



DISCOVER YOUR PATH





CONNECTING CLASSROOM TO CULTURE AND CAREER

EXPLORING OUR PATHWAYS



Navigating Career and Technical Education

Discover Your Pathway:



- **Education: Careers**
- Science and Engineering: Natural Resources
- Apparel Design & Production & Audio and Visual: Technology
- Health Sciences: Medical Careers
- Hospitality: Culinary Arts





Career & Technical Education in Early Grades

Career Development Initiatives by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians



Earn High School and College Credit (12)



Equivalency Credits



Acknowledgements











WHAT IS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION?

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE), provides students of all ages with essential technical and occupational skills, preparing them for high-wage, high-demand careers within Puyallup Tribal enterprises and the broader community. Starting in early grades, students are introduced to foundational skills and career awareness, while older students engage in project-based learning aligned with key career pathways. These courses connect students with tribal leaders, offering insights into real-world applications beyond the classroom. By graduation, all students are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in their chosen fields. Career and Technical Education is preparing students to be Future Ready, today.



EDUCATION CAREERS PATHWAY

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"We are learners of this land"

The Education Careers Pathway offers students a structured path to careers in education and related fields. It includes foundational courses and hands-on experiences in teaching, child development, and educational administration. This pathway prepares students for roles such as educators, childcare providers, and educational leaders.

NAVIGATING YOUR COURSES

Relationships and Human Development
(1 semester)
Child Development (1 semester)
Financial Literacy (1 semester)
Teaching Academy (full year)
Introduction to Internship (full year - applicable to all pathways)

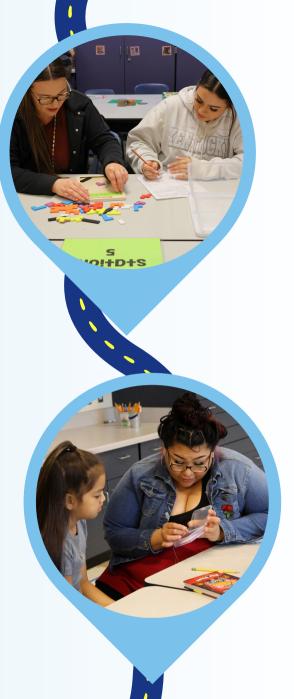


ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

Start with a Paraeducator Certificate or Childcare
Apprenticeship, then advance with an Associate's in Early
Childhood or a Bachelor's in Education or Psychology.
Pursue leadership with a Master's in Social Work or
Educational Leadership, or aim for a Doctorate in
Education.

JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER

Make an impact in the community by exploring educational careers at Chief Leschi Schools, the Puyallup Tribal Health Authority, Youth Centers, Indian Welfare Children's Programs, or Family Services.







SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING NATURAL RESOURCES PATHWAY

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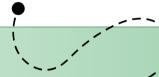
"We then become learners of how to manipulate (engineer) natural resources in order to live."

Natural Resources Management offers a rewarding career path for students who are passionate about preserving wildlife habitats, safeguarding the environment, and addressing the escalating demands for clean water, outdoor recreation. This program equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary for roles in environmental monitoring, including endangered species and wetland delineation, land restoration, and forest management. Graduates often find employment within tribal, federal, state, and local land management agencies, planning departments, nongovernmental organizations, and legislative bodies focused on land use policies and regulations.



Biology: Ecology and Natural Resources (full year)
Chemistry: Natural Resources and Conservation
(full year)

Environmental Science (full year, offered alternate years) Fisheries Management (full year, offered alternate years)



ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

Start with an Associate of Science in Natural Resources or an Organic Agriculture Certificate. Further your expertise with a Bachelor's in Natural Resources Conservation or add a Minor in Wildlife Ecology. For advanced specialization, consider a Master of Science in Natural Resources.



Make positive changes in our environment by exploring careers in Wildlife Ecology, Conservation, Agriculture, or Fisheries Management. In these careers, you will play a vital role in sustaining our natural heritage and future.





APPAREL DESIGN & PRODUCTION

The Apparel Design and Production program provides students with the skills and knowledge needed for careers in the fashion and apparel industry. Students learn about design principles, fabric selection, pattern making, garment construction, and production processes. Students explore creative techniques while developing technical skills using industry-standard tools and technologies.

NAVIGATING YOUR COURSES

Graphic Design 1 (1 semester)
Graphic Design 2 (1 semester)
Apparel Design (full year)



Explore educational opportunities in apparel design and production, from certificate programs and Associate's Degrees to a Bachelor's in Apparel Design.



