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Animal Science

Statewide Program of Study







The Animal Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of animals and other living organisms. It teaches CTE learners how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of animals and wildlife, either in laboratories or in the field, which could include a veterinary office, a farm or ranch, or any outdoor area harboring animal life. Students may also research and analyze the growth and destruction of species and research or diagnose diseases and injuries of animals.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Level 2

- Small Animal Management (.5 Credit)
- · Equine Science (.5 Credit)

Level 3

· Livestock Production

Level 4

- Advanced Animal Science
- Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Food Science and Technology
- Veterinary Studies
- Biotechnology Laboratory Technician
- Biology Technician

Bachelor's Degrees

- · Animal Sciences
- Agriculture
- Biology
- · Zoology/ Animal Biology

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Genetics
- · Veterinary Medicine
- · Biological and Physical Sciences
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Work-Based Learning
Activities

 Participate in Texas FFA

- Compete in an Agri-Science Fair 4H
- Volunteer at a local farm or with a veterinarian
- Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience

Industry-Based Certifications

 Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification





Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Animal Breeders	\$39,139	28	9%
Animal Scientists	\$57,533	22	12%
Medical Scientists	\$63,898	435	27%
Veterinarians	\$93,496	294	24%
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$67,309	45	32%

Successful completion of the Animal Science program of study will fulfill requirements of a Business and Industry endorsement or STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met. Revised – August 2022



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Applied Agricultural Engineering Statewide Program of Study







The Applied Agricultural Engineering program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with applying knowledge of engineering technology and biological science to agricultural problems concerned with power and machinery, electrification, structures, soil and water conservation, and processing agricultural products. This program of study may also include exploration into diagnosing, repairing, or overhauling farm machinery and vehicles, such as tractors, harvesters, dairy equipment, and irrigation systems.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Level 2

· Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies

Level 3

Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrications

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- Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication/Lab
- Career Prep

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/ Technician
- · Agricultural Mechanization, General
- Small Engine Mechanics and Repair Technology/ Technician
- · Welding Technology/ Welder

Bachelor's Degrees

- Agricultural Engineering
- · Agricultural Mechanization, General

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- · Agricultural Engineering
- · Agricultural Mechanization, Genera

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Tour a farm products or machinery plant
- Participate in Texas
 FFA

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Earn a welding certification
 - Intern at a farm products or machinery plant
- Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience

Industry-Based Certifications

NCCER Welding Level I



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Outdoor Power Equipment and Other Small Engine Mechanics	\$32,406	366	16%
Welders	\$41,350	6171	9%
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$39,915	304	17%
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$47,299	1627	16%
Agricultural Engineers	\$64,792	9	13%

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Food Science and Technolog Statewide Program of Study







The Food Science and Technology program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with working with agricultural and food scientists in food, fiber, and animal research, production, and processing. This program of study may also include assisting with animal breeding, nutrition, and conducting tests and experiments to improve yield and quality of crops or to increase the resistance of plants and animals to disease or insects.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Level 2

Food Technology and Safety/Lab

Level 3

Food Processing/Lab

Level 4

 Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

· Food Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Agricultural and Food Products Processing
- · Food Science and Nutrition
- Food Science and Technology

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

Food Science and Technology



Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
 Tour a food products processing facility Participate in Texas FFA 	 Intern at a food products processing facility Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience

Industry-Based Certifications

Food Safety & Science Certification



Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	\$34,382	236	11%
Supervisors of Production and Operating	\$62,171	5,094	9%
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	\$37,689	6.653	%%



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Plant Science

Statewide Proaram of Studv







supervised agriculture

experience

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Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

Level 2

- Turf Grass Management
- Greenhouse Operation and Production/Lab

Level 3

· Floral Design/

Level 4

Advanced Floral Design

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Applied Horticulture/ Horticulture Operations, General
- · Ornamental Horticulture
- · Agricultural Business and Management, General
- · Turf and Turfgrass Management

