, or teacher)*

Please complete and return to the Bridge Academy School Advisor

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Recommender's Name: _____

With the overview in mind, please briefly answer the following questions to help us in the selection process:

1. What attributes does the applicant have that will assist him/her in The Bridge Year? Program? _____

2. In your opinion, does the student have significant interest in this program (please explain your thoughts)?

3. Please give your opinion and rationale on the applicant's compatibility with this program and academic ability to succeed at University level work?

