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 Learner ID _____
 School/College/University _____

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Finance

Career Cluster Plan of Study for ► Learners ► Parents ► Counselors ► Teachers/Faculty

This Career Cluster Plan of Study (based on the Finance Career Cluster) can serve as a guide, along with other career planning materials, as learners continue on a career path. Courses listed within this plan are only recommended coursework and should be individualized to meet each learner's educational and career goals. *This Plan of Study, used for learners at an educational institution, should be customized with course titles and appropriate high school graduation requirements as well as college entrance requirements.

EDUCATION LEVELS	GRADE	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies/ Sciences	Other Required Courses Other Electives Recommended Electives Learner Activities	*Career and Technical Courses and/ or Degree Major Courses for Finance	SAMPLE Occupations Relating to This Career Cluster	
Interest Inventory Administered and Plan of Study Initiated for all Learners									
SECONDARY	9	English/ Language Arts I	Algebra I or Geometry	Earth or Life or Physical Science or Biology	State History Geography	All plans of study should meet local and state high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements. Certain local student organization activities are also important including public speaking, record keeping and work-based experiences.	** <i>Business Essentials</i> ** <i>Business Technology Applications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Abstractor ► Accountant ► Actuary ► Bill and Account Collector ► Commodities Representative ► Controller ► Credit Analyst ► Debt Counselor ► Economist ► Financial Planner ► Foreign Exchange Manager ► Fund Raiser ► Insurance Broker ► Internal Auditor ► Loan Officer ► Non-Profit Manager ► Tax Examiner ► Title Researcher and Examiner ► Treasurer ► Trust Officer ► Underwriter 	
	10	English/ Language Arts II	Geometry or Algebra II	Biology or Chemistry	U.S. History		** <i>Business Finance</i>		
	11	English/ Language Arts III	Pre-Calculus or Algebra II	Chemistry or Physics	World History Psychology		** <i>Accounting</i>		
	College Placement Assessments-Academic/Career Advisement Provided						Continue courses pertinent to the pathway selected.		
	12	English/ Language Arts IV	Pre-Calculus or Calculus or Trigonometry or Statistics	Physics or other science course	Government Economics				
Articulation/Dual Credit Transcribed-Postsecondary courses may be taken/moved to the secondary level for articulation/dual credit purposes.									
POSTSECONDARY	Year 13	English Composition English Literature	Algebra or Calculus	Lab Science	Economics Psychology	All plans of study need to meet learners' career goals with regard to required degrees, licenses, certifications or journey worker status. Certain local student organization activities may also be important to include.	Continue courses pertinent to the pathway selected.		
	Year 14	Speech/ Oral Communication Technical Writing			Sociology Public Policy				
	Year 15	Continue courses in the area of specialization.							
	Year 16								

**See course descriptions on page 2.



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Finance Course Descriptions

(Course content may be taught as concepts within other courses.)

#1

Business Essentials: This is a core course designed to give students an overview of the business, marketing and finance career cluster occupations. Students will develop an understanding of how academic skills in mathematics, economics, and written and oral communications are integral components of success in these occupations. Students will examine current events to determine their impact on business and industry and legal and ethical behavior, acquire knowledge of safe and secure environmental controls to enhance productivity, determine how resources should be managed to achieve company goals, and identify employability and personal skills needed to obtain a career and be successful in the workplace. As students learn about different types of business ownership, they will interpret industry laws and regulations to ensure compliance, identify principles of business management, and analyze business practices to determine ethics and social responsibilities. This may be taught as a career exploration course in conjunction with other foundation Career Cluster courses.

#2

Business Technology Applications: This course is designed for those students who have not mastered knowledge and skills related to business technology applications prior to entry into high school. This course is designed to assist students in developing technological proficiencies demanded by business. The course should utilize various forms of input technologies to cover units of instruction that may include word processing applications, spreadsheet development, database management, presentations, electronic communication, Internet services, graphics, desktop publishing, basic Web design, interactive media, ethical issues, and careers in business using technology applications. Students may be given opportunities for completing industry certification requirements.

#3

Business Finance: This course introduces principles of business and management. Topics include basic business principles, personal finance, management, systems thinking, quality management and the current environment for business in a multinational marketplace.

#4

Accounting: This course provides a comprehensive introduction to basic financial accounting including recording, summarizing and reporting, principles of income measurement and asset valuation, accounting systems and controls.

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