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#### Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

We all want what's best for our children. In this changing world, what worked for us may not be the best option for them. By attending Worlds of Opportunity (WoO), students will have the opportunity to develop a clear understanding of career opportunities in our area. Also, they will gain knowledge on the necessary skills and education to compete for these positions.

You may be asking yourself, "Why in the world does my eighth-grader need to worry about that now?" Well, the choices your eighth-grader makes entering the ninth-grade will impact career opportunities for a lifetime.

Southwest Alabama offers a growing array of high-wage and high-demand jobs. In today's job market, only twenty percent of the jobs require a four-year degree; while, sixty-five percent of the jobs require an Associate degree or advanced technical training. By considering options like dual enrollment; internships; and apprenticeships, students will have the opportunity to obtain high-paying jobs immediately out of high school without the burden of college debt.

The truth of the matter is no one knows your children as well as you do: their strengths, their weaknesses, their quirks, their ambitions. You are their absolute best resource, and their number one advocate.

Eighth grade students will have an opportunity to explore exciting career paths at this year's SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity (WoO) event. WoO will present real-world simulations of available career options. Each hands-on exhibit will be presented by top employers in our region By attending WoO, students will learn how to begin building a meaningful career as they enter high school.

WoO will be held Wednesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 20th at the Mobile Civic Center.

We want you to have all the information you need to help your child begin to make informed decisions. This booklet, published by the SAWDC AlabamaWorks, not only outlines what it takes to succeed in a given field but also offers sample occupations, general education requirements, and average salary ranges. Please review this booklet with your children, encourage them to ask questions, and seek additional support. Inside you will find information on:

- Aerospace & Aviation
- Computer & Information Technology
- Construction/Safety
- Energy
- Engineering & Design

- Healthcare
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Public Service
- Shipbuilding & Repair

To learn more, please visit **sawdcalabamaworks.com**.

Best regards,

SAWDC AlabamaWorks Board of Directors

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# SAFETY

Do you enjoy helping people?

Do you like solving problems?

Do you find learning exciting?

## Look around you...

People you see every day performing a job may encounter some type of danger or hazard. Safety plays an important role in making sure injuries and accidents are avoided. Safety professionals work with companies and industries to find ways to help them be safe. A position in safety provides a high degree of job satisfaction, and a variety of limitless job opportunities depending on education, skill and experience.

### What It Takes:

- An interest in science, math and technical concepts
- Good skills in working with people and communicating
- A desire to help and provide service to people
- Planning and organizational skills
- A genuine desire to learn and adapt to change

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## **Construction Safety Specialist**

Under the general direction of a Safety Manager (or Senior Safety Specialist on larger job sites), ensures the safety plan of the job reflects corporate policy and complies with the prevailing safety requirements for the region; administers job safety program; audits and inspects job site to detect and correct safety hazards; monitors the safety performance of all construction operations in assigned job site areas; performs accidents record analysis, and issues reports on a regularly scheduled basis.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Safety

#### Occupation:

Ergonomist
System Safety Specialist
Construction Safety Specialist
Industrial Safety & Health Engineer
Loss Control Consultant
Occupational Safety & Health Specialist
Risk Manager
Safety Inspectors
Fire Protection Specialist
Industrial Hygienist
Safety Specialist
Safety Technician

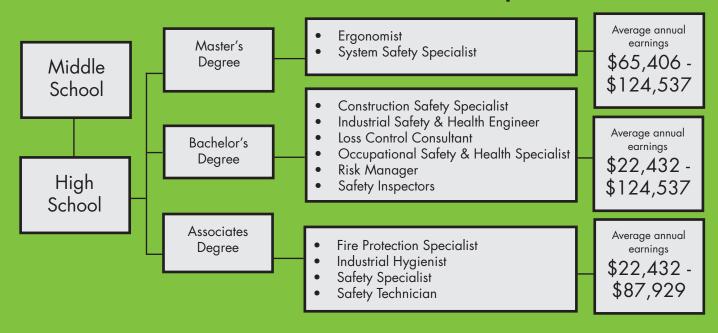
#### **Education Required:**

Master's Degree
Master's Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Associates Degree
Associates Degree
Associates Degree
Associates Degree

