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# Parent Newsletter

## ACT Test Dates

September 11, 2010  
October 23, 2010  
December 11, 2010  
February 12, 2010  
April 9, 2011  
June 11, 2011

ACT Testing Centers  
in Ohio click [here](#)

For more information on  
how to prepare your  
students for college,  
please visit:

[KnowHow2Go](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)

[FinAid](#)

[FAFSA](#)

[Saving for College](#)

## What is Akron Area College Tech Prep?

Akron Area College Tech Prep is a national initiative which collaborates with secondary and postsecondary education, as well as business and industry, to provide educational opportunities for high school students.

Akron Area College Tech Prep has developed partnerships with many secondary schools that provide pathways in a variety of fields from Allied Health to Public Safety.

Akron Area College Tech Prep has a strong partnership with The University of Akron (UA). This collaboration provides the opportunity for College Tech Prep students to earn college credits at a discount rate, receive support and mentorship from UA faculty, and professional collegiate advising.

Click [here](#) to view a list of the schools, programs, and instructors that make up the Akron College Tech Prep Consortium. If you have any questions regarding the programs, please contact the high school liaison.



## What to Expect from Tech Prep

### Program Visits

In the fall of your students' senior year, a Tech Prep staff member will come to each partner high school and provide your student information on Tech Prep. They will receive a packet that includes a senior calendar, credit banking guide, fee waiver request information, and a guide to complete the admissions application to name a few. For a complete view of what your student received, please click [here](#).

### Senior Applications

As an added benefit of your student being enrolled in a Tech Prep program, he/she can complete The University of Akron admissions application for free. The admissions application, which normally costs \$40 to complete, is a necessary step if your student wants to access and/or attempt to transfer their college credits. Once your student has completed the admissions application, they must visit the [Akron College Tech](#)

[Prep website](#) to fill out the fee waiver request form. If you have any questions about the UA fee waiver process, please contact our office at 330-972-7005.

## Meet the Staff



*The Polsky Building  
Home to Summit College*



### **Nicole Mullet, Director**

After graduating from The University of Akron with a degree in Secondary Education; Language Arts, Nicole Mullet taught 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade English at Central Christian High School in Kidron, Ohio. When offered a position in the Richmond school system, Nicole moved to Richmond Virginia where she taught 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Chandler Middle School in Richmond, Virginia. In 2004 Nicole developed and ran a teen outreach program through Providence Family Support Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The program was geared towards young people ages 12-21 in Marshall-Shadeland, a community with the highest drop-out rate in the city of Pittsburgh. The program focused on incenting the students to achieve academically and better prepare them for opportunities in post high school academic settings. This program also provided after-school programming which afforded social support structures for teens and their families in a safe and healthy environment. In 2007, Nicole accepted a position in The University of Akron's Summit College where she currently serves as Director of College Tech Prep. In this capacity, Nicole serves as liaison to both the Ohio Department of Education as well as the Ohio Board of Regents at a state level and works with Career Technical Directors and secondary partners. Additionally, she facilitates partnerships with administrators and The University of Akron faculty to ensure a clear pathway from secondary to postsecondary for students involved in College Tech Prep programs. Nicole will complete her Master's degree in Fall of 2010.

### **Denise Thomas, Project Manager**

Denise M. Thomas graduated from Kent State University in 2005 with a B.S. in Educational Studies. While at Kent State, Denise was a University Orientation Instructor for freshman students. She served her senior year as an intern for Resident Services. She participated in the Center for International and Comparative Studies internship program in Geneva, Switzerland. Following graduation from KSU, she was accepted as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA at Arizona State University. The focus of her year of service was aimed at increasing the college matriculation rate of American Indian youth in Arizona. Through this experience, Denise visited numerous reservations and experienced the American Indian culture of Arizona. Following her year of service, she returned to Northeast Ohio. She is the Project Manager for Akron Area College Tech Prep. In her spare time, Denise enjoys traveling, spending time with friends and family and being outdoors.





### Lakitia Austin, Transition Coordinator

Lakitia is the Transition Coordinator for Akron Area College Tech Prep. She attended The University of Akron where she pursued her undergraduate degree in Business Management: Information Systems in 2005. While on campus, she worked in several departments including New Student Orientation, Greek Life, and Financial Aid. She is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. In 2005, she continued her education at The University of Akron by pursuing a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration. She was a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Employment. After graduating in 2007, Lakitia accepted the full time position as the Transition Coordinator for the Akron Area College Tech Prep Consortium where she assists students with the transition from high school to college. She also oversees the credit banking process and all student information for Akron Area Tech Prep. Lakitia resides in Akron with her husband, three children and the family dog. She enjoys traveling and spending time

outdoors with friends and family.

