

Career & Technical Education

Program of Study Descriptions

PROGRAM OF STUDY	STATE DESCRIPTION
Agribusiness	<p>The Agribusiness program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with the business of farming and agriculturally related business that supplies farm inputs, such as machinery and seeds. This program of study may also include exploration into the marketing of farm products, the purchase of farm products either for further processing or resale and grading or classifying unprocessed food or other agricultural products.</p>
Animal Science	<p>The Animal Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of animals and other living organisms. It teaches CTE learners how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of animals and wildlife, either in laboratories or in the field, which could include a veterinary office, a farm or ranch, or any outdoor area harboring animal life. Students may also research and analyze the growth and destruction of species and research or diagnose diseases and injuries of animals.</p>
Biomedical Science	<p>The Biomedical Science program of study focuses on the study of biology and medicine to introduce CTE learners to the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in the healthcare field, such as researching and diagnosing diseases, pre-existing conditions, or other determinants of health. Students may also practice patient care and communication.</p>

PROGRAM OF STUDY	STATE DESCRIPTION
<p>Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts (Commercial Photography)</p>	<p>The Design and Multimedia Arts program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with designing or creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs, such as packaging, displays, or logos. This program of study may also include exploration into designing clothing and accessories, and creating special effects, animation, or other visual images using film, video, computers, or other electronic tools and media, for use in computer games, movies, music videos, and commercials.</p>
<p>Digital Communications</p>	<p>The Digital Communications program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with the production of audio and visual media formats for various purposes, such as TV broadcasts, advertising, video production, or motion pictures. This program of study may also include exploration into operating machines and equipment to record sound and images, such as microphones, sound speakers, video screens, projectors, video monitors, sound and mixing boards, and related electronic equipment.</p>
<p>Engineering</p>	<p>The Engineering program of study focuses on the design, development, and use of engines, machines, and structures. CTE learners will learn how to apply science, mathematical methods, and empirical evidence to the innovation, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of different manufacturing systems.</p>

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<p>Entrepreneurship</p>	<p>The Entrepreneurship program of study teaches CTE learners how to plan, direct, and coordinate the management and operations of public or private sector organizations. Through this program of study, students will learn the skills necessary to formulate policies, manage daily operations, analyze management structures, and plan for the use of materials and human resources.</p>
<p>Healthcare Therapeutic (Rx Tech)</p>	<p>IDEA had generated a second sequence of courses from the Healthcare Therapeutic program of study for students interested in Pharmacy Science. Students should expect to learn detailed knowledge of the current practices and products of Pharmacy Science. After completing the Healthcare Therapeutic Pharmacy sequence, students may become licensed Texas State Board of Pharmacy-Pharmacy Technicians. Students in this program of study are eligible to participate and compete at the local, state and national level through the Health Occupations Students of America Career & Technical Student Organization, also known as HOSA.</p>
<p>Healthcare Therapeutics</p>	<p>The Healthcare Therapeutic program of study introduces students to occupations and educational opportunities related to diagnosing and treating acute, episodic, or chronic illness independently or as part of a healthcare team. This program of study also includes an introduction to the opportunities associated with providing treatment and counsel to patients as well as rehabilitative programs that help build or restore daily living skills to persons with disabilities or developmental delays.</p>

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Law Enforcement	The Law Enforcement program of study teaches CTE learners about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students will learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.
Legal Studies	The Legal Studies program of study introduces CTE learners to the occupations and educational opportunities related to representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, as well as assisting lawyers and preparing legal documents. This program of study explores possible specializations in a single area of law.
Nursing Science	The Nursing Science program of study introduces students to the knowledge and skills related to patient care. CTE learners may learn about or practice caring for patients, routine procedures such as monitoring vital signs, development and implementation of care plans, maintenance of medical records, and disease or pain management. Students may focus on the healthcare system and research system designs and make recommended modifications.
Plant Science	The Plant Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of plants and other living organisms. It teaches students how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of plants and vegetation, either in laboratories or in the field.

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<p>Programming and Software Development (Game Design)</p>	<p>The Programming and Software Development program of study explores the occupations and education opportunities associated with researching, designing, developing, and testing operating systems-level software, compilers, and network distribution software for medical, industrial, military, communications, aerospace, business, scientific, and general computer applications. This program of study may also include exploration into creating, modifying, and testing the codes, forms, and script that allow computer applications to run.</p>

[Program of Study Audio Recordings \(Scripts\)](#)