Career Course Offerings

Program Areas offered by Portsmouth Public Schools

• Agriculture
• Business & Information Technology
• Education For Employment
• Family & Consumer Sciences
• Health and Medical Sciences
• Marketing Education
• Technology Education
• Trade & Industrial Education

Courses only offered at I.C. Norcom High School (Open to all HS students)

• Television Production I/II/III+
• Electronics I/II/III

Courses only offered at TCC Automotive Center - Chesapeake (Open to all HS students)

• Automotive Diagnostics I/II/III/IV*

Courses only offered at Clarke Academy (Open to all HS students)

• Certified Nurse Assistant
• Practical Nursing I/II

AC13 Classes only offered at school indicated (Open to all HS students)

• Horticulture I/II - Churchland High
• Culinary Arts I/II - Wilson High
• Early Childhood I/II - Wilson High
• Emergency Medical Tech I/II - TCC*
• Hotel/Motel Mgt. I/II - Norcom High
• Welding - TCC*

*Dual Enrollment class w/TCC
+Dual Enrollment class w/NSU

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An Overview of Career & Technical Education Courses

Horticulture Greenhouse

Technology education students using a risograph to print the school newspaper.

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CTE Course Highlights

Agriculture
A specialized occupational area in Agricultural Education is Horticulture. It is designed to assist students in developing the necessary knowledge and skills for employment in landscape design, greenhouse operation, nursery plant production, and turf management.

Business and Information Technology
Basic business principles and skills range from keyboarding to advanced business applications. Occupational preparation courses focus on business and office practices and include a cooperative element wherein students may participate in on-the-job training.

Education for Employment
This program is an employment skills program designed for special needs students. It provides experiences that help students make informed occupational choices. Instruction includes developing goals and values important for employment, occupational preparation, human relations, and independent living.

Family and Consumer Sciences
There are two areas of specialization under this field: family focus and work focus. The programs are designed to direct and to develop the occupational skills, knowledge, attitudes and work habits students need to prepare them for careers in the areas associated with the consumer and family field, and several career fields, such as, Early Childhood and Culinary Arts.

Health & Medical Sciences
The occupational preparation programs provide knowledge which enables students to enter employment in the health field immediately after program completion. Instruction includes concentration in areas such as anatomy, communications, nutrition, and community health. Clinical experiences allow student nurses and nurse assistants to practice nursing skills in a variety of clinical environments. Upon successful completion, students qualify to take either the practical nursing licensing or certified nurse assistant exam.

Marketing Education
This program prepares students for careers in the marketing of goods or services; the buying, transporting, and storing of goods; the promotion of goods and services; marketing research; and marketing management. Through classroom instruction and supervised on-the-job training, it enables students to develop competencies that prepare them for full-time employment or for advanced educational/training programs.

Technology Education
Consistent with their abilities, interests, and educational needs, students completing a technology education program will achieve the following goals: comprehend the dynamics of technology; employ the processes of problem-solving, creating, and designing; analyze the tools, materials, processes, energy, information, and people involved in technological systems; apply scientific principles, engineering concepts, and systems; and discover and develop personal interests and abilities related to a wide variety of technology-oriented careers.

Trade & Industrial Education
Courses in this program are designed to develop occupational skills, knowledge, attitudes, and work habits that prepare students to become employed and progress satisfactorily in the trade and industrial field as skilled or semi-skilled crafts persons.