#### **Average Annual Salary:**

\$65,406 - \$105,243 \$73,144 - \$124,537 \$33,854 - \$52,420 \$73,144 - \$124,537 \$41,045 - \$87,929 \$22,432 - \$35,968 \$73,144 - \$124,537 \$41,045 - \$87,929 \$41,433 - \$77,383 \$41,045 - \$87,929 \$41,045 - \$87,929 \$11,432 - \$35,968

# **Career Paths in Safety**



A number of surveys report that job satisfaction in the safety field is high. Typically, 90% of respondents say they are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their careers in safety. The reasons often include work differing each day and being able to contribute to the welfare of others.

www.bcsp.org/ladder

# Safety Partners















All worlds represented in this career expo require employees to be drug free.

# AEROSPACE & AVIATION

Do you like to draw? Do you like working with your hands and tools?

Do you like math and science?

## Look around you...

Planes and helicopters are used to transport people and products around the world. People working in the aerospace industry make this possible. Alabama has plenty of opportunities for highly-skilled, hard-working people who are interested in designing, building and working on aircraft.

## What It Takes:

- An interest in science, math, and technical concepts
- Strong math and science skills
- Following directions
- Attention to detail
- Working on a team
- Problem solving

# Check Out This Cool Career...

### **Avionics Mechanic**

The avionic mechanic performs maintenance on tactical-communications-security, communication, navigation and flight control equipment. Duties performed may include: perform maintenance checks on aircraft flight controls, stabilization systems, avionics and controlled cryptographic equipment; maintain common/special tools and equipment; troubleshoot equipment and diagnose repairs and maintain shop and bench stock for aircraft avionics equipment.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Aerospace & Aviation

#### **Occupation:**

Aerospace Engineer
Manufacturing Engineer
Quality Engineer
Structure Engineer
Business Unit Leader
Technical Customer Service
A&P Mechanic
Avionics Mechanic
Non-Destructive Testing
Production Machine Operator
Sheet Metal/Fabricator
Assembler
Inspector

### Education Required:

Engineering Degree
Engineering Degree
Engineering Degree
Engineering Degree
Engineering Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Post Secondary
OJT/Technical Training
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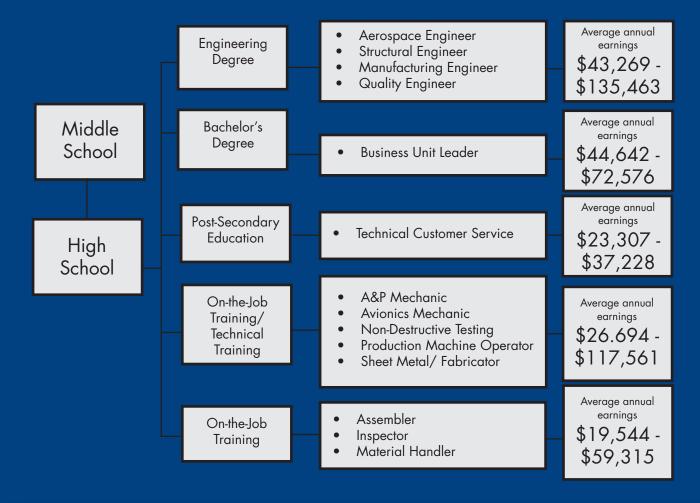
#### **Average Annual Salary:**

\$82,466 - \$135,463 \$65,406 - \$105,243 \$65,406 - \$105,243 \$43,269 - \$78,059 \$44,642 - \$72,576 \$23,307 - \$37,228 \$37,000 - \$63,000 \$41,931 - \$61,917 \$65,473 - \$117,561 \$26,694 - \$43,347 \$28,205 - \$39,992 \$34,381 - \$59,315 \$21,556 - \$34,770 \$19,544 - \$31-051

Material Handler

<sup>\*</sup>OJT = On-the-Job Training

# Career Paths in Aerospace & Aviation



# **Aerospace & Aviation Partners**











# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Do you Like PCs, Tablets, iPads and Smart Phones?
Do you like creating solutions using computer programming?
Do you like to go to the CLOUD for Social Media and Research?

