

# COLLEGE INITIATIVES

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## Pathways to Careers (P2C)

Pathways to Careers (P2C) is a Dunwoody scholarship program designed to attract, train, and graduate under-resourced, underserved, and under-represented populations through close partnerships with educational, community, business, and industry leaders. P2C is a next-generation program purposed to reimagine the foundational success of more than 30 years with the former Youth Career and Awareness Program (YCAP). P2C will create greater access to a Dunwoody education, as well as meet the evolving and expanding workforce needs of technical businesses and industries.

P2C has two chapters: Chapter 1 for high school juniors and seniors; and Chapter 2 for post-traditional adult learners. Youth in Chapter 1 participate in an immersive 3-week summer experience where they will complete hands-on activities with faculty and staff, and participate in industry site tours and group activities as a cohort. Adults in Chapter 2 will not participate in the 3-week summer experience; however, they may apply for the P2C program through our general admissions process and referrals from community partners. Upon high school graduation or documentation of a high school diploma or GED, students in both chapters may be eligible to receive an annual scholarship of up to \$10,000 which is renewable for two years to complete an associate degree, a stipend for books and supplies, monthly professional development workshops with stipends for participation, targeted 1-1 advising, and may participate in our mentor program to connect with a professional from their employment field. Monthly engagement sessions are designed in a hybrid format to provide interactive mentoring, leadership development, technical career exploration, and exposure to industry guest speakers and Dunwoody faculty. Faculty and Staff support for P2C programming is critical for youth to engage with our campus and learn about degree options and technical career fields. Consult the P2C Program Director or Executive Director of Community Partnerships for more program details or visit [www.dunwoody.edu/p2c/](http://www.dunwoody.edu/p2c/) (<http://www.dunwoody.edu/p2c/>). If you have P2C students in your classroom who need additional assistance, please reach out to P2C staff for support, or email [p2c@dunwoody.edu](mailto:p2c@dunwoody.edu).

## Women in Technical Careers (WITC)

Women in Technical Careers (WITC) is a Dunwoody scholarship program designed to support women and nonbinary students to succeed in a technical degree program and launch into a great career. Most careers requiring a technical degree are male-dominated and non-traditional for women (defined by federal law as employing fewer than 25 percent women nationwide). However, technical careers deliver higher median wages, greater job security, and more opportunities for advancement than historically female-dominated professions. Our mission is to empower women to earn technical degrees from Dunwoody College of Technology and eliminate barriers for women to enter and succeed in technical industries.

Students apply and are selected for the WITC program before they start classes at Dunwoody. The program primarily serves low-income individuals, women of color, and student parents. Students in the WITC program may be eligible to receive an annual scholarship of up to \$10,000 which is renewable for two years to complete an associate degree, a stipend for books and supplies, a childcare stipend if they have dependents, monthly professional development workshops with stipends for participation, targeted 1-1 advising, and may participate in our

mentor program to connect with a professional from their employment field. Monthly engagement sessions are designed in a hybrid format to provide interactive mentoring, leadership development, technical career exploration, and exposure to industry guest speakers and Dunwoody faculty. Faculty and Staff support for WITC programming is critical for students to engage with our campus and learn about degree options and technical career fields. Consult the WITC Program Director or Executive Director of Community Partnerships for more program details or visit [www.dunwoody.edu/witc/](http://www.dunwoody.edu/witc/) (<http://www.dunwoody.edu/witc/>). If you have WITC students in your classroom who need additional assistance, please reach out to WITC staff for support, or email [witc@dunwoody.edu](mailto:witc@dunwoody.edu).