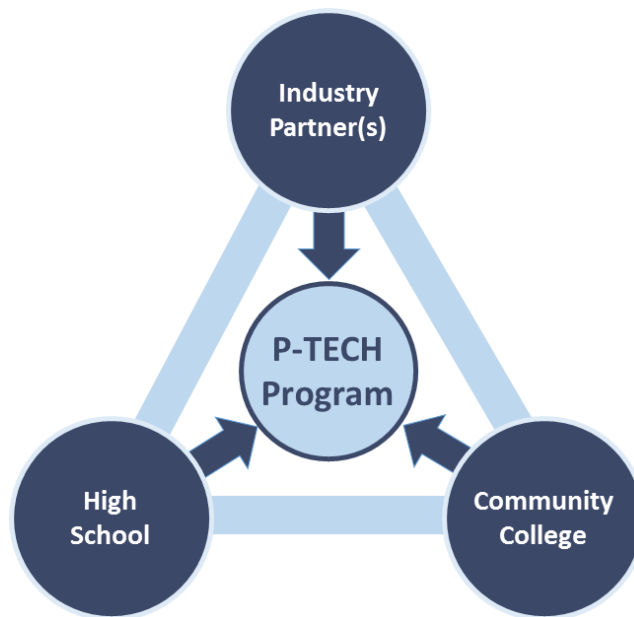


Rhode Island P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School)

An Innovative Model to Ensure Career Readiness and Build a Skilled Workforce

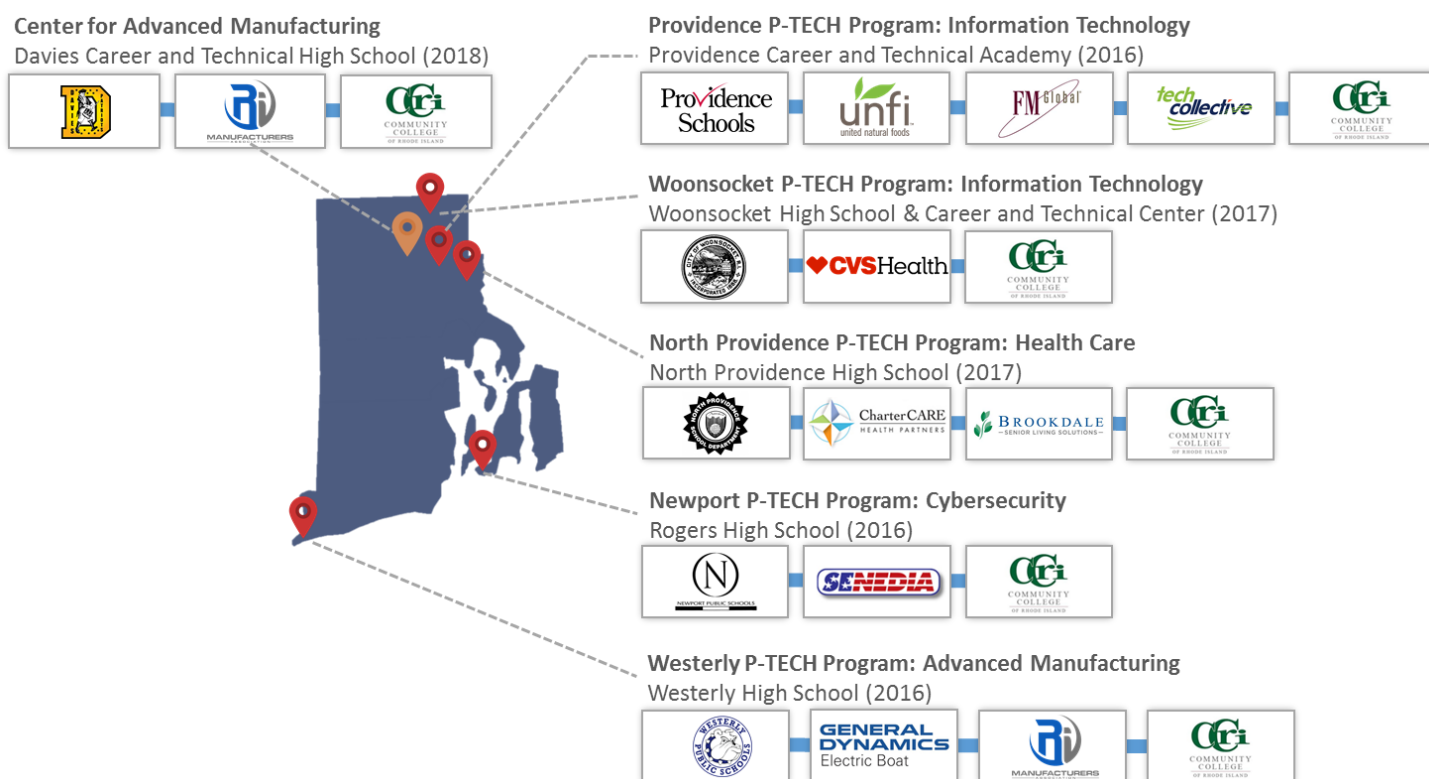


What is the P-TECH initiative?

Governor Gina M. Raimondo's comprehensive economic development agenda includes a critical investment in the alignment of K-12, college and the workforce. The P-TECH initiative, based upon IBM's successful grade 9-14 model, will help Rhode Island's high school students prepare and train today for the jobs of tomorrow. Through the collaboration of the State, school districts, the Community College of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island employers, the initial P-TECH programs opened at Rogers High School in Newport, Providence Career and Technical Academy, and Westerly High School in 2016. Two more P-TECH programs launched in fall 2017 at North Providence High School and Woonsocket Area Career and Technical Center and the Commerce Corporation announced the development of a Center for Advanced Manufacturing at William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School in Lincoln that is incorporating the key elements of the P-TECH model.

What are the key elements of a P-TECH model program?

- No-cost, public high school program that includes grades 9-14 and admits students via lottery.
- Partnership between a high school, the Community College of Rhode Island, and an industry partner (or partners) in a growth industry.
- Steering committee made up of representatives from the program's partners who work together to plan, implement, and continually improve the program.
- Curriculum aligning high school, college coursework, and the workplace with a focus on pathways that set students up to succeed in college and career. The result is a pathway that allows students to graduate with a high school diploma, an associate degree from the Community College of Rhode Island, and relevant professional experience in some of Rhode Island's high-growth, high-wage industries.



Rhode Island's P-TECH programs

More key elements of a P-TECH model program

- Ongoing collaboration with industry partner(s) and the Community College of Rhode Island to ensure an up-to-date curriculum that is academically rigorous and economically relevant.
- One-on-one mentoring, workplace visits and skills instruction, summer internships, and career opportunities at partner businesses.

What makes the P-TECH program different?

The strong and essential collaboration between three key partners: a school district, one or more employers, and a higher education institution. All three work closely together to create a seamless pathway for students to earn a high school diploma, industry-recognized credentials, and an associate degree, all while gaining relevant professional experience. Upon graduation, students can choose to continue their studies at a four-year school, or to enter the workforce with industry connections and the skills for well paying, middle class jobs.

The unique culture of P-TECH schools is built upon high expectations for all involved. Students see themselves as college students on a career pathway from the moment they begin 9th grade. Teachers, industry partners, and parents work together to ensure that every student graduates fully prepared for the careers of the future.

Who should I contact for more information about the P-TECH programs?

For more information about the State of Rhode Island's P-TECH RI initiative, please contact ptech.info@commerceri.com.