



Introduction to Career Clusters Syllabus

Course Details

Course Code: 28300000

Subject: CTE

Required Prerequisites: None

Suggested Prerequisites: None

Recommended Grade Levels: Seventh and Eighth Grade

Duration: Semester

Course Availability: A listing of when this course is offered in the current school year can be found on the [VirtualSC Current Course Offerings page \(opens in a new window\)](#).

Class Times: This course has scheduled instructional meetings. Information on scheduled meetings for each course is communicated by the teacher. Recordings of these meetings will be available for students unable to attend. Students should expect to spend 7-9 hours a week working on this course independently, in addition to any live meetings, and are expected to meet the deadlines posted in the course pacing guide.

Textbook: None

Required Course Materials: None

Outside Websites: A list of links to websites and online textbooks used in this course can be found here: [VSC Course Links Document Folder \(opens in a new window\)](#). Students will need to be able to access all of these links to access all course materials.

Final Exam: There is no final exam in this course.

Course Description

This course is designed to provide middle schools with a course in which students are introduced to career possibilities in the sixteen national career clusters adopted by the South Carolina Department of Education. Students will have an opportunity to explore

job tasks and career opportunities in each cluster while identifying pathways from high school to post-secondary education and the workplace. Students will learn skills needed for success in college and careers with relevance to academic standards. This course is exposure to help each student gain an understanding of careers in order to assist in the development of an initial Individual Graduation (IGP) in the 8th grade.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [South Carolina Career and Technology Education Academic Standards \(opens in a new window\)](#).

Course Objectives

1. I can explain the difference between jobs and careers.
2. I can identify the skills needed to get a job and succeed in the workplace.
3. I can identify ways that social media can have positive and negative impacts on people for their work.
4. I can describe professional and workplace etiquette.
5. I can describe the importance of effective leadership skills and financial planning in the workplace.
6. I can explain how technology impacts our everyday lives and our work.
7. I can describe different non-traditional careers and the diversity of people working in today's world.
8. I can explain both the positive and negative impacts that specific careers have on the environment.
9. I can identify and describe career opportunities in each of the sixteen nationally recognized career clusters.
10. I can use what I have learned in this course to identify a career that suits my strengths, describe its requirements, and develop a plan to pursue that career.

Scope and Sequence

- ✎ Unit 1: Exploring Work & Careers
- ✎ Unit 2: Health Science & Marketing
- ✎ Unit 3: Government & Education
- ✎ Unit 4: Public Safety & Construction
- ✎ Unit 5: Agriculture & Communication and the Arts
- ✎ Unit 6: Business, Hospitality, & Transportation
- ✎ Unit 7: Science and Engineering & Manufacturing
- ✎ Unit 8: Finance, Human Services, & Information Technology
- ✎ Unit 9: Dream Job

Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

Course Grades

The final grade in this course results from the following:

- ✱ Lessons & Vocabulary Quizzes: 10%
- ✱ Job Forums: 15%
- ✱ Work Assignments: 30%
- ✱ Career Portfolios: 45%

Grading rubrics and sample responses are provided in the course for job forums, work assignments, and career portfolios.

Current pacing guides for this course can be found on the [Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window) on the VirtualSC website.

VirtualSC Details

Information on VirtualSC student guidelines, policies and technology requirements can be found in the [VirtualSC Student Support Portal \(opens in a new window\)](#).