



# Areas of Interest

The Areas of Interest at Oxnard College are groupings of similar programs that can lead to similar employment opportunities. It is designed to help students focus on a pathway of study applicable to their unique strengths, personality, and interests. The college's goal is to help limit unnecessary units or courses while also providing broad career and major exploration for undecided students.

## Learning and Career Pathways

Learning and career pathways are groups of careers that share common themes or require similar skills.



### Hands-on Learning

The Hands-on Technology pathway provides a lot of applied learning, like building things with your hands or working in the ever-evolving world of computer networking. Skills developed include critical thinking, analyzing problems, and working with technology beyond the traditional office space. This pathway will lead to direct employment opportunities upon completion.

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### Business & Hospitality

Business and Hospitality's pathway teaches the skills of leadership, creativity, entrepreneurship, and independence. All of which are skills and attributes used in careers like Finance, Marketing, and the Hospitality industry. This pathway will allow students to transfer, upgrade their current business skills, or enter the workforce immediately.

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## Education

The pathway in Education prepares students to help the community build lifelong success. Typical careers include Childcare, Paraeducator, and K-6 teacher. This path fits those who like social interaction, supporting diverse groups, and planning/organizing while wanting an option that can lead directly to the workforce or university transfer.

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## Language & Literature

The Language and Literature pathway can provide an avenue to careers as an Interpreter, Middle and High School Teacher, Journalist and offers global opportunities. This area of interest may be a good fit if you like meeting new and diverse populations, learning about cultures, and want a more independent work environment.

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## Law, Culture, & Society

The pathway of Law, Culture, and Society is the opportunity to impact society from multiple angles with a social justice perspective. If your goal is to help shape your community, this vital investigative pathway may be the key to a career in Law, Education, Public Policy, and Social Research.

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## Public Safety, Health & Wellness

The Public Safety, Health, and Wellness pathway focuses on professions promoting a healthy and safe society. Programs prepare you for careers in the diverse helping industry and physically protecting the community. This path can lead to Registered Dietitians, Drug and Alcohol Counselors, Dental Hygienists, and Emergency Responders, to name a few.

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## Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

The pathway known as STEM is for students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Careers range from the production of clean energies to developing lifesaving medical procedures, and beyond. OC STEM is here to support your journey in becoming the Scientists, Engineers, and Mathematicians of the future.

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## Visual & Creative Arts

People attracted to the Visual and Performing Arts pathway are typically interested in self-expression and learning to communicate effectively in various environments. The pathway will maximize a student's creative talents with a future career in Public Relations,

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