# **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. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from business owner and entrepreneur to accountant, retail manager, and market analyst.



## **Marketing & Sales** (WHS Only) Statewide Program of Study



The Marketing and Sales program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with collecting information to estimate potential sales of a product or service and create campaigns to market or distribute goods and services. It includes applying data related to customer demographics, preferences, needs, and buying habits.

#### Secondary Courses for High School Credit Level 1 T200 Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance (1/YL) T808 Sports & Entertainment Marketing (.5/SEM) Level 2 And T809 Sports & Entertainment Marketing II (.5/SEM) Level 3 T813 Introductions to Event and Meeting Planning (1/YL) Or T812 Introduction to Real Estate (2/YL) T805 Advanced Marketing (2/YL) Level 4 Or T810 Practicum in Entrepreneurship-Marketing (2/YL) T811 Practicum in Entrepreneurship-Business (2/YL)

## Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

| Work-Based          |  |
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| Learning Activities |  |

- Intern at a marketing and advertising company
- Job shadow a pharmaceutical sales representative
- Intern at a local retail company
- Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Job shadow an account representative at a marketing firm Participate in BPA, DECA, FBLA, or related UIL events



**Aligned Industry-Based Certifications** 

- · Business of Retail: Certified Specialist
- Customer Service and Sales: Certified Specialist
- Real Estate Sales Agent License



## **Example Postsecondary Opportunities**

#### Associate Degrees

- Marketing/Marketing Management
- **Retail Management**

#### **Bachelor's Degrees**

- **Business Administration**
- Marketing/Marketing Management
- Fashion Merchandising

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- **Business Administration**
- Applied Economics
- **Business Analytics**

#### Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Salesforce
- Service Contract Providers



## **Example Aligned Occupations**

#### **Retail Salespersons**

Median Wage: \$28, 356 Annual Openings: 56,132 10-Year Growth: 15%

### Market Research Analysts

Median Wage: \$60,926 Annual Openings: 5,688 10-Year Growth: 35%

#### Sales Managers

Median Wage: \$123,729 Annual Openings: 3,368 10-Year Growth: 21%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved3/8/2024.

For more information visit:

https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-militaryprep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-studyadditional-resources

Successful completion of the Marketing and Sales program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement.

