



Dear Parents and Students in Project Lead The Way Courses:

Since you attend a PLTW-certified school, you can get a head start on your college career and add prestige to your admissions applications by receiving college credits from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). These are transcribed credits and are eligible to be transferred to other universities. One of the most important benefits of having RIT credit is that, during the college application process, admissions officers look favorably on a student who has already completed college-level courses.

The process is simple:

- To be eligible to receive RIT credit students must have a minimum class average of 85% and a stanine score of 6 or higher.
- The transcribed grade received from RIT is based solely on the stanine score they receive on the PLTW year-end exam (6=C; 7=B; 8 and 9 = A). The eligible course(s) are: Introduction to Engineering Design (Design & Drawing for Production in NY), Digital Electronics, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Principles of Engineering, or Civil Engineering and Architecture.
- Therefore, the grade a student receives in the high school course may differ from the college credit grade. It is important for you to ask the teacher what the stanine grade is so that you can make an informed decision. If a student subsequently attends RIT, the college credit grade would be counted towards his/her overall grade point average. If a student attends another university, the course credits often are transferred without the letter grade.
- **Important: Any student who successfully takes a course in the current academic year must take the exam at the end of the course and register for college credit before Nov. 2, 2015**
- The total tuition charge for each course is \$225. RIT has converted to the semester system and each course is worth three semester credits.
- The registration form can be printed at <http://www.rit.edu/pltw> Please send it and a check/money order to the address on the form. Credit cards are not accepted at this time
- **If your student is graduating in 2015 or applying for early acceptance at colleges it is recommended that the registration form/payment be sent in by July 15, 2015.**
- RIT will send the student a transcript at the end of the semester in which he/she registers. Students who apply to colleges other than RIT may request, at no cost, that a transcript be sent to those schools by completing a Transcript Request Form at www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/registrar/form
- **Note: Having RIT credits does not guarantee that they will be accepted into any program, even at RIT. All colleges and universities establish their own policies for accepting credits and those decisions are based on many factors. Most often, the credits are counted as 'free' electives.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at schoolrelations@rit.edu or to call at (585) 475-4609.

Sincerely,

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Undergraduate Registration Form for Project Lead The Way Students

PLTW-NON

Important: Students completing a course in academic year 2014-2015 must register before November 2, 2015

Complete all sections in INK (PLEASE PRINT) Date _____

Have you applied for RIT college credit previously Yes No

Student's Name _____
Last First Middle

Social Security # _____
(Required)

Date of Birth _____
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Gender: Female Male

Home Address (RIT mail will be sent to this address)

Number & Street _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email _____
Area Code Confirmation will be emailed here

School Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Expected HS Grad Date: _____

Course #	Credits	Course Title	Tuition
CAST-PLTW-101 - 88	3	Introduction To Engineering Design	\$225
CAST-PLTW-102 - 88	3	Principles of Engineering	\$225
CAST-PLTW-103 - 88	3	Digital Electronics	\$225
CAST-PLTW-104 - 88	3	Civil Engineering/Architecture	\$225
CAST-PLTW-105 - 88	3	Computer Integrated Manufacturing	\$225

Note: A transcript will be sent to you at the end of the semester in which you registered. When you are ready to apply to colleges and need an official transcript, download the transcript request form at <http://www.rit.edu/academicaaffairs/registrar/forms> and submit it to RIT's Registrar's Office.

Tuition Payment

The \$225 per course tuition must be paid with check or money order, made payable to RIT.

Send it and completed form to:

PLTW School Relations
Rochester Institute of Technology
Slaughter Bldg-78, Room 2395
137 Lomb Memorial Dr.
Rochester, New York 14623

Registrar's Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Date Processed _____

Processed by _____

Term registered _____

Optional Information

If you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic or racial group, please indicate how you would describe yourself.

