



Career Pathway Program Application

Message to Parents and Students

Few high school students see the connection between high school courses and their future career choices. Another difficulty is connecting high school courses with the skills necessary to get a job. Identifying a career path helps students make these connections. The process involves identifying career interests, aligning them with a career path, and developing a four-year plan. The process prepares the student to identify goals, choose postsecondary options, and transition to the workplace. The benefits of participating in a Career Pathway Program include the experience of choosing classes to meet a goal that is similar to completing a major in college, an award to list on a college application, and a topic for the college essay. The steps to apply are:

- Choose a Career Pathway Program
- Complete this Career Pathway Program application
- Return the application to the Career Center Drop Box
- Students will be called to schedule an appointment with a Career Pathway Advisor

Please indicate the pathway of interest below:



Arts & Communication

- _____ Graphic Arts Careers
- _____ Performing Arts Careers
- _____ Visual Arts Careers



Business & Marketing

- _____ Accounting Careers
- _____ Hospitality Careers



Consumer & Human Services

- _____ Education Careers
- _____ Law-Related Careers



Health Sciences

- _____ Medical Professions
- _____ Medical Specialties



Science & Technology

- _____ Auto Technology Careers
- _____ Computer Science Careers
- _____ Manufacturing Careers
- _____ Marine Science Careers

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Contact Number _____ Email address _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

**Graduate with a Career Pathway Cord
in your chosen area of expertise...**



Arts & Communication

- Graphic Arts Careers
- Performing Arts Careers
- Visual Arts Careers
- Interior Design



Business & Marketing

- Accounting Careers
- Hospitality/Tourism Careers



Consumer & Human Services

- Education Careers
- Law-related Careers
- Cosmetology



Health Sciences

- Medical Professions
- Medical Specialties



Science & Technology

- Auto Technology Careers
- Computer Science Careers
- Manufacturing Careers
- Marine Science Careers

Cluster six semesters of courses within the same Career Pathway:

(Specific course options outlined in the application packet)

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| 1 semester | Technology-related course |
| 3 semester's | Industry-related courses within Career Pathway |
| 2 semester's | Subject-related courses within Career Pathway |

6 semesters	TOTAL	ALL Pathway course performance must be grade B or better. Recognition requires 2.00 GPA and satisfactory citizenship/effort.
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PLUS

- Senior Project: Thirty (30) hours of Community Service related to selected CAREER PATHWAY
- Job Shadowing: Eight (8) hours of Work-Based learning related to chosen CAREER PATHWAY, a minimum of two/four (2 - 4) places, completed and documented at business/community sites within the selected CAREER PATHWAY.

In addition, the student must submit:

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| • MatchMaker/Career Cruising (English 11) | • Sample Job Application (English 12) |
| • Individual Learning Plan (Spring Senior Year) | • Senior Project slide printout |
| • Professional Résumé (English 12) | • Transcript (Spring Senior Year) |

Graduate with a Career Pathway Cord in your chosen area of expertise . . .

By completing six (6) semester courses within a selected career pathway, you may be eligible to wear a special colored cord at graduation.

THE BENEFITS:

- *The experience of choosing classes to meet a goal that is similar to completing a major in college
- *An award to list on a college application
- *A topic for a college essay

Career Pathway Cords at Graduation:

- Arts and Communication - Orange Cord
- Business & Marketing - Red Cord
- Consumer & Human Services - Purple Cord
- Health Sciences - Green Cord
- Science & Technology - Blue Cord

The student must receive a B or higher in all Career Pathway Program coursework, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, and demonstrate satisfactory citizenship/effort. Thirty (30) hours of community service and eight (8) hours of job shadowing, in a minimum of 2 - 4 places, must be completed at business/community sites within the selected Career Pathway. The student must submit a PCHS transcript, professional resume, sample job application, and a skills assessment to a Career Pathway advisor for final approval six weeks prior to graduation. At that time, the student will schedule the required PowerPoint presentation highlighting the community service experience. The good news - students complete the professional resume, the sample job application, the skills assessment, community service hours, and the PowerPoint presentation within English courses and Senior Project taken at Pacific Coast High School.

You may obtain an application and course option information for each Career Pathway Program from Nancy McKeegan. This opportunity to set a goal and follow through is excellent practice for selecting a college major and making a career connection in the near future.

Good planning is essential. It is ideal to choose your Pathway and commit to the Career Pathway Program during your freshman or sophomore year.

Good luck!

Nancy McKeegan



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Career Pathway Cord?

Colored cord which represents a career focus to be worn at graduation that recognizes your performance during your high school experience.

Who May Earn a Career Pathway Cord?

Any student who completes the requirements and, of course, the process is optional.

Why Earn a Career Pathway Cord?

- Direction for post-secondary planning
- Award that may be listed on a college application
- Item that may be listed on a resume for college and/or workplace
- Topic for college essay

Can I earn a cord and go to college?

Definitely! However, it will take careful planning when choosing electives.

Can I earn more than one cord?

It would be very difficult to complete all the requirements for more than one cord during your four years at PCHS.

What are the benefits of earning a cord?

- Choosing classes to meet a goal which is similar to completing a major in college
- Identifying personal interests and skills
- Learning about careers and workplace expectations

When do I start?

The sooner, the better! It is strongly recommended that you decide by Fall semester of your sophomore year.

How do I apply?

- Choose a Career Pathway
- Complete the Career Pathway Cord Application
- Return the application to the Career Center drop box
- Students will be called to schedule an appointment with a Career Pathway Cord Advisor

To receive more information about the Career Pathway Program
visit the PCHS website or

CONTACT: Career Center at 714 - 245 - 6505