## Look around you...

(IT) is the application of computers and telecommunications equipment to store, retrieve, transmit and manipulate data, often for a business or a Company. It is hard to imagine our lives without computers and PC's now a day. If you are interested in designing a system that could be useful to a business, create an application for your Smart Phone, Tablet and iPad, or manage and maintain a computer network with PC's and Mobile Devices, consider a career in Information Technology (IT).

## What It Takes:

- Love of Computers, Science and Problem Solving
- Great Communication Skills
- Enjoy working on a Team
- Creative Vision and Imagination
- Desire to Automate a Process

# Check Out This Cool Career...

## Software Engineer

One of the most critical and creative jobs in this industry is of a Software Engineer. They work in teams and possess excellent communication and problem-solving skills. This job requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in computer science, electrical engineering, computer engineering or a related discipline. They Design and create engineering specifications for software programs and applications. They Work with quality assurance to develop software test plans and collaborate with hardware engineers to assess and test hardware and software interaction. Software Engineers have developed most of the applications we see and use daily on our PCs, Smart Phones and Tablets these days.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Information Technology

Occupations:
Chief Information Offcer (CIO)
Project Manager
Systems Analyst
IT Auditor
Database Administrator
Data Analyst/Report Writer
Software Engineer
Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Exper
Quality Assurance/Testing Manager
Web Developer
Web Administrator
Web Designer
Network Architect
Network Administrator
Computer Operator
Systems Security Administrator
Desktop Support Analyst
Help Desk Tier 1
Instructor/Trainer

Education required:
Bachelor's Degree
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OJT/2 Year Tech Institute
Bachelor's Degree
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PC Technician

# Career Paths in Information Technology

Middle School High School High School

Tech

Courses

College/ University

Community College and/or On-the-Job Training (OJT)

- Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- Project Manager
- Systems Analyst
- IT Auditor
- Database Administrator
- Data Analyst/Report Writer
- Software Engineer
- Electronic Data Interchange Expert
- Quality Assurance/Testing Manager
- Web Developer
- Web Administrator
- Web Designer
- Network Architect
- Network Engineer
- Network Administrator
- Systems Security Administrator
- Computer Operator
- Desktop Support Analyst
- Help Desk Tier 1
- Instructor/Trainer
- PC Technician

Average annual earnings

\$22,533 -\$187,945

Average annual earnings

\$22,243 -\$67,666

# **Information Technology Partners**



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# CONSTRUCTION

Do you like building things or drawing? Do you enjoy working with tools? Do you get good grades in math and science?

## Look around you...

A team of construction professionals built every structure, residential community, park, hospital, roadway or shopping mall you can see. Whether you dream of designing a new building or wielding a blowtorch on a construction crew, opportunities are available throughout Alabama in construction.

## What It Takes:

- Strong math, science and time management skills
- Attention to detail
- Following directions
- Satisfaction in working on a team
- Enjoy working with your hands and tools

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## **Heavy Equipment Operator**

Heavy equipment operators maneuver heavy machinery safely, as well as calculate appropriate loads, follow blueprints and designs and ensure the proper running and maintenance of their machinery. Heavy equipment is a category of machinery that includes bulldozers, cranes, excavators, forklifts and other moving parts designed to transport earth or materials, erect and install construction materials, lay down roadbeds or pave materials. Work can be seasonal, with long hours and in all kinds of weather. Some operators work in remote locations, and care must be taken to follow all safety procedures in order to lower the chance of injury.

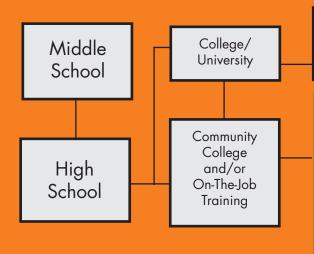
## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Construction

Occupation: Estimator Project Engineer Project Manager Boilermaker Brickmason Carpenter Cement Mason Drywall Finisher Electrician First Line Superintendent Heavy Equip. Operator HVAC Mechanic Ironworker (Structural) Instrumentation Technician Insulator Millwright Painter Pipefitter Plumber Roofer Sheet Metal Worker	Education Required: Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree OJT/PSE
Roofer Sheet Metal Worker Sprinkler Fitter	OJT/PSE OJT/PSE OJT/PSE
Welder	OJT/PSE

