



Bensalem Cyber Academy Micro-Credentials

What are micro-credentials?

Micro-credentials, also known as digital badges, are a new way to capture and communicate what a student knows and can demonstrate. These credentials can represent various levels of work and engagement, including specific, granular skills or achievements ([American Institute for Research](#)).

Via the Bensalem Cyber Program, students can earn a micro-credential by successfully completing a pathway focus within a given academy. These courses are designed to help students gain specific skills in their chosen field. Once the appropriate coursework is completed, a student can apply for the micro-credential, which will then be added to their transcript.

Why earn a micro-credential?



Bensalem Township High School graduation requirements offer students the chance to explore multiple pathways while earning their diploma.

Micro-credentials are designed to motivate students who seek real-life career experience during high school. These credentials provide a way to personalize and recognize student learning achievements, indicating that students have completed specific course concentrations that prepare them for college or careers.

Advantages include:

- Opportunity to earn an endorsement in an area of interest
- Foundation to successfully complete an industry workforce credential or college degree
- Increased opportunities to gain competitive advantages in the college application process
- Improved student engagement within coursework

How do I earn a micro-credential?

Earning a micro-credential at Bensalem High School is a straightforward process! Students first need to decide which academy strand they want to follow. All academies are detailed in the digital BHS Program of Studies website. Students may qualify for multiple micro-credentials since some pathways have overlapping course requirements. While earning a micro-credential is encouraged, it is not required to receive a diploma. Every student should work with their school counselor to develop a plan that reflects their post-high school aspirations.

****Eligibility & Criteria:****

- Enrolled at Bensalem High School
- Complete necessary graduation requirements
- Complete 4 courses within the Academy Strand with a minimum grade of a 'C' in each course, or as determined by IEP goals
- For students who receive an 'A' in all 4 courses within a strand, the micro-credential will be noted "With Honors"



Bensalem Cyber Academy Micro-Credentials Pathways

Business and Entrepreneurial Academy Pathways

Focus Area	Food Safety and Sanitation	Hotel and Restaurant Management	Business & Entrepreneurship	Marketing	International Business
Course 1	Culinary Arts 1A & 1B	Introduction to Business A & B	Introduction to Business A & B	Introduction to Business A & B	Introduction to Business A & B
Course 2	Culinary Arts 2 AND Restaurant Management	Hospitality and Tourism: Hotel and Restaurant Management 2A & 2B	Technology and Business FY	Advertising and Sales Promotion AND Careers in Marketing Research	Technology and Business FY
Course 3	Intro to Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources AND Principles of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Marketing and Sales for Tourism and Hospitality AND Sports and Entertainment Marketing	Business Computer Information Systems FY	Marketing and Sales for Tourism and Hospitality AND Sports and Entertainment Marketing	Business Computer Information Systems FY
Course 4	Food Production & Processing Systems AND Food Safety & Sanitation	International Business: Global Commerce in the 21st Century AND Hospitality and Tourism: Traveling the Globe	Small Business Entrepreneurship A&B	Technology and Business FY	International Business: Global Commerce in the 21st Century AND Business Law



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Health & Human Services Academic Pathways

Focus Area	Medical	Education	Criminal Justice	Forensics	Law	Government	Personal Training & Fitness	Human Services
Course 1	Personal Psychology 1&2	Personal Psychology 1&2	Personal Psychology 1&2	Forensic Science 1&2	Social Problems 1 & 2	Social Problems 1 & 2	Foundations of Personal Wellness A&B	Trauma Informed Living AND Restorative Practices & Principles
Course 2	Anatomy AND Physiology	Sociology 1 & 2	Social Problems 1&2	Forensics: The Science of Crime A&B	Sociology 1 & 2	Sociology 1 & 2	Fitness Fundamentals 1&2	Mental Health & Wellness AND Climate & Cultural Transformation
Course 3	First Aid & Safety AND Introduction to Human Growth & Development	Early Childhood Education 1A & 1B	Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security AND Criminology: Inside the Criminal Mind	Forensics: Using Science to Solve a Mystery AND Anatomy	Business Law AND Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	Economics AND Intro to Careers in Government & Public Administration Or AP US Government & Politics	Personal Health & Fitness AND Physiology	Peer Counseling AND Personal Care Services
Course 4	Health Science Concepts	Child Development AND Intro to Careers in Education and Training	Careers in Criminal Justice 1A & 1B	Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security AND Criminology	Careers In Criminal Justice 1A & 1B	US Government Essentials AND National Security	Personal Training Career Prep AND Personal Training Concepts	Introduction to Human Services AND Family & Community Services



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Stem and Visual/Communication Arts Academic Pathways

Focus Area	BIOMEDICAL	Media Communication & Journalism	Visual Arts	Literary Studies
Course 1	Anatomy & Physiology FY	Public Speaking A&B	Intro to Art A&B	Expository Reading & Writing A and B
Course 2	Forensic Science 1&2	Social Media AND Creative Writing	Art History A&B	Creative Writing AND Contemporary American Literature
Course 3	Introduction to Health Science A&B	Intro to Communications & Speech A&B	Digital Photography 1A&1B	Gothic Literature AND Mythology & Folklore
Course 4	Biotechnology 1A & 1B	Journalism 1 % 2	Fashion Design AND Interior Design	AP English Language & Composition