

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Career Cluster

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing, scientific research and professional and technical services, including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Programming and Software Development Statewide Program of Study



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.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

Level 2

- AP Computer Science Principles
- Honors Computer Science I

Level 3

- AP Computer Science A, MATH
- AP Computer Science A, LOTE
- Honors Computer Science II

Level 4

- Honors Computer Science III

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Join TSA
- Participate in a coding club at school

Work Based Learning Activities

- Obtain a programming IBC

Industry-Based Certifications

- C++ Certified Associate Programmer
- Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer (PCEP)
- Certified Professional Programmer
- CompTIA Linux+
- Oracle Certified Associate Java SE 8 Programmer
- Oracle Database SQL Certified Associate



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Computer Programming/Programmer General
- Computer Software Engineer
- Computer Science
- Certified Software Analyst

Bachelor's Degrees

- Management Information Systems, General
- Computer Software Engineer
- Computer Science
- Information Science/ Studies

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Computer Software Engineer
- Computer Science
- Information Science/ Studies

Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Software Developer, Systems Software	\$103,334	2,985	25%
Software Developers, Application	\$104,499	6,311	30%
Computer Programmers	\$79,893	1,454	9%

Successful completion of the Programming and Software Development program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement and STEM endorsement if the math and science requirements are met. Revised – August 2022