

Career Explorations III

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 6–8

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

Career Explorations III is a semester-long course designed to give middle school students an opportunity to explore various CTE subjects. Specifically, students learn about careers from business to hands-on career paths. Each of the five unit introduces one particular field and explains its past, present, and future. These units include: Introduction to Business and Finance, Introduction to Manufacturing, Introduction to Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, Introduction to Architecture and Construction, and Introduction to Marketing. The goal is to whet students' appetites for these careers. Students can then explore that career in more detail as a high school student.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Know the components of establishing a business
- Discover the value of manufacturing to and its impact on American society and economy
- Describe the nature and scope of the Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics career cluster, its role in society and its impact on the economy
- Identify skills, abilities, and talents needed for careers in architecture and construction and analyze how these relate to interest profiles
- Understand what marketing is and its role within the company and society

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Introduction to Business and Finance
- Unit 2:** Introduction to Manufacturing
- Unit 3:** Introduction to Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
- Unit 4:** Introduction to Architecture and Construction
- Unit 5:** Introduction to Marketing