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Orange Technical College currently offers Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Technology 1 as an approved Ability to Benefit Program. The program allows students who qualify to become eligible for federal financial aid in order to pay for their education while earning their GED® at the same time. These students will receive instruction from certified HVAC and GED® instructors within a single classroom setting to ensure that satisfactory progress is being made toward the completion of all HVAC and GED® requirements. Restrictions apply.

Please visit or call the Admissions Department at the following locations to learn more about this opportunity.

*Orange Technical College-Westside Campus
955 East Story Road
Winter Garden, FL 34787
407-905-2018*

*Orange Technical College-Mid Florida Campus
2900 West Oak Ridge Road
Orlando, FL 32809
407-251-6047*



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ABILITY TO BENEFIT INFORMATION SHEET

Ability to Benefit (ATB) is a program designed to assist students who have sufficient competency to benefit from a post-secondary education, but do not have a high school diploma or GED. The program allows students to become eligible for federal financial aid in order to pay for their education. Students who seek to participate in Ability to Benefit must be enrolled in a Pell-approved program (600 or more clock hours) and will receive integrated instruction that incorporates GED and CTE program curriculum and frameworks. Both components are taught simultaneously with the ultimate goal of completing the CTE program while also earning a GED. Students who meet ATB requirements are eligible to receive Title IV (Pell) funds to enroll in an ATB compliant career and technical education (CTE) program. These students will receive instruction from certified CTE and GED teachers within a single classroom setting to ensure that satisfactory progress is being made toward the completion of all CTE and GED requirements. Additionally, students will participate in one-on-one and small group sessions to prepare for GED elements that are not part of the CTE curriculum. The GED instructor will assist ATB students as they study for GED Ready practice tests and official GED exams. There is a one-time requirement for ATB students to complete 12 documented hours of online GED training.

Students registered in an Ability to Benefit program must complete 225 clock hours prior to being eligible to receive Pell grant funding, and are considered self-pay students unless sponsored by a third-party vendor. Those who are interested in third party funding options should consult with an Orange Technical College Financial Aid Coordinator or Admissions Counselor. Students must meet TABE score requirements of the approved CTE program. Those who do not initially meet TABE score requirements will register in the GED program until they achieve the necessary scores.

Orange Technical College currently offers Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology 1 as an approved Ability to Benefit program at the Westside and Mid Florida Campuses.

Program Description

Training focuses on all aspects of the HVACR industry including planning, management, technical and production skills, underlying principles, entry level engineering design of HVACR technology, labor and community issues, as well as health, safety and environmental issues.

Academic Skill Level Required to Complete the Program

Math: Grade 10	Language: Grade 9	Reading: Grade 9
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Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology 1

Course Number	OCP	Postsecondary Program of Study	750 Hrs
ACR0041	A	Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Helper	250
ACR0043	B	Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Mechanic Assistant	250
ACR0047	C	Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Mechanic 1	250

OCPS EEO Non-Discrimination Statement

The School Board of Orange County, Florida, does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other reason prohibited by law. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs. The following individuals at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center, 445 W. Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, attend to compliance matters: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Officer & Title IX Coordinator: Jared Brooks; ADA Coordinator: Michael D. Graf; Section 504 Coordinator: Latonia Green. (407.317.3200)