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## **El Camino College to Offer Summer STEM Programs for High School Students**

Curious about drones or waiting to try out virtual reality goggles? Learn all about how they work at El Camino College's STEM Training and Robotics Technology (START) Program.

The START Program is a free, four-week course designed to introduce high school and El Camino College students to career pathways in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Through hands-on workshops and introductions to fields such as robot programming, students develop critical thinking, creative problem-solving and innovative reasoning skills.

Students will meet July 5 to 28, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and take field trips on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Program coordinator Glen Chapple said topics this year will include unmanned aerial vehicles like drones, 3-D printing and virtual reality, along with hands-on projects that will allow students to build a VEX robot, electric motor and electromagnet. Participants will also go on tours of local colleges and universities and hear from speakers in STEM careers and STEM-based businesses.

The deadline to apply for the START Program is May 30. For more information or to apply, visit [www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/start/](http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/start/). Program coordinator Glen Chapple can be reached at [gchapple@elcamino.edu](mailto:gchapple@elcamino.edu).

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