

# Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster

The Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster focuses on careers in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

## Marketing Statewide Program of Study



The Marketing program of study teaches CTE learners how to collect information to determine potential sales of a product or service and/or create a marketing campaign to market or distribute goods and services. Through this program of study, students will learn the skills necessary to understand and apply data on customer demographics, preferences, needs, and buying habits.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

#### Level 1

- Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance

#### Level 2

- Fashion Marketing
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing

#### Level 3

- Social Media Marketing
- Advertising
- Marketing I

#### Level 4

- Practicum in Marketing

### Industry-Based Certifications

- Entrepreneurship and Small Business
- Student Social Media Marketing Certification

#### Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance (1)

In Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance, students gain knowledge and skills in economies and private enterprise systems, the impact of global business, the marketing of goods and services, advertising, and product pricing. Students analyze the sales process and financial management principles. This course allows students to reinforce, apply, and transfer academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant activities, problems, and settings in business, marketing, and finance.

#### Fashion Marketing (.5)

Fashion Marketing is designed to provide students with knowledge of the various business functions in the fashion industry. Students in Fashion Marketing will gain a working knowledge of promotion, textiles, merchandising, mathematics, selling, visual merchandising, and career opportunities.

#### Sports & Entertainment Marketing I (.5)

Sports and Entertainment Marketing will provide students with a thorough understanding of the marketing concepts and theories that apply to sports and entertainment. The areas this course will cover include basic marketing concepts, publicity, sponsorship, endorsements, licensing, branding, event marketing, promotions, and sports and entertainment marketing strategies.

#### Social Media Marketing (.5)

Social Media Marketing is designed to look at the rise of social media and how marketers are integrating social media tools in their overall marketing strategy. The course will investigate how the marketing community measures success in the new world of social media. Students will manage a successful social media presence for an organization, understand techniques for gaining customer and consumer buy-in to achieve marketing goals, and properly select social media platforms to engage consumers and monitor and measure the results of these efforts.

#### Advertising (.5)

Advertising is designed as a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practices of advertising. Students will gain knowledge of techniques used in current advertising, including print, broadcast, and digital media. The course explores the social, cultural, ethical, and legal issues of advertising, historical influences, strategies, media decision processes as well as integrated marketing communications, and careers in advertising and sales promotion. The course provides an overview of how communication tools can be used to reach target audiences and increase consumer knowledge.

#### Marketing I (1)

Marketing explores the seven core functions of marketing which include: marketing planning – why target market and industry affect businesses; marketing-information management – why market research is important; pricing – how prices maximize profit and affect the perceived value; product/service management – why products live and die; promotion – how to inform customers about products; channel management – how products reach the final user; and selling – how to convince a customer that a product is the best choice. Students will demonstrate knowledge in hands-on projects which may include conducting research, creating a promotional plan, pitching a sales presentation, and introducing an idea for a new product/service.

#### Practicum in Marketing + (2)

Practicum in Marketing is a series of dynamic activities that focus on the customer to generate a profitable exchange. Students will gain knowledge and skills that help them to be proficient in one or more of the marketing functional areas associated with distribution, financing, marketing information management, pricing, product planning, promotion, purchasing, risk management, and selling skills. Students will integrate skills from academic subjects, information technology, interpersonal communications, and management training to make responsible decisions. Then practicum course is a paid or unpaid experience for students participating in a coherent sequence of career and technical courses in marketing.



Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Marketing Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$70,346	4,664	40%
Insurance Sales Agent	\$43,181	5,886	30%
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$72,550	2,826	15%
Wholesale and Retail Buyers	\$51,106	1,229	19%

Successful completion of the Marketing program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement. Revised – August 2022