

# LEVEL UP

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## WHAT IS LEVEL UP?

The **LEVEL UP** program at Lackawanna College was created in response to the national crisis related to the **rising cost of higher education**, the **increased time that students spend in college** before completing their degree, and the need for students to **graduate from their secondary experience** prepared to succeed in a major program of their choice.

By creating a new model that offers students **concrete educational pathways during their high school experience**, the College aims to reduce or eliminate barriers to enrollment in higher education, boost student retention and completion rates, and link early educational pipelines with family-sustaining careers for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to enroll in the Level Up program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA for certificate programs or a 3.25 GPA for associate degree programs
- Meet minimum PSAT or SAT scores. Minimum scores are based on the College Board's College and Career Readiness Benchmarks
- Successfully complete Lackawanna's College 101 course.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Level Up offers multiple approaches to higher education achievement. Students can choose pathways that include a combination of dual enrollment credits offered at a reduced cost on-site through partner districts or via online, late afternoon, evening, and summer classes at Lackawanna College.

### EARN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Applicable majors include **Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Professional Studies**.
- **Total cost of an associate degree will be \$6,200** - a significant savings versus traditional tuition at any institution, with opportunities to have the program fully funded - potentially making it free to students!
- If students decide to continue their education at Lackawanna College after graduating from high school, the cost paid by the student towards their Level Up coursework will be **returned to them as a scholarship towards their bachelor's degree**.

### COMPLETE GROUPS OF COMPETENCY COURSES FOR TRANSFERABLE CREDITS

- Students can pursue discipline-specific certificates comprised of introductory and foundation level courses in particular majors.
- Certificates available in **Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Human Services, and Professional Studies**.
- These discipline-specific bundles of courses will save students at least one semester of college work at a **cost of \$1,800-\$2,100**.

## BUILD A PATHWAY TO A HEALTHCARE CAREER

- Course collections designed to strengthen the academic skills of students interested in **pursuing a career in healthcare**.
- **Develop mentoring opportunities** between Lackawanna's healthcare students and high school students curious about the industry.
- Offers students the ability to take prerequisite and foundation courses while still in high school, including **biology, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology**, and more.
- **Preferential associate program admission** to graduates of the pipeline program.

## PNG PIPELINE

- Available beginning in the Fall 2019 semester, students can explore exciting career opportunities in the petroleum and natural gas industries.
- This 21-credit pathway will introduce students to some of the technology and physics necessary to be successful in this field.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Lackawanna is excited to offer a scholarship to assist with the cost of Level Up coursework. Scholarships will be awarded annually and will assist with the cost of courses taken online or on campus.

Learn more about all scholarship opportunities at [www.lackawanna.edu/levelup](http://www.lackawanna.edu/levelup).

## WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

A spot in the Level Up program is waiting just for you!

Contact **Level Up Program Director Abbey Judge** at **(570) 955-1516** or [judgea@lackawanna.edu](mailto:judgea@lackawanna.edu).

You can also complete our inquiry form at [explore.lackawanna.edu/levelupinquiryform](http://explore.lackawanna.edu/levelupinquiryform).

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## ABOUT US

Lackawanna College is a private, accredited college serving the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. With a main campus situated in downtown Scranton, Lackawanna's expanding footprint also includes satellite centers in Hawley, Hazleton, New Milford, Sunbury, and Towanda.

The curriculum at Lackawanna helps provide our students with a direct path to a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or one of many different professional certifications; and our Continuing Education department has helped put the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania back to work with the skills they need to succeed.

Lackawanna College is also one of the most cost-efficient ways to begin your pursuit of a college degree.