

# EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

## DUAL CREDIT

During their senior year, students can participate in the Tech Prep Dual Credit Program at Elgin Community College (ECC) during the school day and receive both high school and college credit. Enrollment in this program is limited, and an application is required. The school district pays for tuition at ECC; students must pay for required supplies, fees, and some textbooks.

ECC offers Tech Prep Dual Credit classes in over 20 career and technical areas. Industry-recognized certification is available in a number of high-demand areas.

## ARTICULATED CREDIT

A number of D300 courses are linked with ECC courses, and students may earn college credit for these high school courses by enrolling at ECC after graduation.

Each articulated high school course is the equivalent of an ECC course and meets ECC's learning objectives and task competencies. To receive college credit, students must:

- Complete the articulated high school course with a final grade average of "B" or better each semester.
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at ECC in the fall semester following graduation (or within 27 months of high school graduation). The high school graduate is entitled to ECC college credit and to accelerated placement at Elgin Community College.

# POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Computer Typography & Composition Operation
- Desktop Publishing Specialist
- Graphic Artist
- Graphics Equipment Operator
- Lithographer
- Media Specialist
- Pre-Production Technician
- Printing Equipment Operator
- Production Coordinator
- Production Manager



**For more information:**  
[www.d300.org/pathways](http://www.d300.org/pathways)

# DIGITAL AND PRINT PRODUCTION Pathway

@ Jacobs High School



**DISTRICT 300**

# A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS IN COLLEGE AND CAREER

District 300 strives to ensure every student is college and career ready upon graduation. Our pathway programs provide students with the skills to obtain an entry-level job upon graduation and the knowledge to be successful in a college classroom.



## FOUR YEAR SEQUENCE: RECOMMENDED COURSES

Designed to begin in 9th grade; please see a counselor for more detailed information about this sequence of courses.

## THREE YEAR SEQUENCE: RECOMMENDED COURSES

Designed to begin in 10th grade; please see a counselor for more detailed information about this sequence of courses.

### FRESHMAN YEAR

#### **Foundations of Graphic Design (7847 / 7848)**

Explore computer art and design with an emphasis on the theories and processes that make up graphic design.

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

#### **Digital and Print Production 1 (6840 / 6841)**

Receive a comprehensive introduction to the Graphic Communication Industry, with an emphasis on the theories and the processes comprising production printing.

### JUNIOR YEAR

#### **Digital and Print Production 2 (6842 / 6843)**

Study advanced digital and print production concepts. Learn about further career education opportunities, planning for the future, job seeking skills, personal development, human relations, and legal protection and responsibilities.

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### SENIOR YEAR

#### **ECC Tech Prep Dual Credit Program**

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## ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES TO CONSIDER:

**2D and 3D Art Electives**  
**Business Electives**  
**Photography Electives**  
**Web Design Electives**

## COURSES RELATED TO THIS PATHWAY OFFERED IN THE ECC TECH PREP PROGRAM:

**2D Layout**  
**Communications Design: Graphic Design**  
**Concept Visualization**  
**Introduction to Digital Design**  
**Layout Design**

## EXAMPLES OF REGIONAL POST-SECONDARY DEGREES

### ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE (2 YEARS)

**Associate in Applied Science in Graphic Arts Technology**  
*Elgin Community College*

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE (4 YEARS)

**Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design**  
*Judson University*  
*Northern Illinois University*

### MASTER'S DEGREE (BACHELOR'S PLUS 2+ YEARS)

**Master of Arts in Art**  
*Northern Illinois University*