

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

COMMON CAREER PATH

The *non-certification option* is for those interested in teaching technical education to adults. Graduates of the non-certification option are in demand as instructors in career and technical programs at community colleges, technical centers, and at on-the-job training programs in the private sector. Some of the many fields included are: automotive technology, aviation technology, commercial art, photography, computer assisted drafting, electronics, computer networking, computer repair, and television production.

Students interested in teaching secondary career and technical education under the approved state plan choose the following *certification options*. These include...

- Business Information Technology
- Marketing Education
- Health Occupations Education
- Technology Education, and
- Technical and Industrial Education

The specializations in Technical and Industrial Education are selected from but not limited to the trade and industrial fields of air conditioning, heating and refrigeration, Automotive technology, aviation technology, building and grounds maintenance, carpentry, commercial art, commercial photography, computer repair technology, cosmetology, diesel engine technology, drafting, electronics, laboratory technology, law enforcement training, machining, masonry, printing, plumbing, telecommunications, and welding technology.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- Access your HIRE System account and update your profile
- Identify and join student organizations
- Explore OSU and the Stillwater community through part-time work, volunteering and participating in events
- Research your desired career: find out the growth rate, expected salary range, possible locations and more
- Develop a career plan
- Become familiar with and explore the resources and services available to you for self-discovery
- Visit the Career Services office in 102 Willard Hall

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- Search the HIRE System for internships
- Meet with a Career Consultant to develop and/or update resume
- Identify faculty, advisors, peers, administrators and staff that you can add to your professional network
- Continue to develop and enhance skills by seeking leadership positions in organizations, the classroom, work or other activities you are involved in
- Make revisions to your career plan as necessary
- Make contact with employers by attending information sessions, club speakers/panels and alumni events. Visit organizations of interest to you
- Continue to assess your interests, values, skills and abilities

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JUNIOR YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- Have your resume critiqued by a career consultant
- Research specific employers you are interested in working for
- Attend professional meets and conferences
- Continue to build your network of faculty and professional contacts
- Participate in a mock interview
- Attend a career fair
- Begin graduate/professional/medical school applications

SENIOR YEAR

Career Development Activity Options

- Develop targeted resume and cover letter
- Update your HIRE System account
- Fine tune career plan and decide how you will transition from school
- Attend a career fair or networking event related to your career goal
- Purchase an interview suit (if you haven't already!)
- Apply to positions of interest
- Upon graduation, report your HIRE status at www.hireosugrads.com