### Cherec Dickey, Student Assistant

Cherec Dickey works at the Akron Area College Tech Prep Consortium as a part-time student assistant. After graduating from Indian Valley High School at the top of her class in 2006, Cherec spent two years in Texas taking part in a leadership-training internship. At its completion, she transferred to The University of Akron as a sophomore and is currently pursuing a B.S in Biology. When Cherec graduates in Spring 2011, she plans to go on to medical school to become an ophthalmologist. Cherec volunteers often in her community with organizations such as Community Support Services and Building Hope in the City. She also serves as a student member on the University Hearing Board. Cherec loves to travel, and has been to eight foreign countries on missions trips so far. As the Akron Tech Prep student assistant, Cherec assists the staff with data-entry, mailings, and any odd jobs that need completed. She also manages and designs the periodic newsletter. In her free time, she loves to play the piano and write music. Cherec currently resides in Akron, OH, with her three housemates and adorable Miniature Australian Shepherd.



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### What is Credit Banking?

Credit Banking allows for credits earned through Akron Area College Tech Prep (AACTP) career and technical programs at the high school/career center to apply as credits towards a degree at The University of Akron (UA).

Student who meet criteria determined by faculty at UA, as outlined in the individualized Credit Banking Agreements (CBA), have the opportunity to "bank" university credits. These credits can be accessed

by qualifying students upon enrollment at UA by the process described below.

#### Accessing Credits

There are six steps the student must follow in order to access their credit(s).

1. Apply and be accepted to UA
2. Successfully meet the criteria for credit as indicated in the CBA
3. Graduate from high school.
4. Contact AACTP at 330.972.7141 to indicate an interest in accessing credit.
5. Successfully enroll in and complete, a minimum of one UA credit.
6. Pick-up paperwork from AACTP office and take it to the Office of Student

Accounts in Simmons Hall for payment (*The cost is approximately \$25 per credit hour.*)

#### Transferring of Credits

The banked credits are for degree pathways at The University of Akron. Students not attending UA, but interested in accessing and transferring credits MUST contact the Tech Prep office by March 1 and work through their intended institution to determine feasibility.



## Spotlight: The University of Akron

### History

The University of Akron (UA) was founded as Buchtel College in 1870 by the Ohio Universalist Convention and John R. Buchtel. Since then, UA has expanded to 87 buildings on 223 acres of land, including 34 acres of new green space in the heart of metropolitan Akron, Ohio.



### Academics & Student Body

UA has about 28,000 students representing 46 U.S. states and 80 foreign countries. We offer more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs, including many that are recognized nationally for their excellence.

### Regional Locations

UA offers courses across the region in locations such as [Medina](#), [Brunswick](#), [Millersburg](#), and [Orrville](#). In addition, UA offers several [online courses](#).



### National Rankings

- The Princeton Review listed UA among the “Best in the Midwest” in its 2008 edition of Best Colleges: Region by Region
- Akron is among the top 20 percent of U.S. universities conferring doctorate degrees in chemistry
- UA’s [College of Business Administration](#) is among the leading undergraduate business schools in the U.S., according to the 2009 *BusinessWeek* review of the nation’s top 100 undergraduate business colleges.
- The [College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering](#) has 34 faculty members and more than 300 postdoctoral students, making it the largest polymer academic program in the U.S.

### UA Colleges & Schools

- [College of Health Sciences and Human Services](#)
- [College of Nursing](#)
- [College of Business Administration](#)
- [College of Engineering](#)
- [College of Education](#)
- [College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering](#)
- [Honors College](#)
- [Summit College](#)
- [The Graduate School](#)
- [Law School](#)
- [Wayne College](#)

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines Fall 2010

Below are a list of upcoming Tech Prep and University of Akron events and deadlines. For more information, please click on the link to be directed to the site.

### October

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**October 2**

[UA Visitation Day](#)

*(College of Engineering, College of Nursing & University College Day)*

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Tech Prep Day at InfoCision Field/UA Homecoming Football Game

**October 29**

[UA Visitation Day](#)

*(College of Business, College of Education, Summit College & University College Day)*

### November

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**November 1**

Early [Honors College](#) admissions/scholarship deadline

**November 3**

[UA Visitation Day](#)

*(College of Arts & Sciences, College of Creative & Professional Arts, College of Health & Human Services & University College Day)*

**November 7**

[UA Visitation Day](#)

*(All colleges will be represented on this day)*

**November 19**

[We Are IT Day](#)

### December

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**December 1**

[Senior Applications/Request for Fee Waivers](#)

The deadline for senior applications and the request for fee waivers is December 1, 2010. If your student has not sent a request for a fee waiver, please do so by clicking [here](#)

**December 4**

[UA Saturday Information Session](#)