

Career Pathways Available in Pasco County High Schools

Anclote High School

Academy of Commercial Art & Design
Academy of Energy

Gulf High School

Academy of Health

Hudson High School

Academy of eCommerce
Academy of Veterinary Assisting

Land O' Lakes High School

Academy of Culinary Arts

J.W. Mitchell High School

Academy of Medical Arts
Academy of Business Management

Pasco High School

Academy of Health
Academy of Building Technologies

Ridgewood High School/ Marchman Technical Ed. Center

Academy of Health and Human Services

River Ridge High School

Academy of Engineering

Sunlake High School

Academy of Finance

Wesley Chapel High School

Academy of Automotive Service Technology

Wiregrass Ranch High School

Academy of Information Technology (IT)
Academy of Medical Professions

Zephyrhills High School

Academy of Health

**This innovative opportunity is made possible
by the collaborative partnership of the
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Agency for Workforce Innovation
District School Board of Pasco County
Pasco Economic Development Council
Pasco Hernando Workforce Board
Pasco-Hernando Community College

**For more information visit us on the web:
<http://careers.pasco.k12.fl.us/academies/>**

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Career and Technical Education
CAREER ACADEMIES

Career Academies prepare students to meet the demands of a changing workforce while providing the opportunity for successful high school graduation, gainful employment, postsecondary education, and industry recognized certification.

What is a career academy?

A career academy is a type of school-within-a-school or small learning community that provides a college-preparatory curriculum with a career-related theme.

How Your Business Can Make a Difference

The students of Pasco County can benefit greatly from your support. Currently, we are looking for partners to:

- Volunteer as a Guest Speaker
- Provide Financial Sponsorship
- Provide Equipment
- Offer Internships or On-the-Job Training
- Serve on an Advisory Board
- Offer Company (Facility) Tours
- Provide Student Scholarships
- Become a Named Academy Sponsor



Invest in the future

- Business partnership activities have a significant impact on student performance.
- Business partnerships have a significant impact on the academic preparation of their future work force.
- Business partnerships provide services and experiences for students within the career academy that enrich the curriculum and extend learning beyond the classroom.
- Business partnership is essential to the success of a career academy.
- Successful career academies offer an integrated college and career preparation curriculum built around rigor, relevance, and relationships.

Return on Investment for your Business

- Increase the pool of qualified applicants who can meet current and future workforce demands
- Reduces the cost of employee recruitment, selection and training
- Promotes collaboration between employers and educators to support workforce development
- Enhances employee morale, supports employees as parents and improves employer/employee relationships
- Enhances company's reputation by positioning company on the important issue of education reform
- Improves community relations through participation in local partnerships

"The availability of a skilled and qualified workforce is the number one concern of businesses. Career Academies provide opportunities for students to earn industry certifications in high demand occupations while providing businesses with the opportunity to identify industry trends and workforce needs. As we work with businesses expanding or relocating into Pasco County, we look to our Career Academies as a key component of a comprehensive marketing strategy."

John Walsh, CEcD, Pasco Economic Development Council

"Career Academies are an essential tool for preparing students for future success. Career academies serve the dual purpose of strengthening our local economy through the development of a skilled workforce and providing students with the opportunity to earn industry certification and post-secondary credit in high skill, high wage fields. We are excited to offer this enhanced program in every high school and are grateful for the tremendous support we have received in this endeavor from our business partners."

Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent,
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"Being able to participate in a Career Academy and Career and Technical Student Organization activities has opened a new door in my life. I have been able to experience many things that have given me skills that will carry me throughout my life and career. The world around us is becoming more competitive in the workplace, where the best qualified person will receive the job. I believe participating in a Career Academy has put me in front of the line. Through my classes I have been able to receive over 75 hours of clinical experience, been credentialed by Florida Ready to Work, and prepared to take the Florida CNA State exam which will allow me to graduate high school as a Certified Nursing Assistant."

Courtney Rubio, Pasco High School
Class of 2011 Academy of Health

"Sustainable employment comes from successful businesses and successful businesses come from a skilled workforce."

Mark Wimberly, Vice President - South Coastal Region,
Progress Energy Florida
Pasco Education Foundation Board Member

"We're passionate about getting the students and parents involved and create an awareness about the technical opportunities out there, little brief exposures to our industry can change a student and give them direction."

Peter Buczynsky, President of Micron PharmaWorks
Academy of Engineering at River Ridge High School
Advisory Member