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. **College and Career Readiness** 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** 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.education.ne.gov/nce](http://www.education.ne.gov/nce)
- [www.ctenebraska.org](http://www.ctenebraska.org)
- [www.nebraskacareerconnections.org](http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org)
- [www.careerclusters.org](http://www.careerclusters.org)
- [www.nctef.org](http://www.nctef.org)
- [www.ctenebraska.org](http://www.ctenebraska.org)

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