



CAREER PATHWAY

AGRIBUSINESS & PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Animal Caretakers | Farmworkers & Laborers (Crop, Nursery, Greenhouse)
| Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & Systems Operator | Biological
Technicians | Food Science Technicians | Buyers & Purchasing Agents |
Veterinarians

CAREER TECHNICAL COURSES

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9	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (9th)
10	Business Management for Agricultural & Environmental Systems (10th-12th) Mechanical Principles (10th-12th) Animal and Plant Science (10th-12th) Livestock Selection, Nutrition and Management (10th-12th)
11	Greenhouse and Nursery Management (11th-12th) Animal Health (11th-12th) Meat Science and Technology (11th-12th) Energy Systems Management (11th-12th)
12	Agricultural & Environmental Systems Capstone (12th)

INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Center for Innovative Food Technology Approved Food Industry Specialist - **12 Points**
- Ohio Certified Nursery Technician - Garden Center - **12 Points**
- Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification - **6 Points**
- Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications Certification - **6 Points**
- SoftSkills Pro - **1 Point**
- CSAW (Chainsaw Safety Awareness) Levels 1 & 2 - **3 Points**
- Ohio Driver's License - **1 Point**
- OSHA-10 - **1 Point**
- CPR First Aid - **1 Point**
- Leadership Excellence - Student - **3 Points**
- Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt - **3 Points**
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt - **6 Points**

COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Students who demonstrate proficiency in career tech courses in approved secondary programs can receive college credit for their approved coursework.

POTENTIAL PLACEMENT & INCOME -



*May 2025 State Occupational
Employment and Wage Estimates for Ohio

Animal Caretakers	\$34,690
Farmworkers & Laborers Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse	\$38,760
Biological Technicians	\$54,910
Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & Systems Operator	\$58,990
Food Science Technicians	\$62,220
Buyers & Purchasing Agents	\$79,920
Veterinarians	\$129,890



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CAREER CENTER

AGRIBUSINESS & PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

SUBJECT
CODE

010105

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

This first course in the career field is an introduction to Agricultural and Environmental Systems. Students will be introduced to the scope of the Agricultural and Environmental Systems career field. They will examine principles of food science, natural resource management, animal science & management, plant & horticultural science, power technology and bioscience. Students will examine the FFA organization and Supervised Agricultural Experience programs. Throughout the course, students will develop communication, leadership and business skills essential to the agriculture industry.

SUBJECT
CODE

010115

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Students will examine elements of business, identify organizational structures and apply management skills while developing business plans, financial reports and strategic goals for new ventures or existing businesses. Learners will use marketing concepts to evaluate the marketing environment and develop a marketing plan with marketing channels, product approaches, promotion and pricing strategies. Throughout the course, students will apply concepts of ethics and professionalism while implications of business regulations will be identified.

College Credit
CTAGP003
3 Credit Hours

SUBJECT
CODE

010120

MECHANICAL PRINCIPLES

Students will engage in the mechanical principles utilized in animal and plant production systems. They will learn electrical theory, design, wiring, hydraulic and pneumatic theory, along with metallurgy in relation to hot and cold metals. Students will apply knowledge of sheet metal fabrication applicable to the agricultural industry along with identify, diagnose, and maintain small air-cooled engines. Throughout the course, students will learn critical components of site and personal safety as well as communication and leadership skills.

SUBJECT
CODE

010125

ANIMAL AND PLANT SCIENCE

Students will apply knowledge of animal and plant science to the agriculture industry. They will be introduced to the value of production animals relative to the agricultural marketplace. Students will engage in animal classification and selection, body systems, along with animal welfare and behavior in relation to the production of animals. Students will learn principles of plant anatomy and physiology, and the role of nutrition, deficiencies and growing environment on plant production. Throughout the course, business principles and professional skills will be examined.

SUBJECT
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010920

LIVESTOCK SELECTION, NUTRITION & MANAGEMENT

Learners will apply principles of nutrition, health and reproduction to the management of animals, poultry and fish in production agriculture. Learners will demonstrate understanding of anatomy and physiology and apply genetic principles for improvement. Learners will apply knowledge of animal behavior, welfare, and husbandry principles. Learners will evaluate body/carcass composition and apply marketing principles to the sale and distribution of livestock products. Learners will employ communication, business, and management strategies appropriate for the industry.

SUBJECT
CODE

010610

GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY MANAGEMENT

The course will apply principles of science, engineering, and business to support the sustainable propagation and production of plants in a commercial nursery or greenhouse facility. Management of soil/media, water and nutrient distribution, lighting, ventilation and temperature, and pests will be learned and applied. Students will demonstrate knowledge of propagation methods, plant health, nutrition, and growth stimulation. Students will develop successful business, communication, marketing, and sales strategies for use in the greenhouse and nursery industries.

College Credit
CTAGP002
3 Credit Hours

SUBJECT
CODE

010915

ANIMAL HEALTH

Learners will apply principles of nutritional management for various classes of animals. Learners will analyze nutritional content/quality of feeds; formulate rations; develop feeding recommendations; identify deficiency symptoms and implement corrective methods as needed. Care/management plans are developed that reflect the classification of animals and follows best practices and legal compliance. Learners will monitor/evaluate the quality of animal habitats and estimate carrying capacity as it relates to the impact of the environment and animal health.

SUBJECT
CODE

011020

MEAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Learners will apply food chemistry and microbiology to processing, preservation, packaging, storage and marketing of meat products. Learners will design and implement a quality assurance program that meets legal compliance. Learners will evaluate carcass composition, assign quality grades, and examine valued-added products. Learners will demonstrate knowledge of safety regulations and operate and maintain equipment and facilities. Learners will practice customer service and sales techniques while understanding the scope and importance of business regulations.

SUBJECT
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010715

ENERGY SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Students will apply basic principles of energy accounting, thermodynamics and heat transfer, energy conversion and efficiency to heating, power generation and transportation. Students will apply the principles and practices needed for managing both renewable and non-renewable energy sources including, solar thermal, hydrogen generation, photovoltaic, hydroelectric, biomass use, geothermal heat transfer, and fossil fuel. Future energy systems and energy use scenarios are investigated, with a focus on promoting the use of renewable energy resources and technologies.

College Credit
CTAE001
3 Credit Hours

SUBJECT
CODE

010190

AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CAPSTONE

Students apply Agricultural and Environmental Systems program knowledge and skills in a more comprehensive and authentic way. Capstones are project/problem-based learning opportunities that occur both in and away from school. Under supervision of the school and through partnerships, students combine classroom learning with work experience to benefit themselves and others. These can take the form of mentorship employment, cooperative education, and internships.