

# CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS



**OPPORTUNITIES AT SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2024-2025**

Simley High School provides students with a *variety of unique opportunities* to explore their post-secondary career options. It is of *critical importance* for students to explore different career pathways and to do so early and often. Students are *highly encouraged* to take advantage of these excellent opportunities that are right at their fingertips!

**Benefits of completing a career pathway program at Simley High School:**

- Gain a better understanding of what you are looking for in a career
- Experience firsthand what career will and won't be a good fit for your strengths, interests, and personality
- Learn what career options are available to you
- Career exploration improves knowledge, helps develop goals to work towards, and provides confidence in self
- College credits included as a part of many programs
- Settings, pace, and experiences are different from the traditional classroom, which may be a positive change for many. These include: immersive experiences, hands-on training, internships, off-site experiences

## DCTC SECONDARY PROGRAMS

Dakota County Area Learning School provides technical education for high school students at Dakota County Technical College- Rosemount. These programs are hands-on and a great way to explore different career options. These courses are a fantastic fit for students who are interested in hands-on, active learning in technical areas. *Please note that these are not Dakota County Technical College courses.*

**Courses offered include:** heavy duty truck mechanics, graphic design technology, advanced mechatronics, video game animation and design, computer service/networking/cybersecurity, total auto care, and construction trades.

*\*\*Not sure what a course is about? Check out the course guide online or the course description on Xello!*

**DCTC SECONDARY LOGISTICS**

DCTC secondary courses are open to grades 11 and 12. Courses are yearlong and are scheduled for a 2-hour block. Students will receive elective credits. Students have the option to provide their own transportation or take the bus the school provides.

CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A **VARIETY OF HANDS-ON CAREER FIELDS**

## » SAVE THE DATE!

There will be an important informational meeting held for any student interested in any of the TriDistrict CAPS programs. Students will hear more about each program from staff and students, learn how to apply, and have an opportunity to ask questions. To receive a SmartPass to the meeting, **sign-up using the Google Form here: <https://bit.ly/ccrsim24>**

**TriDistrict CAPS program interest meeting:  
Thursday, April 18, 2024 @ 11:15 AM**



# TRIDISTRICT/CAPS PROGRAMS



The TriDistrict Career and College Readiness Initiative/CAPS is a unique partnership between Simley, Two Rivers, and South St. Paul High Schools. The program aims to guarantee that all students graduate with a plan for their “next step” and have the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to be successful, wherever their chosen pathway takes them. This year-long program provides real life experience, exposure, and explorations within a student's chosen career field. Throughout the year, all students collaborate with community and business partners and work on key professional skills that employers demand. These include professional communication, growth mindset, engagement, and teamwork.

Students should be on track to graduate and possess characteristics of: *self-advocacy, follow-through, ability to work independently, ability to be a contributing member of a team, and adaptability.*

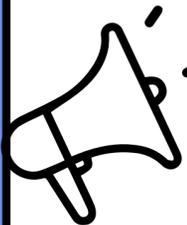
## FIRST SEMESTER CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

TriDistrict CAPS students report each afternoon to the host business partner site. Students will have extensive experiences and exposure to career opportunities within the career field of the course while learning professional skills.

## SECOND SEMESTER INDIVIDUAL INTERNSHIP

Students will serve as an intern 3-4 days a week, working directly with area businesses and mentors to continue to develop and apply professional skills while collaborating on authentic projects and tasks. Non-internship days are spent back at class continuing to refine skills and meet requirements.

## LOGISTICS- ALL TRIDISTRICT COURSES



All TriDistrict courses are open to grades 11 and 12. Each course is held at a different, off-site location and transportation is also available for all programs. All classes are yearlong and during hours 5-7 (12:30 PM- 3:00 PM). Students will receive elective credits and English credits for each semester, with the exception of the Computer Science/IT course, earning students AP Computer Science A credits and elective credits each semester.

Interested students should register for the course AND must apply at:  
<http://bit.ly/24-25CAPSApp>

**DON'T FORGET!**

# 4 TRIDISTRICT/CAPS PROGRAMS

## TRIDISTRICT CAPS- BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This course will provide a dynamic introduction to business. Students will learn the principles of all aspects of the professions within the business environment. Students will also begin to develop their “entrepreneurial mindset” and learn how to bring their own great ideas to market—this could even be your internship! This project driven curriculum will include but is not limited to: marketing, sales, advertising, hospitality & entertainment, event planning, human resources training and development, and leadership and management skills. Students in this course can expect exceptional networking opportunities with local businesses to partnerships with national and global companies. This course meets at Evolve Workplace in West St. Paul. **Students can receive 3 business college credits through Inver Hills Community College while taking this course.**



CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **BUSINESS, MARKETING, SALES CAREER FIELD**

## TRIDISTRICT CAPS- TRANSPORTATION AND SKILLED TRADES



This course is an excellent fit for any student interested in exploring all aspects of the diverse and dynamic fields within the transportation industry, and the skilled trades both inside and outside of the transportation industry. Students will have exposure to the business, technical, logistics, sales, and human resources sides of multiple sectors within the industry as well. Students explore a wide-range of career opportunities in the many different transportation and trades sectors. Students will engage in a variety of opportunities including case studies, project-based learning, hands-on exploration, through on and off site exposures and learning experiences. This course meets at North American Trailer in Inver Grove Heights.

CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **TRANSPORTATION OR TRADE CAREER FIELD**

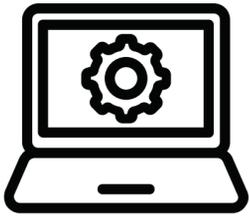
## TRIDISTRICT CAPS- HEALTHCARE CAREERS

Students engage in a variety of opportunities including case studies, problem and project-based learning, and on and off site shadowing experiences. Students will advance their knowledge of healthcare systems, legal issues, medical terminology, medical ethics, several of the body systems, professionalism, ethics. Students also explore many career opportunities in both health and healthcare professions. Students will learn about not just individual, patient-centered health, but through a variety of speakers and selected reading, students learn about public health, which focuses on the health of communities, regions, and our state. Students will meet at Inver Hills Community College for class. This course focuses on transferable professional skills and career exploration in the healthcare field to prepare students for a variety of healthcare professions. **Students can earn up to 4 credits through Normandale Community College for ENGL 1101- College Writing.**



CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **HEALTHCARE CAREER FIELD**

## TRIDISTRICT CAPS- COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES



Students will develop the professional skills, technical knowledge, and industry certifications to enter into the IT/CS industry while exploring multiple areas of information technology, computer science, and the fields that drive the IT/CS industry. Discover a vast array of specialty areas in technology careers where professionals utilize technology to solve real-world business problems and design products. Explore the following areas as they relate to PCs and mobile devices: software engineering, web development, operating systems, hardware technologies, network design/technologies, management information systems and emerging technologies. Students who successfully complete this course will earn HS credits for AP Computer Science A, as well as a math credit for statistics, and have the opportunity to take the AP exam in the spring semester. *Additional industry certifications are also possible.*

CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **TECHNOLOGY CAREER FIELD**

## EMR/EMT

The Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course is designed to provide the EMR at the scene of a medical trauma emergency the necessary knowledge and skill to manage patient care until the arrival of ambulance personnel. The course will cover the following topics: body substance isolation, anatomy/physiology, patient assessment, vital signs, bleeding and shock control, spinal immobilization, splinting, bandaging, use of oxygen adjunctive equipment, working with backboards and AHA CPR Certification.

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course prepares students to be eligible to take the National Registry EMT written exam at the completion of the course (after their 18th birthday). The practical examinations will be taken within the last month of class. Students may have the opportunity to work with equipment and may participate in additional off campus experiences. The course will be taught by certified secondary Health Instructors licensed by the Minnesota Board of Teaching, nurses, paramedics, physicians, EMRs, EMTs and other healthcare professionals. **\*Both of these courses are hands-on, career specific course.**

### EMR/EMT LOGISTICS

- EMR/EMT is open to grades 11-12 and is held at Simley.
- EMR is 1 semester for 1 class period. Students receive 3 college credits through Inver Hills Community College.
- EMT is 1 semester for a 2 class block. Students receive 6 college credits through IHCC.



CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **HEALTHCARE CAREER FIELD**

# CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course provides training required for basic entry into health care as a nursing assistant or home health aide, including 24 hours of supervised clinical experience in a long-term care facility. Students build their skills in hands-on lessons. Students learn nursing aide skills required for the state certification exam, practice them at local medical facilities, and then take the exam at the end of the trimester. This is a standard primary certification for the healthcare field and is typically a prerequisite into most nursing programs.

**\*This is a hands-on, career specific course.**

## CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT LOGISTICS

This course is open for grades 10-12. It is a one semester, 1 class period. Students will receive elective high school credit and 5 college credits through Inver Hills Community College at the successful completion of the course. Those interested should register for the course during registration. Registered students will need to take an Accuplacer placement test in reading.



CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **NURSING CAREER FIELD**

# URBAN EDUCATION

Interested in becoming a teacher or working in education? This class is for you! This year-long course is offered with concurrent enrollment at Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul, MN. The class explores what it is like to be a teacher and student in K-12 classrooms in the United States today. Issues that affect teachers and students range from standardized testing to race, from equity to social and emotional intelligence, from systems of government to systems of family organization.

This college level class includes reading and writing, talking and EXPERIENCING education from a new lens (including hours of observation in classrooms around the district). Education can be both a tool of oppression and of self-fulfillment. The problems, power, complexity, and joys of working in an urban school setting are the foundation of the course. The observations, diversity, vastness, and beauty of humanity are the vehicles of the course. EDUC 200 & 203 are the first two courses required for earning a degree from Metropolitan State University School of Urban Education and becoming a certified teacher in the state of Minnesota.

## URBAN EDUCATION LOGISTICS

Students will earn 6 college credits from Metropolitan State University (EDUC 200 (Intro to Urban Education and Reflective Teaching) and EDUC 203 (Multicultural Education)). *This course will be taught online using both synchronous and asynchronous lessons. Students in grades 11 and 12 from Simley and South St Paul may take this course.* The course will meet 6th period via Zoom or Google Meets and will meet synchronously a minimum of 3 days and up to 5 days a week at the teacher's discretion. Synchronous sessions include live classroom activities, whole class instruction, meetings, collaborative groups, small group instruction, and intervention focused on student engagement, active learning, and personalized support. Asynchronous sessions provide time and opportunity for self-paced lessons and application of core concepts.



CONSIDER THIS COURSE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE **EDUCATION CAREER FIELD**

- NEXT STEPS!**
- **If you're interested in any one of the four TriDistrict/CAPS Programs you should:**
    - Attend the follow-up informational meeting on THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH AT 11:15 AM.
    - Register for the course you're interested in on your Xello course planner.
    - Apply to the TriDistrict/CAPS Program using the link: <http://bit.ly/24-25CAPSApp>.
  - **If you're interested in any of the career pathway programs you should:**
    - Register for the course you're interested in on your Xello course planner.



## NEED HELP WITH MAKING A PLAN FOR AFTER GRADUATION?

Make an appointment with Ms. Kimble!

<http://bit.ly/kimblemeeting>

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