2025-26 Career and Technical Education Career Cluster Framework

In the 2025-26 school year, changes will be made to the Career Cluster Framework, as outlined by Advance CTE. This document outlines the changes to be made in Tennessee.

Meta Cluster: Building and Moving

Current Career Cluster	Revised Career Cluster	Programs of Study
Advanced Manufacturing	Advanced Manufacturing	• Industrial Maintenance • Machining Technology • Mechatronics • Welding • Engineering • Robotics & Technology • STEM Applications
Architecture & Construction	Construction	• Residential & Commercial Construction • Structural Systems • Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing Systems • Architectural & Engineering Design
Transportation	Supply Chain & Transportation	• Supply Chain Management • Aviation Flight • Maintenance & Light Repair • Collision Repair

Meta Cluster: Cultivating Resources

Current Career Cluster	Revised Career Cluster	Programs of Study
Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	Agriculture	• Agribusiness • Agricultural Engineering • Environmental & Natural Resources • Food Science • Horticulture Science • Meat Science • Veterinary & Animal Science
N/A	Energy & Sustainable Resources	• Clean Energy (new) • Ecological Research & Conservation (new)

Meta Cluster: Improving Society

Current Career Cluster	Revised Career Cluster	Programs of Study
Education & Training	Education	• Teaching as a Profession • Early Childhood Education • Educational Guidance & Social Services
• Health Science • Human Services	Healthcare & Human Services	• Behavioral Health • BioSTEM • Dietetics & Nutrition • Cosmetology • Barbering • Human & Social Services • Diagnostic Services • Emergency Services • Nursing Services • Sport & Human Performance • Therapeutic Services
• Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security • Government & Public Administration	Civics, Public Service, & Safety	• Criminal Justice • Pre-Law • Fire Management • Leadership in Government (JROTC)

Meta Cluster: Investing in the Future

Current Career Cluster	Revised Career Cluster	Programs of Study
Finance	Financial Services	• Banking & Finance

Meta Cluster: Creating & Experiencing

Current Career Cluster	Revised Career Cluster	Programs of Study
Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications	Arts, Entertainment, & Design	• Digital Arts & Design • Fashion Merchandising • A/V Production • Interior Design
Hospitality & Tourism	Hospitality & Events	• Culinary Arts • Hospitality & Tourism Management

The following Career Clusters are important in all Programs of Study and courses will be available as part of completion status after the student concentrates in another Program of Study.

- Concentrator: A student who completes two courses in a program of study.
- Completer: A student who completes three courses (two in a program of study and one in the program of study or in a cross-cutting program).

The Programs of Study are available as "Stand-Alone" Programs also.

Example: A student can concentrate in Fashion Merchandising and then take courses in Web Design in order to complete.

(Note: The Cross-Cutting Sector courses must be taught by a properly endorsed teacher.)

Meta Cluster: Cross-Cutting Sectors

Current Career Cluster	Revised Career Cluster	Programs of Study
Information Technology	Digital Technology	• Web Design • Networking Systems • Cybersecurity • Coding • Data Science (new)
Marketing, Distribution, & Logistics	Marketing & Sales	• Marketing Management • Marketing Research & Analytics (new)
Business Management & Administration	Management & Entrepreneurship	• Business Management & Admin • Entrepreneurship • Accounting

Note: All program of study teaching endorsements will remain the same.