

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	Location
Firefighting/Emergency Medical Services	Scarlet
Law Enforcement	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.

Effective Communicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Express/explain thoughts/ideas/commands individually and in groupsWrite/document/record information accuratelyListen/relay accurate information in written/verbal mannerFollow multi-step instructions in sequenceCommunicate with citizens in emergency situationsPractice professional social communication (social media/workplace conversations)
Critical Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Follow sequenced activities accurately and adjust in unsafe situationsUse medical/safety communication equipment and interpret associated dataInterpret/observe/follow safety procedures/laws/ordinancesMake informed decisions quickly and remain calm in stressful situations
Adaptable Navigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work independently with minimal supervision/high attention to detailDevelop/follow sequenced activities accuratelyAnticipate dangerous situations and respond accordinglyRespond/adapt to changes in procedures/ laws/ordinancesDistinguish details/differences, differentiate sounds, perceive object distances/depths in space
Accountable Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain fitness level for extended standing/bending/stooping/walking/climbingBe on time, honest and keep commitmentsFollow ethical work practices including honesty/trustworthinessAccurately complete incident reports and organize/maintain records appropriatelyFollow privacy/confidentiality laws
Skilled Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpret/follow laws/ordinances/regulationsUse equipment/tools (chainsaw/axe/handcuffs/hand tools/baton/fire hose)Make informed decisions quickly that keep self and others safeRespond to people in need positively/supportivelyDevelop a career path planBuild career-focused technical/professional skills

Technology and Software

All career & technical education programs utilize various software and industry-specific equipment to prepare students for their 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
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 knowledge and skills. They are typically earned by successfully completing an exam or skill-related 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. Available accommodations are subject to vendor and/or State of Ohio approval. Some credential/certification exams do not allow any accommodations. Contact campus Intervention Specialist for the most up-to-date permitted accommodations.

Permitted accommodations may 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 and 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 or 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 or 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) |