Bachelor's Degrees

- Applied Horticulture/ Horticulture Operations, General
- Agronomy and Crop Science
- Agricultural Business and Management, General
- Turf and Turfgrass Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Applied Horticulture/ Horticulture Operations, General
- Agronomy and Crop Science
- · Agricultural Business and Management, General
- Farm/Farm and Ranch Management

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
Participate in Texas FFA	 Work at a florist or landscaper business Participate in an FFA

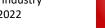
Industry-Based Certifications

 Texas State Florist's Association Knowledge Based Floral Certification





Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Soil and Plant Scientists	\$54,662	116	21%
Tree Trimmers and Pruners	\$32,240	589	14%
Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators	\$36.733	196	22%
Landscaping Supervisors	\$44,408	807	19%
Biological Technicians	\$42,931	452	17%



Architecture and Construction Career Cluster

The Architecture and Construction Career Cluster focuses on designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment.

Principles of Architecture provides an overview to the various fields of architecture, interior design, and construction management.

Architectural Desigr







The Architectural Design program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with developing, engineering, and designing building structures and facilities. This program of study may also include exploration into collecting and interpreting geographic information, researching and preparing maps, and interior design.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Construction Architecture

Level 2

Architectural Design I

Level 3

Architectural Design II

Level 4

Career Preparation I



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- · Civil Engineering, General
- Geographic Information Science and Cartography

Bachelor's Degrees

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- · Civil Engineering, General
- · Geographic Information Science and Cartography

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Architecture
- · Interior Architecture
- · Civil Engineering, General
- Geographic Information Science and Cartography

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Work-Based Learning
Activities

- Shadow an architect, interior designer or civil engineer
- Participate in SkillsUSA
- Intern at an architectural firm

Industry-Based Certifications

TBD





- Certified SOLIDWORKS Associate*
- Mastercam Associate Certification*

*IBC sunsetting 8/31/24

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Architects	\$77,043	808	16%
Geographic Information Analysts and Surveyors	\$58,926	162	27%
Architectural/ Civil Drafters	\$50,170	1,068	9%
Construction Managers	\$87,402	2,401	14%



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HVAC and Sheet Metal

Statewide Program of Study







The HVAC and Sheet Metal program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with installing, serving, or repairing heating and air conditioning systems and also the fabrication, assembly, installation, and repair of sheet metal products and equipment, such as ducts, control boxes, drainpipes, and furnace casings. This program of study may also include exploration into preparing cost estimates for certain construction projects involving heating and air conditioning and sheet metal.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Construction

Level 2

 Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Refrigeration Technology I

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• Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Refrigeration Technology II

Level 4

Career Preparation I

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- · Business Administration and Management, General
- Mechanical Engineering
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering Technology/ Technician
- · Business/ Commerce, General

Bachelor's Degrees

- Business Administration and Management
- Mechanical Engineering
- Construction Engineering Technology/ Technician
- Business/ Commerce, General

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Business Administration and Management
- Mechanical Engineering
- · Construction Engineering
- Business/Commerce, General

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Work-Based Learning
Activities

- Shadow an HVAC worker or cost estimator
- Participate in SkillsUSA
- Intern with an HVAC and/or sheet metal company

Industry-Based Certifications

TBD







Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$41,808	3,356	26%
Sheet Metal Workers	\$37,419	1,479	17%
Cost Estimators	\$63,939	2,239	21%



Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications Career Cluster

The Arts, A/V Technology and Communications (AAVTC) Career Cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services. Careers in the AAVTC career cluster require a creative aptitude, a strong background in computer and technology applications, a strong academic foundation, and a proficiency in oral and written communication.

Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts Statewide Program of Study







The Graphic Design and Multimedia Arts program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with designing or creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs, such as packaging, displays, or logos. This program of study may also include exploration into designing clothing and accessories, and creating special effects, animation, or other visual images using film, video, computers, or other electronic tools and media, for use in computer games, movies, music videos, and commercials.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications
- Level 2
- · Graphic Design and Illustration I/Lab

Level 3

Graphic Design and Illustration II/Lab

Level 4

Career Preparation I



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- · Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects
- Graphic Design
- Game and Interactive Media Design

Bachelor's Degrees

- Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects
- Graphic Design
- Game and Interactive Media Design

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects
- Graphic Design
- Intermedia/Multimedia

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Join a website development or coding club
- Participate in SkillsUSA or TSA

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern with a multimedia or animation studio
- Obtain a certificate or certification in graphic design

Industry-Based Certifications

Students become proficient in the software required to create school yearbook



Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Graphic Designers	\$44,824	1,433	15%
Multimedia Artists and Animators	\$67,392	186	21%



Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster

The Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster focuses on careers in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

Business Managemen Statewide Program of Study







The Business Management program of study teaches CTE learners how to plan, direct, and coordinate the administrative services and operations of an organization. Through this program of study, students will learn the skills necessary to formulate policies, manage daily operations, and allocate the use of materials and human resources. This program of study will also introduce students to mathematical modeling tools and organizational evaluation methods.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance

Level 2

Business Law

Level 3

Business Information Management

Level 4

· Career Preparation I

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Business Administration
- Business/Commerce
- · Public Administration
- Business Management

Bachelor's Degrees

- · Business Administration
- Business/Commerce
- Public Administration
- Management Science

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Public Administration
- Management Science

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Participate in
Business
Professional of
America, Future
Business Leaders of
America, or DECA

Work-Based Learning Activities

 Intern with a local business or chamber of commerce

Industry-Based Certifications

 Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Word Expert (Word 2019)



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Administrative Service Managers	\$96,138	2,277	21%
Management Analysts	\$87,651	4,706	32%
General and Operations Managers	\$107,640	18,679	20%
Supervisors of Administrative Support Works	\$57,616	14,982	20%

Successful completion of the Business Management program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement. Revised – August 2022



Education and Training Career Cluster

The Education and Training Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing education and training services and related learning support services. All parts of courses are designed to introduce learners to the various careers available within the Education and Training career cluster.

Teaching and Training *Statewide Program of Study*







The Teaching and Training program of study prepares CTE learners for careers related to teaching, instruction, and creation of instructional and enrichment materials. The program of study introduces CTE learners to a wide variety of student groups and their corresponding needs. It familiarizes them with the processes for developing curriculum, coordinating educational content, and coaching groups and individuals.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

· Principles of Human Service

Level 2

Child Development

Level 3

Instructional Practices

Level 4

Career Preparation I



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Teacher Education
- · Education, General (or specific subject area)
- · Special Education
- Health and Physical Education/Fitness

Bachelor's Degrees

- Bilingual and Multilingual Education
- · Education, General (or specific subject area)
- Special Education
- · Health and Physical Education/Fitness

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- · Instruction and Learning
- Educational Leadership and Administration, General
- Special Education
- Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

 Participate in the Texas Association of Future Educators or Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Teach a community education class
- Intern as a teaching assistant or tutor
- Serve as a camp counselor

Industry-Based Certifications

• TBD - Educational Aide is option



Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Adult Basic and Secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors	\$48,069	862	17%
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$54,510	6,407	15%
Career and Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	\$56,360	719	9%
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	\$56,720	980	18%



Health Science Career Cluster

The Health Science Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostics services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development. To pursue a career in the health science industry, students should learn to reason, think critically, make decisions, solve problems, communicate effectively, and work well with others.

