

Why career development?

Relevant Education

.....starts with *career development.*

- Fewer problems with the school environment
- Guidance activities directed at middle school students have the greatest effect
- Increased relevance in education
- Higher student and parental satisfaction
- Stronger student-teacher relationships
- Increased graduation rates
- Higher grades
- School improvement

*Research gathered from Hughes, Katherine L. and Melinda Mechur Karp. School Based Career Development: A Synthesis of the Literature. 2004

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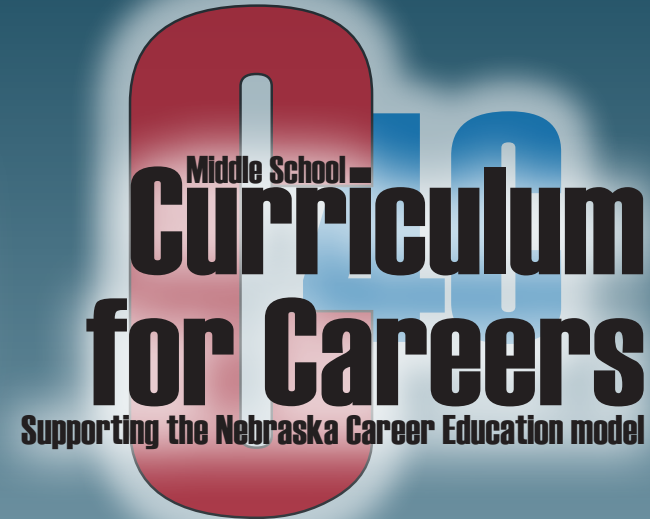


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After *2 years* of development, *Nebraska Career Education* is proud to introduce



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Skills for lifelong learning, earning, & living

What is **career development**?

Career development is an ongoing process including awareness, exploration, preparation, and application, culminating in *life-long career management*. Nebraska Career Education (NCE) recommends beginning this process in the elementary grades and continuing it through postsecondary education & onward.

What is **C4C**?

Curriculum For Careers

C4C is a career development course that focuses on exploration. While exploring all 16 career clusters, students will:

- ✓ **Learn** foundation knowledge and skills through career exploration activities
- ✓ **Examine** entrance requirements for a wide variety of postsecondary options
- ✓ **Locate** and use up-to-date career information that connects curriculum to relevant careers
- ✓ **Experience** extended learning opportunities that bring relevance and real-world context to the curriculum
- ✓ **Develop** Personal Learning Plans which serve as flexible and relevant plans of study for high school graduation and for seamless transition to postsecondary options

Getting Started

Before using C4C, you will first need to determine your district's logistical plan for implementation. C4C has been designed for semester-length (90 day) implementation, yet it allows for several other workable options:

- *Quarter-length (45 day) course, weekly or bi-weekly*
- *Guidance curriculum for the school counseling program*
- *Multi-year course throughout middle school*
- *Lessons divided among teams of teachers*
- *Introductory curriculum for career academy schools or small learning communities*
- *Use in Teachers as Advisors meetings*
- *Other delivery methods tailored to your school*

This curriculum considers the unique academic, personal, and social needs of middle school learners. The goal of C4C is to include engaging opportunities for students to discover career possibilities and how these possibilities align with their personal goals and interests.

C4C Web site

www.nde.state.ne.us/nce/c4c.htm

What this site has to offer

- Entire curriculum is free and currently available for online use
- Instructor information for getting started and implementation planning
- Identified goals & objectives
- Aligned with the Nebraska Career Education model based on 16 career clusters
- Detailed lesson plan guides with a variety of live links to additional resources
- Hard copies available for a cost (order online)
- Ready to use lesson plans and handouts

