

CAREER LINES - FIELDS OF INTEREST

Choosing a college major is one of the most important decisions a student makes. Cleveland State University's Career Lines tool is designed to help you learn what opportunities exist based on a desired major, occupation or career line (general areas of interest).

Below are a list of the different fields of interest that may be useful when planning your career.

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION

Architecture and construction workers work on buildings and other structures. This includes highways, bridges, houses, and buildings. You might create the designs or plans for new structures. Or, you might use the plans to build it or manage the workers on the project.

ARTS, AUDIO/VIDEO TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Arts, audio/video technology, and communications workers use creativity and their talents on the job. You might work for an audience as a performer or artist. This includes painters, dancers, sculptors, actors, and singers. Or, you might work behind the scenes to make a performance successful. This includes set designers, editors, broadcast technicians, and camera operators.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COUNSELING

Education and training workers guide and train people. As a teacher, you could influence young lives. You could also support the work of a classroom teacher as a counselor, librarian, or principal. You could coach sports activities or lead community classes. You could also work with adults, or as a university or college professor for undergraduate or graduate students.

FAMILY WELFARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Human services workers help individual and families meet their personal needs. You might work in a government office, hospital, nonprofit agency, nursing home, spa, hotel, or school.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Finance workers keep track of money. You might work in financial planning, banking, or insurance. Individuals within this career line provide financial services to businesses or individuals; maintaining financial records or giving advice to business executives on how to operate their business.

HEALTH SCIENCE AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Health science workers promote health and wellness. They diagnose and treat injuries and disease. As a physician, dentist, or nurse, you could work directly with patients. You could also work in a laboratory to get information used in research or provide administrative support by keeping medical records.

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Hospitality and tourism workers help people enjoy vacations and entertainment activities. You might work at a restaurant, resort, sports arena, theme park, museum, or hotel.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information technology workers support and manage computer hardware. For example, you might make sure the networks are working or manage a network that links people across the world. Or, you might support others and answer questions about specific software or hardware.

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS AND SECURITY

Law, public safety, corrections, and security workers are found in a variety of settings. For example, you might guard the public and enforce the law as a police officer or security guard. Or, you might provide fire protection as a firefighter. Other workers provide legal services to people who commit crimes. For example, you might monitor activities within a prison, advise clients of their legal rights, or research legal procedures to support court cases.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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Management and administrative workers give the support needed to make a business run. You might check employee time records or train new employees. Or, you might work as a top executive and provide the overall direction for a company or department.

MARKETING, SALES, AND SERVICE

Marketing, sales, and service workers help businesses sell products. You might advertise and promote products so customers want to buy them. Or, you might sell products and services to customers.

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, AND AGRICULTURE

Agriculture, food, and natural resources workers produce, research, market and sell, or finance agricultural goods. This includes food, plants, animals, fabrics, wood, and crops. Individuals interested in this career line might work on a farm or ranch, in a clinic or laboratory as a scientist or engineer, selling services that farmers and ranchers use to improve products, or for an environmental agency.

PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

Government and public administration workers help pass and enforce the law. You could work in national, state, or local government. You will find almost every type of occupation within the government, including some jobs that are only found within government. Individuals interested in this career line work across a wide variety of areas, including but not limited to inspecting new or remodeled buildings for safety, helping people file the paperwork for a marriage license, or creating proposals for urban development.

TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MANUFACTURING

Technology, engineering, and manufacturing workers do scientific research in laboratories or the field, working with products and equipment. Others plan or design products and systems. Or, you might support scientists, mathematicians, or engineers as they do their work. Individuals interested in this career line design a new products, decide how the product will be made, or make the product.

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND LOGISTICS

Transportation, distribution, and logistics workers move people and products by road, air, rail, and water. You might work as a driver, pilot, engineer, or captain. You might repair or maintain the vehicles, trains, planes, and ships that move people and products. Or, you might work behind the scenes to make sure the products and people get to the right place on time.