The National Career Clusters® Framework

The National Career Clusters® Framework (www.careertech.org) provides a structure for organizing career and technical education (CTE) programs through learning and comprehensive programs of study. The 16 Career Clusters represent more than 79 Career Pathways to help students navigate their way to great success in college and careers.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources - production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources

Architecture & Construction - designing, planning, managing, building and maintaining the built environment

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications - designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia

Business Management & Administration - planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations

Education & Training - planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services

Finance - planning, services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management

Government & Public Administration - planning and performing government functions at the local, state and federal levels

Health Science - planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development

Hospitality & Tourism - management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel related services

Human Services - family and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care, and consumer services

Information Technology - design, development, support and management of hardware, software, multimedia and systems integration services

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security - planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security

Manufacturing - planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities

Marketing - planning, managing and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) - and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, engineering)

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics - planning, management, and movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water and related professional support services