



# **TECHPREP OF TEXAS ALAMO REGION**

## **EDUCATOR'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **DO TECH PREP PROGRAMS NEED STATE APPROVAL?**

Yes. Tech-Prep programs are officially recognized only after formal submission of an application and joint review by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The process is outlined in the *Guidelines for Instructional Programs in Workforce Education, January 1996*, a publication of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

### **CAN ANY TECHNICAL PROGRAM QUALIFY AS A TECH PREP PROGRAM?**

No. Only programs that prepare students for employment in an occupation determined to be in demand in a specific region or within the state, and lead to the award of a two-year degree, two-year certificate, or apprenticeship certificate, may be submitted for approval as Tech-Prep.

### **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING A TECH PREP PROGRAM FOR APPROVAL?**

If the associate degree or apprenticeship program has not been approved as Tech-Prep, it is the responsibility of the college and/or apprenticeship program and the participating high school(s) to approve the program. A six-year Tech-Prep plan for each school district is submitted with the application showing the coherent course sequence and articulated courses.

### **IF STUDENTS ARE UNDER VARIOUS GRADUATION PLANS CAN THEY STILL BE CLASSIFIED AS TECH PREP?**

YES. Tech-Prep applies to all types of graduation plans including: advanced placement, dual credit, and special honors.

### **CAN TECH PREP AND DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS ATTEND THE SAME CLASS?**

Yes! According to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 4, Rule 4.85 (3)(a)(b):

- (d) Composition of Class. Dual credit courses may be composed of dual credit students only or of dual and college credit students. Exceptions for a mixed class, which would also include high school credit-only students, may be allowed only under one of the following conditions:
  - (3) If the course is a career and technology/college workforce education course and the high school credit-only students are earning articulated college credit.

See Texas Administrative Code for more details.