

16 Career Clusters

There are 16 Career Clusters. A career cluster is group of careers that share common features. A career path is a smaller group of jobs within a career cluster that use similar skills. Each career cluster contains several career paths.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on the production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products or resources.

Architecture & Construction Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on careers in designing, planning, managing, building and maintaining the built environment.

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism and entertainment services.

Business Management & Administration Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on careers in planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

Education & Training Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services.

Finance Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management.

Government & Public Administration Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning and performing government functions at the local, state and federal levels, including governance, national security, foreign service, planning, revenue and taxation, and regulations.

Health Science Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

Hospitality & Tourism Administration Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel related services.

Human Services Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on preparing individuals for employment in careers that relate to families and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care and consumer services.

Information Technology Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on building linkages in information technology occupations for entry level, technical and professional careers related to the design, development, support and management of hardware, software, multimedia and systems integration services.

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety and protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

Manufacturing Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing, and process engineering.

Marketing Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives.

STEM Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, engineering) including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Career Cluster

This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, management, and movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water and related professional support services such as transportation infrastructure planning and management, logistics services, mobile equipment and facility maintenance.