Nursing Science Statewide Program of Study







The Nursing Science program of study introduces students to the knowledge and skills related to patient care. CTE learners may learn about or practice caring for patients, routine procedures such as monitoring vital signs, development and implementation of care plans, maintenance of medical records, and disease or pain management. Students may focus on the healthcare system and research system designs and make recommended modifications.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Health Science

Level 2

Medical Terminology

Level 3

- *Medical Microbiology
- · Anatomy and Physiology
- *Clinical Ethics
- *Leadership and Management in Nursing

Level 4

- *Pathophysiology
- *Practicum in Nursing

*Courses to be added as program is built out

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

Bachelor's Degrees

Informatics Nurse Specialists

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Administration
- Nurse Anesthetist

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Work-Based Learning
Activities

 Participate in Health Occupation Students of America Volunteer at a community wellness center, hospital, assisted living center, or nursing home

Industry-Based Certifications

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)





Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$45,178	7,186	21%
Registered Nurses	\$68,682	17,493	26%
Nurse Practitioners	\$107,827	977	50%
Nurse Anesthetists	\$154,856	357	23%



Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster

The Hospitality and Tourism Career Cluster focuses on the management, marketing, and operations of restaurants and other food/beverage services, lodging, attractions, recreation events, and travel-related services. Students acquire knowledge and skills focusing on communication, time management, and customer service that meet industry standards. Students will explore the history of the hospitality and tourism industry and examine characteristics needed for success.

Culinary Arts Statewide Program of Study







The Culinary Arts program of study introduces CTE learners to occupations and educational opportunities related to the planning, directing, or coordinating activities of a food and beverage organization or department. This program of study also explores opportunities involved in directing and participating in the preparation and cooking of food.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Introduction to Culinary Arts

Level 2

Culinary Arts

Level 3-4

Food Science



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Restaurant Culinary and Catering Management
- · Hospitality Administration/ Management, General
- Culinary Arts/ Chef Training

Bachelor's Degrees

- · Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Food Service Systems Administration/ Management
- Hospitality Administration/ Management, General
- Culinary Science and Food Service Management

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Hotel and Restaurant Management
- · Food Service Systems Administration/ Management
- Hospitality Administration/ Management, General
- Business Administration Management, General

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Participate in Family,
 Career, and
 Activities

 Plan a catering event or work for a catering

- Participate in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, SkillsUSA, American Culinary Federation, or the Texas Restaurant Association
- company

 Participate in a

Work-Based Learning

cooking courseWork in a restaurant

Industry-Based Certifications

ServSafe Manager





Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Food and Beverage Managers	\$55,619	1,561	28%
Chef and Head Cooks	\$43,285	1,366	25%
Food Science Technicians	\$34,382	236	11%



Information Technology Career Cluster

The Information Technology (IT) Career Cluster focuses on building linkages in IT occupations for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services.

Information Technology Support Statewide Program of Study







The Information Technology Support and Services program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with administering, testing, and implementing computer databases and applying knowledge of database management systems. This program of study may also include analyzing user requirements and problems to automate or improve existing systems and review computer system capabilities. This program of study may also include exploration into the research, design, or testing of computer or computer-related equipment for commercial, industrial, military, or scientific use.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Principles of Information Technology

Level 2

Computer Maintenance/Lab

Level 3

Computer Technician Practicum

Level 4

Career Preparation I



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- · Computer and Information Sciences, General
- Computer and Information Systems Security/ Information Assurance
- · Information Technology
- Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications

Bachelor's Degrees

- Computer and Information Sciences, General
- Computer and Information Systems Security /Information Assurance
- Computer Engineering, General
- Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Computer and Information Sciences, General
- Computer Systems Analysis/ Analyst
- Computer Engineering, General
- · Information Technology

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

Work-Based Learning
Activities

- Join TSA
- Job shadow a database administrator or computer hardware engineer
- Earn an IT certification

Industry-Based Certifications

TBD



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Database Administrator	\$83,075	1,063	19%
Computer Hardware Engineer	\$111,738	343	24%
Computer System Analyst and Support	\$87,568	5,937	29%

Successful completion of the Information Technology Support and Services program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement or STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met.

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