

Engineering Career Cluster

The Engineering career cluster focuses on planning, designing, testing, building, and maintaining of machines, structures, materials, systems, and processes using empirical evidence and science, technology, and math principles. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from mechanical engineer and drafter to electrical engineer and to mapping technician.

Statewide Program of Study: Engineering Foundations

The Engineering Foundations program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with a wide range of skills applied in the Engineering industry. Students will design, test, and evaluate projects related to engines, machines, and structures. This program of study includes applying scientific, mathematical, and empirical evidence to solve problems through innovation, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of different engineering systems.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Applied Engineering |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robotics I |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerospace |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Design and Problem Solving Practicum in Engineering Career Preparation for Programs of Study |

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

AP or IB	AP Calculus AB AP Computer Science A	AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Statistics	IB Physics SL IB Physics HL IB Computer Science SL IB Computer Science HL
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Dual Credit Dual credit offerings will vary by local education agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intern at an engineering, robotics, or aerospace company. Visit an engineering firm and shadow multiple types of engineers.
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in SkillsUSA or TSA Join a local engineering association and attend meetings.

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Autodesk Certified Professional Fusion 360



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Industrial Engineering Technician Apprenticeship

Associate Degrees

- Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician
- Robotics Technology/Technician

Bachelor's Degrees

- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Engineering, General

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Engineering, General

Additional Stackable IBCs/Licensures

- Professional Engineer (PE License)
- Engineer in Training Certification (EIT)



Example Aligned Occupations

Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians

Median Wage: \$61,138
Annual Openings: 765
10-Year Growth: 11%

Aerospace Engineers

Median Wage: \$115,694
Annual Openings: 483
10-Year Growth: 18%

Mechanical Engineers

Median Wage: \$99,937
Annual Openings: 1,755
10-Year Growth: 19%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study/additional-resources>

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Course Information

Level	Course	Prerequisites Corequisites	Career Clusters
Level 1	Principles of Applied Engineering* 13036200 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
Level 2	Robotics I* 13037000 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: Principles of Applied Engineering Recommended Corequisites: None	
Level 3	Aerospace Engineering N1303745 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: At least one credit in a Level 2 or higher course in Engineering Recommended Corequisites: None	
Level 4	Engineering Design and Problem Solving* 13037300 (1 credit)	Prerequisites: Algebra I, Geometry, and at least one credit in a Level 2 or higher course in the STEM career cluster Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
	Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation* First Time Taken: 12701141 (3 credits)	Prerequisites: At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course Corequisites: None Recommended Prerequisites: None Recommended Corequisites: None	
	Practicum in Engineering* TBD	Prerequisites: TBD Corequisites: TBD Recommended Prerequisites: TBD Recommended Corequisites: TBD	

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