



## Career Cluster: Business

### Career Pathway: Business Finance

<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
<b>EXPLORER COURSES:</b> Choose one or more of the following courses to see if this would be a career you would enjoy.			
Business Essentials (1 semester)			
<b>CONCENTRATOR COURSES:</b> Completed after an Explorer course. Helps you discover what area of the field you would like to specialize in.			
Youth Entrepreneurs (1 year)	Accounting (1 year)		
Financial Literacy (1 semester)			
<b>COMPLETER COURSES:</b> Must have completed an Explorer and a Concentrator course before taking this course.			
Investing (1 semester)			
<b>PATHWAY SEQUENCE:</b> Suggested order of courses.			
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
Business Essentials	Youth Entrepreneurs	Financial Literacy	Investing
		Accounting	
<b>SUPPORTING COURSES:</b> Courses outside of the pathway that would be very helpful in your career.			
Computer Essentials	Principles of Marketing	Sports & Entertainment	AP Statistics
	Business Communications	Business Management	Business Law
<b>STUDENT ORGANIZATION OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
Business Professionals of America ( <a href="http://bpa.org">http://bpa.org</a> )		Contact: Adam Klausmeyer <a href="mailto:aklausmeyer@usd259.net">aklausmeyer@usd259.net</a>	
DECA ( <a href="http://deca.org">http://deca.org</a> )		Contact: Jon Berseth <a href="mailto:jberseth@usd259.net">jberseth@usd259.net</a>	
<b>CERTIFICATION &amp; COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES WHILE AT NORTH</b>			
Business (WSUTech Block)			
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING</b>			
There are several options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.			
	<b>1 - Year Certificate</b> Avg. Salary: \$25,000	<b>2 - Year Assoc. or Tech. Degree</b> Avg. Salary: \$40,000	<b>4 - Year Bachelor's Degree</b> Avg. Salary: \$68,500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Teller</li> <li>➤ Loan Interviewer &amp; Clerk</li> <li>➤ Insurance Claims Clerk</li> </ul> <b>Local Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Butler: Accounting Assistant Certificate</li> <li>➤ On the job training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bill &amp; Account Collector</li> <li>➤ Insurance Sales Agent</li> </ul> <b>Local Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ WSU Tech: Business Administration</li> <li>➤ Butler: Accounting, Accounting Assistant, Entrepreneurship, Marketing</li> <li>➤ Cowley: Accounting Transfer Pathway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Accountant</li> <li>➤ Auditor</li> <li>➤ Loan Officer</li> <li>➤ Claims Adjuster</li> <li>➤ Financial Manager</li> </ul> <b>Local Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ WSU: Accounting, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance</li> <li>➤ Newman: Accounting, Finance, Marketing</li> <li>➤ Friends: Accounting, Finance, Marketing</li> </ul>



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#### Course Descriptions

##### **Business Essentials (6720) – 1 semester**

Business Essentials is an introductory course designed to give students an overview of business, marketing, and finance careers. Students will participate in a variety of learning activities in the areas of economics, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, and business law. In the final unit of study, students will identify employability and personal skills needed to obtain a career and be successful in the workplace as well as explore specific career and post-secondary education opportunities.

##### **Accounting (6013/6014) – 1 year**

Accounting is a technical level course in the Business Entrepreneurship & Management and Business Finance pathways, and the Marketing Management strand of the Marketing pathway. It introduces the fundamental accounting principles and procedures used in businesses. Course content typically includes the full accounting cycle, payroll, taxes, debts, depreciation, ledger and journal techniques, and periodic adjustments. Students may learn how to apply standard auditing principles and to prepare budgets and final reports. Calculators, electronic spreadsheets, or other automated tools are used.

##### **Youth Entrepreneurs (6888/6889) – 1 year**

Youth Entrepreneurs is a yearlong program that is a valuable experience for any student with an entrepreneurial dream or the desire to be a business leader of tomorrow. Students will have an opportunity to plan for and “own” a business with Market Days, learn basic economic principles, business fundamentals (marketing, management, and finance), and while being supported by the teacher and business community. Students who complete the course are eligible for scholarship opportunities, community partnerships, and other opportunities through YE.

##### **Financial Literacy (7610F) – 1 semester**

The course provides students with the basic skills and knowledge needed to effectively manage one’s personal finances. Topics covered include an overview of personal financial management, careers, income and taxes, budgeting, bank accounts, credit and credit risks. Projects will be conducted throughout the course to provide experiences assisting students in developing effective consumer habits. This course is required for graduation. May be taken summer before junior or senior year for original credit.

##### **Investing (6521) – 1 semester**

This course enables a student to develop a better understanding and attitude towards our market economy; to acquire a broader background of knowledge in all matters dealing with money; and to acquire skills and information necessary to deal with business and consumer issues relating to finance.

**Business (WSUTech Block-Online)**

This program prepares students for going into business degrees, such as Finance, Business Administration, Accounting, and Marketing. Courses are designed to give a general overview of these areas to provide a solid base for business programs.