Share your creativity by exploring careers in Marketing, Fashion Merchandising, Textile Manufacturing, or explore a career in entrepreneurship to create apparel for the community.

AUDIO & VISUAL TECHNOLOGY PATHWAY

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"We have always been historians."

The Audio and Visual Technology Pathway equips students with the skills needed for careers in media production, broadcasting, and digital content creation. Students learn about audio engineering, video production, graphic design, and multimedia technology through hands-on training and real-world projects. This pathway prepares students for dynamic roles in industries like film, television, and digital media, fostering creativity and technical expertise.



Digital Photography and Yearbook (full year)
Video Production 1 (full year)
Video Production 2 (full year)

Broadcast Journalism (full year)

ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

Post-high school options include certificate programs,
Associate's Degrees in media production, and
Bachelor's Degrees in fields like film or broadcasting.
Specialized programs in sound design or video editing
also offer advanced career opportunities in media and
entertainment.

JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER

Make your mark by pursuing careers with Emerald Queen Entertainment, Puyallup Tribe Communications, Media & Marketing Firms, Local Broadcast Networks, or Producing Studios.



HEALTH SCIENCES MEDICAL CAREERS PATHWAY

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"We have always been administers of herbal medicines for healing."

The Health Sciences: Medical Careers Pathway

provides students with comprehensive education and practical experience in healthcare. This pathway prepares students for various medical professions, including nursing, medical assisting, and healthcare administration. Through hands-on training, certifications, and foundational coursework, students gain the skills and knowledge needed to pursue successful careers in the medical field and support the health of their communities.



Introduction to Medical Careers (1 semester)

Medical Terminology (full year)

Sports Medicine 1 (full year)

Sports Medicine 2 (full year)

ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

Students can pursue Health Sciences through certifications in medical assisting or nursing, an Associate's in Health Sciences, or a Bachelor's in Nursing or Healthcare Administration. Advanced options include a Master's in Public Health or Medical Science.

JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER

Become a leader in health services! By pursuing Health Sciences careers, you can provide vital support, improve community health, and strengthen the well-being of those around you.





HOSPITALITY

CULINARY ARTS PATHWAY

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"We have always been the ones who have engineered the land, the trees, the plants, and the water so we could live."

The Hospitality Culturary Arts Pathway provides students with hands-on training in food preparation, cooking techniques, kitchen safety, and restaurant management. Students learn the fundamentals of culinary arts while gaining real-world experience in catering, menu planning, and food service. This pathway prepares students for careers in the culinary and hospitality industries, from chefs to restaurant managers.



Culinary 1 (full year)
Indigenous Culinary/Culinary 2 (full year)
Culinary 3 (full year)
Food Service Management (1 semester)



Post-high school opportunities in culinary arts include certificate programs, Associate's Degrees in Culinary Arts, and Bachelor's Degrees in Hospitality Management. Students can specialize in baking, pastry arts, or restaurant management.

JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER

Extend your hospitality skills by pursuing careers at Woven, Emerald Queen Hotel & Dining services, or Event Planning Services. In hospitality careers, you have the chance to provide exceptional experiences for guests and your local community.



BRIDGE TO YOUR FUTURE



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN EARLY GRADES AT CHIEF LESCHI SCHOOLS



- **STEM Programs** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Introduces coding, robotics, basic engineering, and problem-solving, which are foundational for careers in technology, engineering, and math-related fields.
- Career Exploration Activities Students explore different professions through projects, guest speakers, and field trips to build awareness of various career paths.
- Arts and Design Programs Expose students to skills in graphic design, performing arts, or visual arts, encouraging creativity and early interest in design or entertainment careers.
- Entrepreneurship Programs Teach students about business concepts through activities like student-run stores or product development projects, fostering early skills in business and leadership.





CAREER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES BY THE PUYALLUP TRIBE

APPAREL DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

- Graphic Design
- Marketing and Sales
- Merchandise Display
- Wholesale and Manufacturing

CONSTRUCTION

- Civil Engineering
- Architecture
- Construction and Building Inspectors
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Plumber

LOGISTICS

- Container Movement, Storage, and Maintenance
- Bulk Material Handling
- Heavy Equipment Fitting
- Pickup and Delivery Services

MANUFACTURING

- Robotics
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Machine Operations
- Welding
- Machine Tool Setters



EARN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT

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Many of our CTE courses offer students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit at no cost. Students who successfully complete these courses with a grade of C or better are eligible to transfer their earned college credits to the institution of their choice. Select CTE courses are equivalent to courses at Pierce College, Bates Technical College, Clover Park Technical College, and Central Washington University.



