

2022 Smart Horizons Career Online High School

FAQS

For questions that aren't listed below, please call us toll free at (866) 999-7853.

We will be happy to answer them!

ARE YOU ACCREDITED?

Yes. Smart Horizons Career Online High School is fully accredited by Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC. We are also approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

WHY SHOULDN'T I JUST GET MY GED?

A GED or General Equivalency Diploma requires you to pay for an exam. Preparing for the exam does not always provide you with the learning opportunities you could benefit from through completing coursework. Additionally, Smart Horizons Career Online High School gives you the benefit of also earning a career certificate, completing the coursework required in many of our career areas, and completing additional job preparation documents. We encourage you to make the decision that is right for you so research all of your options so that you can make an informed decision. Also, ask friends, family, and employers what their opinion is!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The program tuition is \$1295. There is a \$91 administration fee that we waive for students who select the full payment plan. Contact us for more information about our low monthly payment plan option.

WHAT IS THE CAREER PORTFOLIO?

To arm you with the tools you need to find a job, we will teach you to create essential documents, such as your resume and a cover letter.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP WITH MY COURSEWORK?

Your Academic Coach will connect you with one of our certified instructors to provide you with additional academic support, when needed. Learn more about student support at SHCOHS!

WHEN CAN I WORK ON MY COURSES?

Courses are self-paced and taught in an online learning environment available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL I NEED TO DEDICATE TO MY COURSEWORK?

We recommend that you dedicate 8-10 hours per week to your coursework. Your Academic Coach will help keep you on track! We also provide you with a Pace Guide that helps you move through the program by completing one credit every two weeks.

WILL THE COURSES I COMPLETED AT PAST SCHOOLS COUNT TOWARD THIS DIPLOMA?

Once you are ready to start the program, our Registrar will analyze your transcripts and apply credits for any course work you completed that fulfills our credit transfer requirements. Elective credits do not apply since the electives we offer are necessary in you earning your career certification. A transcript request form is available—just download, complete, and send it to any schools you attended in the past to request transcripts.

CAN I GET TRANSFER CREDIT FOR THE GED OR HISET EXAM?

Yes, if you successfully passed any of the GED content areas at a Performance Level 2 or higher (145+), you are eligible for transfer credit. Visit ged.com/life_after_ged to request your GED transcript.

You can also transfer credit for HiSET subtests completed with an 8 or higher (2+ on the essay). Visit hiset.ets.org/after/request-transcript/ to request your HiSET transcript.

WHEN CAN I START MY CLASSES?

We offer rolling admissions, which means you can start anytime of the year—whenever it is convenient for you. Within one day of completing the enrollment process, an Admissions Advisor will provide you with all of the information you need to get started.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

Depending on how many credits you transfer in, you can be on your way to earning your high school diploma in a few months. You will be given up to 18 months to complete the program.

WILL YOU SEND ME MATERIALS IN THE MAIL?

No. All of your course material is available online! This means you always have all of your materials available anywhere you are.

WILL I NEED TO PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS?

No you will not.

IF I CHOOSE A MAJOR LIKE CHILD CARE, HOW WILL I TRAIN TO WORK WITH CHILDREN?

While we provide you with all of the coursework you need in order to qualify for a Childcare Certification, you will find a local agency in your community to fulfill the hands-on training hours required.

WHAT DOES GRADUATION ENTAIL?

When a student meets the graduation requirements, we mail their high school diploma and career certificate to the shipping address provided. While we do not host a graduation ceremony, we recommend the student celebrate this huge accomplishment with family and friends.

HOW DO I REQUEST MY SMART HORIZONS CAREER ONLINE HS TRANSCRIPT?

Visit smarthorizonsonline.org/transcript for details.

IS THE DIPLOMA ACCEPTED BY COLLEGES?

Because the high school diploma is Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC accredited, it should be accepted by many colleges and universities. However, admissions requirements are always up to an individual college. Also, if you are interested in pursuing post-secondary education within your state you should check with your state to understand the requirements. States may impose requirements for receiving state financial aid. For example, an online high school diploma may not be recognized by some colleges and universities within your state to receive financial aid. We recommend you check with the institution for any specific restrictions—this is particularly important for residents of New York and New Jersey.

Featured Library Partners

- California State Library
- State of Colorado
- State of Florida
- State of Texas

- New Jersey State Library
- Illinois Library System (RAILS)
- Public Library of Cincinnati
- Denver Public Library
- El Paso Public Library
- Fountaindale Public Library District
- Kansas City Public Library
- Las Vegas Public Library
- City of Los Angeles Public Library
- Los Angeles Public Library
- Phoenix Public Library
- Sacramento Public Library
- San Diego Public Library
- San Francisco Public Library
- Virginia Beach PL

Building a Center of Learning and Creating Positive Outcomes In a Library's Community

Smart Horizons Career Online Education offers an Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC accredited online high school diploma program that prepares students for entrance into the workplace or postsecondary career training programs. The program engages high school dropouts back into the educational system, creating real-world opportunities for them. By partnering with Smart Horizons Career Online Education, library systems can support lifelong learning while fighting community deficits.

View [infographic](#) showing the program's impact in the state of Florida.

View [Case Study and Testimonials](#) about the library program.

Benefits of Offering the Program at Public Libraries

The program employs an innovative curriculum aligned to the National Common Core Standards (NCCS), the convenience of an anytime-anywhere online learning platform, and interactive content that engages adult learners and helps them achieve their educational goals.

- Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC Accredited: Not only does it ensure the highest quality, but accreditation also means that graduates are eligible for federal student aid programs and can pursue additional education if desired.
- Better Outcomes than the GED: The curriculum is based on a master proficiency training model with better results than the GED.
- Furthers Libraries' Missions: The program enhances educational and strategic missions, enabling libraries to empower members of their communities.
- Students Graduate "Ready for Work": In addition to career coursework, students complete a Career Portfolio, which includes resumes, cover letters, and other important documents to aid them in career advancement.

Program Highlights

- A learning lab located at the library where students have access to computers, resources, and teaching support
- A skills-based, career-focused curriculum that builds the skills that students will need to obtain and succeed in jobs
- Individualized support from academic coaches, certified teachers, and onsite facilitators
- Credit transferability—students can transfer in all previously earned courses in order to earn their diplomas as quickly as possible
- Affordability—libraries can make use of funding to provide affordable education to those they serve