



ATB WEBINAR Q&A

Q: We have career pathway programs approved for ATB that are not IBEST through an institutional process. Can you confirm that the new co-enroll option is only for students co-enrolled in both HS+ and IBEST, or could it be HS+ only once the program is established as an eligible career pathway? And, is the ECPP only required for the IBEST and HS+ co-enrolled programs?

A: Required documentation is regardless of the option students are using for ATB to qualify. You can offer all three ways, or less than. You will need to provide documentation for one of the career pathways.

Q: Prior to meeting the ATB requirements can the student get title 4 funds? So at credit 1 are the eligible?

A: If they are co-enrolled in the HS+ and IBEST, then, yes.

Q: Student to be eligible to access ATB (WA ONLY option) requires co-enrollment in both HS+ and IBEST.

A: Yes.

Q: Students may start their IBEST classes later. Is this an issue?

A: Students need to be co-enrolled in HS+ and I-BEST at the same time in order to meet the criteria for the state option.

Q: Does the IBEST program have to also be an Opportunity Grant approved on our campus to be ATB?

A: Yes, if it is a prof/tech, we do simultaneous approval. However, you do not need IBEST approval to have Opportunity Grant approval.

Q: All students who do not have a HS Diploma or equivalent are allowed to “check the box” when applying for their Associates degree to be awarded a HS Diploma at the same time as earning their AA. Does this qualify for being considered co-enrolled in a HS completion program or does only HS+ count?

A: To meet the High School requirement, if you are using the third option (which is state specific), no.

Q: To clarify, if we have ATB students in several different career pathways, do we have to submit this documentation for each career pathway?

A: No, you only need to submit for ONE career pathway.

Q: It was mentioned “almost all” programs that are fin aid eligible are ATB eligible. Can you speak to what programs would not be ATB eligible and why?

A: An example would be phlebotomy, if it is not traditionally fin aid approvable, then they would not be ATB eligible.

Q: Does the “one CCP fits all” include both prof/tech and academic IBEST programs?

A: If you are only working on academic IBEST, please know we are working on getting clarification on this.

Q: Is the WASFA used for ATB or only FAFSA?

A: Yes, those are included.

Q: Where can I look for info on WASFA - it was understanding that to be eligible for WASFA folks had to earn a HS Diploma or equivalent in WA State and have lived here for 3 years, how does that align with ATB?

A: WASFA information can be found on the Washington Student Achievement Council (WASAC) website <https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig> . Students are eligible for WASFA if they meet the criteria and are an eligible ATB student.

Q: Resources you suggested for documenting prof/tech type pathways are great. What resources do you recommend for documenting DTA and DTA/MRPS based degrees?

A: We are working on getting clarification from DoE.