

# Q&A

## What is expected of students in this program?

*TechGrlz students must agree to:*

- Maintain excellent attendance
- Maintain respectful interactions with others
- Fully participate in all activities
- Follow all safety guidelines and directions at all times
- Be on time
- Complete assignments on time
- Adhere to all guidelines as described in the CTE School handbook.

## How do students apply?

The first step: speak to CTE guidance staff and get an application.

Students eligible for enrollment will complete the application and meet with VWW staff to discuss program expectations, educational goals, and academic requirements.

The final step to enrollment is a meeting with students, student parent/guardians, and VWW staff to review program requirements and student goals.

Contact CTE Guidance for more information. See below.

## What does it cost to participate?

This program is free to eligible and accepted participants. Breakfast and lunch is provided free to students.

## How do I get more information?

Speak to a guidance counselor at your school, or contact a CTE Guidance Coordinator below.

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## About Vermont Works for Women (VWW)

VWW is a Vermont nonprofit organization founded in 1987 to help women and girls explore, pursue and excel in nontraditional careers that pay a livable wage.

Over 80% of our program graduates find jobs, many in the trades. Our graduates include:

- Carpenters
- Painters
- Auto Technicians
- Welders
- Plumbers
- Control Technicians
- Electricians
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Police & Correctional Officers

Check out our website at [www.vtworksforwomen.org](http://www.vtworksforwomen.org) to learn about more programs for women and girls.

## For More Information Contact



Vermont Works for Women

*Helping women and girls explore, pursue, and excel in nontraditional careers that pay a livable wage.*

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# TechGrlz Credit Recovery



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## What is the TechGrlz program?

TechGrlz is a full-time, off-campus alternative education program for young women that combines hands-on learning with career exploration in a variety of fields. Students in TechGrlz build - and apply - the skills, knowledge, self-esteem, and habits they need for success in school and on the job.

Through the successful completion of this program, students can earn one credit in English, one credit in Math, and one credit in Physical Education.



## What happens in the TechGrlz program?

Classes are held at a The Center for Technology, Essex (CTE) approved site within 15 miles of the school and transportation is provided.

TechGrlz students explore a variety of technical fields that are nontraditional for women—and that pay a livable wage. Examples include:

- Building Technology
- Aviation
- Automotive Technology
- Engineering and Architectural Design
- Natural Resources
- Professional Foods
- Computer Animation & Webpage Design
- Computer Programming & Systems Technology
- ...and others!

Throughout the program, students meet professionals in these fields and participate in hands-on activities, applied skill development (technical skills as well as academic skills—including Math and English), and experiential reflection in the larger group and individually.

Participants develop career option profiles for the varied technical fields to which they are exposed. Communication, workplace, and personal financial skills are integrated throughout all program and career exploration activities.

## Who should enroll?

The TechGrlz program is designed to meet the educational needs of three groups of students:

- Female students failing in a high school or technical education program and in danger of losing credit and/or failing to graduate
- Female 10th, 11th, and 12th graders with minimal credits and/or excessive absences
- Female 10th grade students who fail to meet admission requirements to enter a technical program

Young women in the TechGrlz program should be ready to roll up their sleeves and dive-in! This program is highly experiential and requires active participation—and reflection—in a small team-based environment.

Students must maintain excellent attendance records and complete all coursework on time.

## What does nontraditional mean?

Nontraditional careers are those where women make up less than 25% of the workforce. Often, they are higher-paying jobs than many of those traditional for women.