

CAREER PATHWAYS

MIDTERM – INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

OVERVIEW

- Students need career pathways for a number of reasons.
- career pathways should help students understand and consider different career choices by discovering workplaces and seeing how the workplace relates to the curriculum
- career pathways will also help students make decisions on how much and what kind of education to pursue after high school
- In a career pathway, students will create a portfolio of achievements to highlight their achievements and demonstrate their knowledge of the expectations of them in the world of work.
- the career pathway will foster students who are both focused and flexible.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What is a career pathway?
- Why is it important to choose a career pathway?
- What career pathways are available to me with this course as a starting point?



KEY TERMS

- Career – occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress
- Career pathway – a coherent, articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career/technical courses, commencing in the ninth grade and leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate degree and beyond, an industry recognized certificate, and/or licensure.
- Collaborative – produced or conducted by two or more parties working together
- Articulated course – one in which the student is admitted to the higher level course on the understanding that the student may exit with a lower level award
- Values – the things that you believe are important in the way you live and work

CAREER OR JOB?

- According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary a job is "the work a person does regularly to earn money," while a career is a "job or profession that someone does for a long time."
- You may already know what career you want to pursue, or you may still be trying to make that decision.



HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER

- Know Your Values
- Learn about Yourself
- Identify Your Skills
- Research Career Options
- Link Your Major (college major) and Your Career



IMPORTANCE OF CAREER PATHWAYS

- Career Pathways (also known as Career Clusters) is a workforce development initiative designed to allow students to experience greater success in high school while developing competencies and skills for the world of work.
- Career pathways consist of an integrated collection of courses that develop a student's core academic, technical, and employability skills.
- Pathways lead to related post-secondary courses and a high paying career.
- Whether you know exactly what you want to do or whether you have no idea where your work life is headed, the following slides contain some suggestions for discovering a career pathway.

DREAM AND DISCOVER

- When you were small, what did you dream about becoming when you grew up?
- What influenced that dream?
- Was it a movie or TV show you saw?
- Maybe someone you met that you liked?
- What do you dream about becoming now?
- What attracts you to that occupation?
- Don't discount your dreams -- There is something in them that appeals to you.
- Try to determine what that something is.



DREAM AND DISCOVER – CONTINUED

- after you have thought about your dreams, take time to discover your interests and personality.
- While all of us want to make enough in our career to live on, it's not all about the money!
- You will have to work at your career every day, so you should at least work at something that interests you.
- In addition, you need to consider your personality traits.
- Someone who is a bit shy and quiet might not want to enter into a sales occupation.

EXPLORE CAREER AND PATHWAYS

- Take the time to explore not only the career, but what it takes to get there.
- Read, talk to people who have a career like you think you want, job shadow someone who has that career, and learn what it is like to do that job every day.
- Ask questions.
- What do they like most about the job?
- What do they like least?
- What are the hardest parts of the job?
- Listen carefully to the answer, as it will give you a lot of insight into what would be expected of you.



SET PRIORITIES AND CHOOSE

- Are you asking yourself when you should make the decision about your career?
- The answer is: that depends.
- Perhaps you have spent some time examining your options against your priorities and you have found a career or two that appeal for you.
- You've thought about both what you would bring to the career as well as what you hope to get out of it.
- You may be ready to make a career choice.

SET PRIORITIES AND CHOOSE – CONTINUED

- On the other hand, maybe you have thought a little about a career choice, but one day you will be graduating high school and have to make some decisions.
- In other words, some of you will make career choices after much thought and consideration; some will have the choice forced upon them.

PLAN AND PREPARE

- There are two important things a student needs to do in preparing for a career:
 - develop a good work ethic
 - create a portfolio of tools you will need to find a job in their chosen career
- A good work ethic means having those skills and attitudes that employers in your chosen field find desirable.
- These traits are similar to the ones that make you successful at school: good attitude, punctuality, loyalty, hard work, dependability, and team work to name a few.

GEORGIA CAREER PATHWAYS

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- Architecture and Construction
 - Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications
 - Business, Management, and Administration
 - Education and Training
 - Finance
 - Government and Public Administration
 - Health Science
 - Hospitality and Tourism
 - Human Services
 - Information Technology
 - Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
 - Manufacturing
 - Marketing
 - STEM
 - Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
 - Energy

ASSIGNMENT – PART 1

- When it comes to careers, do you already know where you are going and how you will get there? If you do, what values, traits, and skills do you have now that will help you in your chosen career?
- If you are not sure, what passions, values, and skills do you have to offer that might lead to a career?
- Using word or google docs, compose your answer. Your response should be double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font. This paper should be 2-3 pages in length.
- Submit via Google Classroom when complete.

ASSIGNMENT – PART 2

- Choose a Career Pathway (see slide 14) to research
- Create a PPT, video, etc. to showcase this Career Pathway
- Include:
 - The name of the pathway
 - The courses needed to complete this pathway
 - Careers that align with this pathway
 - At least three facts about this pathway and/or careers related to this pathway
- Submit via Google Classroom when complete.