



Sault Area Public Schools
A Great Place to Learn



FINANCE

PATHWAY

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING

Pathway to Success

Finance



A career in Finance offers the opportunity to drive economic growth and manage financial resources effectively. With a wide range of career paths, from investment banking to financial planning and risk management, this field combines analytical skills, strategic thinking, and a focus on maximizing financial success.

Career Options

Explore and discover potential career options in the fields related to Finance.

Degree, Certification, and Training Options

Explore the degrees, certifications and training options that are available to help you be successful in the fields related to Finance.

Course/CTE Options

Explore the course and program options that are available to students while still in high school to help them prepare for a career in Finance.

Resume Builders

Explore the possible experiences that will help build a strong resume.

Career Options

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There are several ways to start a career in Finance. The quickest option is on-the-job training, where employees gain practical experience while working. Another pathway is earning a certification, which typically takes a few months to a year. For those seeking more in-depth education, a college degree can take 2 to 6 years to complete. Below are a few examples of options for each pathway, though this list is not exhaustive.

01 Jobs That Require On-The-Job Training

- Bank Teller
- Loan Officer Assistant
- Insurance Claims Processor
- Credit Analyst
- Mortgage Loan Processor
- Collection Agent
- Financial Assistant
- Billing Specialist
- Investment Support Associate
- Financial Data Entry Specialist

02 Jobs that Require a Certification

- Certified Financial Planner
- Financial Risk Manager
- Certified Financial Analyst
- Licensed Insurance Counselor
- Financial Consultant
- Real Estate Broker
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Investment Manager

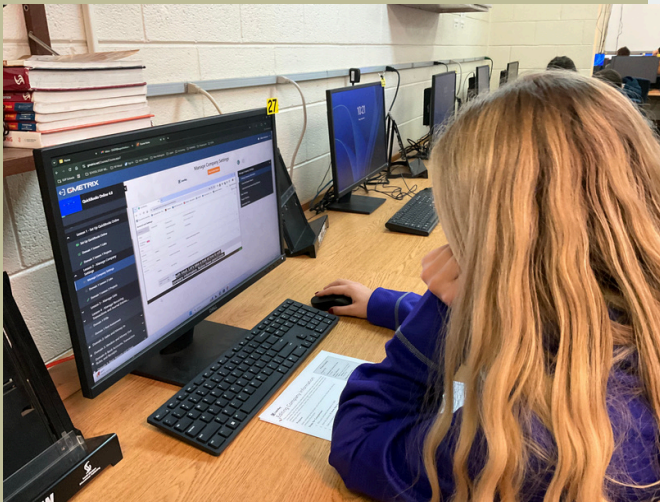
03 Jobs That Require A Degree

- Investment Banker
- Corporate Finance Manager
- Certified Public Accountant
- Tax Advisor
- Financial Controller
- Portfolio Manager
- Treasury Manager
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Mergers and Acquisitions Analyst



Finding On-The-Job Training

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On-the-job training is an excellent way to start a career in Finance, providing the opportunity to develop essential skills while working. This hands-on training is often customized to the specific role, allowing you to gain practical experience from day one. Many employers in the finance sector, including banks, investment firms, insurance companies, and accounting firms, offer on-the-job training. To find opportunities, check local job listings, explore company websites, or connect with industry associations that can help you find employers offering this type of training.

Resources

Michigan Works

Michigan Works has resources that can help locate available jobs and aide in your necessary training.

1118 East Easterday Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Phone: (906) 635-1752

Fax: (906) 635-0115

Michigan Relay Center 711

Monday through Friday: 8-5 EST

Indeed

Indeed is a great tool to search for available jobs in your area.

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Obtaining a Certificate

Certificate Programs

North Central Michigan College

Accounting - Certificate

Bookkeeping - Certificate

Certificate programs in Finance offer specialized training that can be completed in a few months to a year. These programs provide valuable skills and credentials that can help advance your career in the finance industry.

You can find certificate programs at community colleges, technical schools, and online platforms.

Many professional organizations also offer certification programs in areas such as financial planning, investment management, and accounting.

To explore options, check with local educational institutions, online course providers, or professional associations related to finance.

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Obtaining a Degree

Bachelor/Associate Degrees

North Central Michigan College

[Accounting - Associate](#)

Central Michigan University

[Accounting - Bachelor](#)

[Finance - Bachelor](#)

[Real Estate: Development & Finance -Bachelor](#)

[Personal Finance Planning - Bachelor](#)

Lake Superior State University

[Accounting - Bachelor](#)

[Finance & Economics - Bachelor](#)

Baker College

[Accounting - Bachelor](#)

[Business - Bachelor](#)

[Finance - Bachelor](#)

Degree programs in Finance provide in-depth knowledge and training, typically taking four to six years to complete. These programs cover a wide range of topics, from financial analysis to investment strategies, and can open doors to advanced career opportunities in the finance industry. You can find degree programs at universities, colleges, and specialized institutions, both on-campus and online. Many schools offer bachelor's and master's degrees in fields such as finance, accounting, economics, and financial planning. To explore options, visit university websites, consult with academic advisors, or research programs through professional organizations in finance.

Courses/CTE Options

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Plan your schedule with your future goals in mind by exploring common courses, AP courses, CTE programs, and opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school.



Sault High Courses

- Economics
- Honors Math
- Computer Science



AP Courses

- AP Language
- AP Computer Science



CTE Programs

- Accounting



Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

- Related options can be talked about with your Counselor or visits the information page [**HERE**](#).

See Sault High School Full [**Course Offerings**](#).

Resume Builders

Job Shadow Experiences

Students who engage in job shadow experiences show proven interest in their future and dedication to their success. If you have questions about job shadowing or want help finding an opportunity contact the MTSS Coordinator.

Intern/Externships

Internships and externships provide valuable opportunities for high school students to gain real-world experience, develop new skills, and explore potential career paths. These experiences can significantly benefit students, both professionally and personally.

Leadership Positions

Holding Leadership Positions shows dedication and passion by the student. It also can be a look into the students hobbies.

Student Organizations

Joining Student Organizations shows a balance in priorities. Please see the Sault Ste Marie **Student Organizations** to find an organization to join!

Volunteer Experiences

Volunteering is a great way to get experience and explore post-secondary options.