Audio Visual: Technology COURSE COLLEGE COURSE Graphic Design ------ Digital Imaging 1 Video Technology 1 Video Technology 2 Digital Photography ------ Digital Photography Apparel Design & Production ------- Principals of Marketing

Education: Careers				
COURSE COLLEGE COUR	SE			
Relationships & Human Development Child Develop	ment			
Teaching Academy Intro to Educa	tion			
Intro to Internship Business Communication	ons			

1	Health Sciences: Medical Careers		
	COURSE COLLEGE COURSE		
	Medical Careers Business Communications		
	Medical Terminology Medical Terminology 1		
	Sports Medicine 2 Care & Prevention of		
	Injuries		

Hospitality: Culinary Arts			
COURSE	COLLEGE COURSE		
Culinary 1	Culinary Arts 101		
Culinary 2	Culinary Arts 106		
Culinary 3	Culinary Arts 105		

Science & Engineering: Natural Resources	
COURSE	COLLEGE COURSE
Ecology & Natural Resources	Intro to Ecology
Environmental Science	Orientation to Environmental Science



Several CTE courses fulfill multiple state graduation requirements. Completing a single CTE course can satisfy multiple graduation criteria.

COURSE	EQUIVALENCY
Sports Medicine	Health
Child Development	Health
Relationship & Human Development	Health
Ecology & Natural Resources	Lab Science
Natural Resources & Conservation	Biology
Environmental Science	Chemistry
Graphic Design	Fine Arts
Digital Photography	Fine Arts
Video Production 1 & 2	Fine Arts

"Thanks to this program, I plan to go into a teaching career. Being able to help students and brighten their day opened my eyes to teaching after high school"
-Chief Leschi Schools CTE Student

"CTE gives me a good feel on what life will feel like after graduation...It also gives you a foot in the door for a career even if you don't have a plan.." Chief Leschi Schools CTE Student



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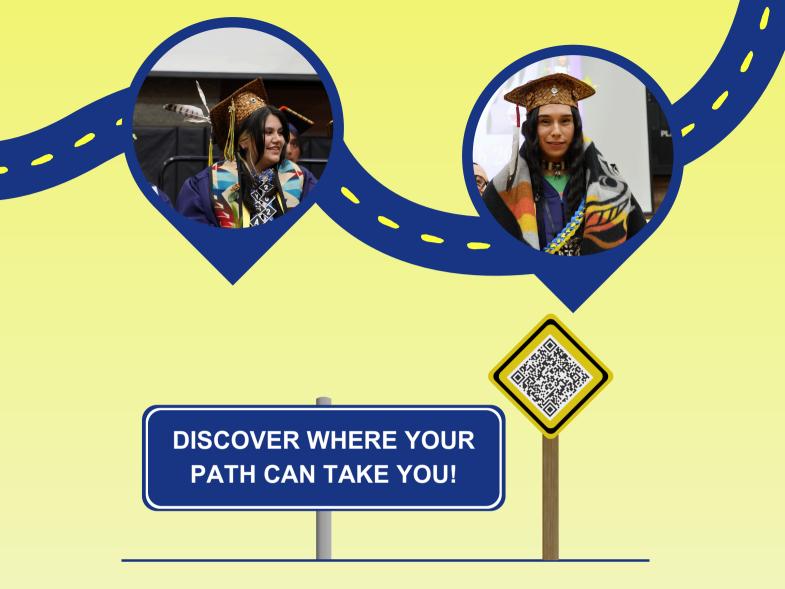
Apparel Design and Production Instructor

"Teaching CTE means that students can picture themselves in a career path. " -CLS CTE Instructor

"I love teaching CTE because it means that students are gaining skills and knowledge that is going to directly set them above other graduates who do not have this experience." - CLS CTE Instructor



READ MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTORS



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We have always been..

Indigenous people have always been scientists, mathematicians, artists, architects, engineers, storytellers and so much more since time immemorial.

Our mission at Chief Leschi Schools is to foster a passion for lifelong learning, empower students to think critically, promote academic success, and create strong Native leaders.

classroom to culture and career

