

Essential Skills

Helping Path – Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

This path focuses on serving communities and responding to emergency situations where life, property or environment is at risk. Additionally, careers in this path maintain order and enforce local, state and federal laws and ordinances.

Helping Path – Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Programs at Great Oaks

Program
 Firefighting/Emergency Medical Services
 Law Enforcement

Location
 Scarlet
 Laurel, Scarlet

Frequently Used Pathway Skills/Abilities

Each career path has a specific set of skills/abilities that employees need for success in the industry. It is recommended that students have, are developing or can develop the skills/abilities listed below.

Sharpness of vision/hearing acuity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguish details/differences visually Differentiate various sounds Perceive distance/depth of objects in space
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express/explain thoughts/ideas Write/document/record information accurately Listen/relay accurate information in written/verbal manner Follow multi-step instructions in sequence Communicate with citizens in emergency situations Understand and clearly communicate commands/instructions Social communication (appropriate social media/workplace conversations)
Physical mobility/strength Eye-hand coordination/dexterity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended standing/bending/stooping/walking/climbing Use equipment/tools (chainsaw/axe/handcuffs/hand tools/baton/fire hose) Work near others (confined spaces/hot environments/deal with bodily fluids) Fine motor skills (medical care/precision safety equipment use/handcuffing) Lift and carry heavy objects (up to 180 pounds) while being aware of surroundings
Problem-solving/reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow sequenced activities accurately Work independently with minimal supervision/attention to detail Ability to use medical/communication equipment and interpret associated data Observe/follow safety procedures/laws/ordinances Make informed decisions quickly and remain calm in stressful situations

Technology and Software

All career & technical education programs utilize various software and industry-specific equipment to prepare students for careers. Students will independently access and use various online resources, technology, and equipment.

Here is an overview of key online and computer technology used in this pathway:

Vendor	Software/Learning Management System
911 Academy	Dispatcher Training Software
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Industry Credentialing
Pearson/NetExam	Firefighting/EMT Online Credential Testing
Microsoft Office	Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook
Internet Browsing	Conduct career-related independent and group research

Industry Credentials/Certifications

Credentials/certifications demonstrate career-ready knowledge and skills. They are typically earned by successfully completing an exam or training program. Exams are developed by industry professionals, not high school educators, and are used to verify that students have the skills needed for work.

Students can earn industry credentials/certifications while at Great Oaks. Accommodations are available but are subject to vendor or State of Ohio approval. Typical accommodations for industry-related credentials/certifications include:

Extended time/small group

Read-aloud/translation services

Post-secondary

Great Oaks offers college credit courses in both academic and career technical programs.

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| College Credit Plus (CCP) | • The CCP program provides Ohio high school students an opportunity to complete college courses and earn transcribed credit. |
| Career Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs) | • CTAGs award college credit for career-technical coursework to students who complete an approved course and earn a qualifying score on the end of course exam. |
| Articulated Credit | • Some Great Oaks career-technical programs have agreements with colleges where students can earn credit toward a specific degree. |

Additional Pathway Considerations

Some career pathways have additional standards students must meet to fully participate in Great Oaks programs. Programs in this pathway have additional recommendations to fully experience learning opportunities and earn industry credentials/certifications.

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| Academic strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral/written communication (report writing/documenting evidence) • Math (estimating distances/weights, measurements speed/weight/time) |
| Law Enforcement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-issued photo ID • Social Security card • Background check/psychological exam/physical exam/multi-panel drug screen • Pass a lie detector test |
| Firefighter I & II | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet background investigation/character as outlined by the State of Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No felony conviction ▪ No pending felony or misdemeanor charges at time of application ▪ Not adjudicated as mentally incompetent by a court of law • Pass multi-panel drug screen • Physical examination (Must comply with NFPA 1582 Chapter 5.1.3) • Complete Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Incident Management System IS – 700 ▪ Incident Command System IS – 100 or equivalent • Complete and pass National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) instruction/exams • Meet medical requirements as outlined by the State of Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current use of medications outlined in NFPA 1582 Table 9.3 is a disqualifier ▪ Psychiatric/psychological disorders listing Table 1582, Table 9.3 requires special provision • Wear personal protective equipment (firefighter suit/self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)) |
| Emergency Medical Technician | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet background investigation/character as outlined by the State of Ohio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No felony conviction ▪ No pending felony or misdemeanor charges at time of application ▪ Not adjudicated as mentally incompetent by a court of law • Pass multi-panel drug screen • Most clinical sites require a current COVID and flu vaccine (EMT) • Most clinical sites require a 2-step TB test (EMT) • Most clinical sites require a hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine • Pass the initial certification exam in accordance with Rule 4765-05 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) (Cognitive understating/skill-based assessment) |