Ethnicity: _____ Hispanic or Latino

_____ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (please select one or more):

_____ Asian

_____ American Indian or Alaska Native

_____ Black or African American

_____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

_____ White



Rochester Institute of Technology's Policy On Awarding College Credit for Project Lead The Way Courses

Secondary school students from any PLTW-certified school may apply for RIT college credit for five of the PLTW courses:

- Introduction to Engineering Design/Design and Drawing for Production/Solid Modeling
- Principles of Engineering
- Digital Electronics
- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing

To qualify for RIT college credit, students must earn a stanine score of 6 or higher on the end of course exam (6=C, 7=B, 8 or 9 = A). Students must also have an 85% or higher course class average.

For the students meeting those criteria, RIT awards three semester credits for each of the five courses at a discounted rate of \$225 per course.

An important benefit of having the credit is that admissions officers will see that the student has already been successful at college level work and this point could be factored in the university's decision-making process.

The individual academic departments at RIT and other universities evaluate the acceptability of those credits in the same manner in which they evaluate and confer transfer credits. Applying for and receiving RIT credits for PLTW courses does not guarantee that those credits will be accepted in every individual academic program at RIT. The credits are eligible to be transferred to other universities that, also, make independent decisions on which transfer credits to accept.

College Credit Process:

In spring, the school's primary PLTW contact will receive an electronic copy of the parents letter, registration form and grade report template. The parents letter does include a link to the online RIT college credit registration form. The letter should be distributed to qualifying students at the end of the school year.

The RIT grade that a student will receive is based solely on the end-of-year assessment stanine score. A stanine score of 6 will equal a C; 7 will equal a B; 8 and 9 will equal an A. It is important for teachers to tell their students what their stanine score is and what their grade will be for RIT credit. The parents letter will also detail how the stanine score translates into letter grades.

Each teacher/school must email their qualifying students' course average and stanine scores to Deborah Cooper, schoolrelations@rit.edu or dacpltw@rit.edu, by July 1st. Privacy laws do not allow PLTW's assessment company to share its data. RIT will keep this data confidential and will not share it.

Students applying for RIT credit should be given the registration form or can go to www.rit.edu/pltw to print the form and send it along with a \$225 check/money order to the address listed. They are then "enrolled" in the current RIT semester. At the end of the semester, students receive a transcript.

- **If a student is graduating in June or applying for early acceptance at colleges it is recommended that the registration form/payment be sent in by July 15.**

As students prepare to submit college applications, they should request a free transcript showing their college credits. A transcript request form can be downloaded from www.rit.edu/pltw.

If a former PLTW student attends RIT, the letter (A, B, C) grade received from RIT is counted towards his/her RIT cumulative grade point average. If the student goes to another university, the credits are usually transferred without a letter grade.

Since these students are receiving college credit for college-level work, there are certain rules that must be followed by every PLTW-certified school to ensure the integrity of the exam and process:

- Students must take the exam immediately at the conclusion of the course.
- All exams must be given prior to June 30 of each calendar year for students completing the course that year.
- Students taking the exam in the spring must apply for and pay for RIT credit prior to Nov. 2 of that year. Students taking the exam in December or January have until the following Nov. 2 to apply.

RIT/PLTW Scholarships

RIT has established a merit scholarship program for PLTW students. Freshman applicants with an SAT score of 1800 or higher (ACT 26) and B+ average who will complete two or more PLTW courses in high school are eligible to apply. The scholarships are worth \$7,000 per year and are renewable yearly. Up to five new scholarships per year can be awarded. The RIT/PLTW Scholarship cannot be combined with other RIT merit scholarships.

Interested students must submit a letter of recommendation from a PLTW teacher along with the RIT undergraduate admission application and school transcripts by February 1. For additional information on available scholarships, go to www.rit.edu/pltw.

Additional Information

Additional information, registration and transcript request forms may be accessed through www.rit.edu/pltw. You may also contact Deborah Cooper at (585)475-4609 or schoolrelations@rit.edu.