

# NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION



# MODEL

## EXPLANATION

The Nebraska Career Education (NCE) Model is a visual representation of the organizational structure of courses designed to prepare students for specific career areas. These courses are offered at middle school, high school, and at two- and four-year colleges and universities.

The NCE Model has five distinct levels, each with specific sets of knowledge and skill statements.

- 1** **Essential Knowledge and Skills** are a set of knowledge and skills common to all 16 Career Clusters.
- 2** **Career Fields** are broad groupings of 16 Career Clusters based on commonalities among Clusters.
- 3** **Career Clusters** are a grouping of careers with similar skills or common themes based on industry groupings at all educational levels.
- 4** **Career Pathways** are listed below each Cluster and further define the types of career opportunities within the Cluster.
- 5** **Career Specialties** (not shown) are specific job titles within a Pathway within a Cluster.

Additional Resources:

- [www.nde.state.ne.us/NCE](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/NCE)
- [www.careerclusters.org](http://www.careerclusters.org)
- [www.NebraskaCareerConnections.org](http://www.NebraskaCareerConnections.org)

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