Average Annual Salary
\$51,306 - \$82,731
\$43,269 - \$78,059
\$67,677 - \$110,685
\$35,024 - \$56,766
\$31,818 - \$44,389
\$28,358 - \$39,269
\$24,602 - \$34,790
\$27,116 - \$37,203
\$32,867 - \$52,817
\$46,826 - \$68,547
\$26,637 - \$38,882
\$27,866 - \$40,997
\$28,286 - \$53,946
\$52,828 - \$75,251
\$24,530 - \$43,004
\$32,101 - \$48,370
\$26,841 - \$43,992
\$28,347 - \$39,981
\$28,347 - \$39,981
\$17,548 - \$39,900
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\$32.098 - \$46.356

## **Career Paths in Construction**



- Estimator
- Project Engineer
- Project Manager

Boilermaker

Drywall Finisher

HVAC Mechanic Ironworker

First Line Superintendent Heavy Equipment Operator

Instrumentation Technician

Electrician

earnings \$43,269 -

\$110,685

Average annual

\$1*7*,548 -

earnings

#### Brickmason Carpenter Average annual Cement Mason

\$75,251

### Did you Know?

Each year in Alabama, there are over 2,875 construction job openings.

Construction tradesmen are paid on average 33% more per week than the rest of Americans?

It will take 39% of college graduates 10+ years to pay off their student loans—Construction Tradesmen don't need a 4-year degree to make a living.

- Insulator
- Millwright
- Painter
- **Pipefitter**
- Plumber
- Roofer
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Sprinkler Fitter
- Welder



# **Construction Partners**







































# ENERGY

Do you enjoy seeing your completed work? Do you enjoy working with your hands and tools?

Do you enjoy helping people?

## Look around you...

Each day our lives center around energy. Without it, your morning would have been different... no alarm clock, hot water, hairdryer, stove, A/C, TV or car. All these are dependent on natural gas, electricity or oil. Challenges lie ahead about how we provide energy reliably in a growing world and minimize the impact on the environment.

### What It Takes:

- Foundation skills in math and technical concepts
- Work well in a team environment
- Self-motivated and attention to detail
- Life-long learning commitment

# Check Out This Cool Career...

Line Maintenance

Line installers and repairers (also known as line workers) install or repair electrical power systems and telecommunications cables, including fiber optics.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Energy

#### **Occupation:**

Engineering
Line Maintenance
Maintenance & Repair
Nuclear Plant Operations
Plant Operations

\*OJT = On-the-Job Training

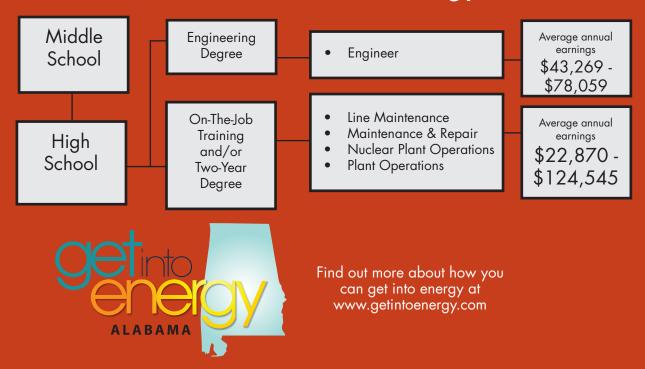
#### **Education Required:**

Four-year degree in engineering OJT/two-year degree preferred OJT/two-year degree preferred OJT/two-year degree preferred OJT/two-year degree preferred

#### Average Annual Salary:

\$43,269 - \$78,059 \$40,286 - \$72,519 \$22,870 - \$45,760 \$30,000 - \$87,000 \$76,270 - \$124,545

# Career Paths in Energy



# The Challenge

We need team members who want to make a difference in the world and power it forward. If you enjoy understanding how things work and working in a team environment to complete multi-million and sometimes billion dollar projects, then the world of energy is an exciting place where you can unleash your potential.

There are many reasons to consider a career in the energy industry. With the right education and training, you can begin a rewarding, well-paying career that benefits millions of people every day.

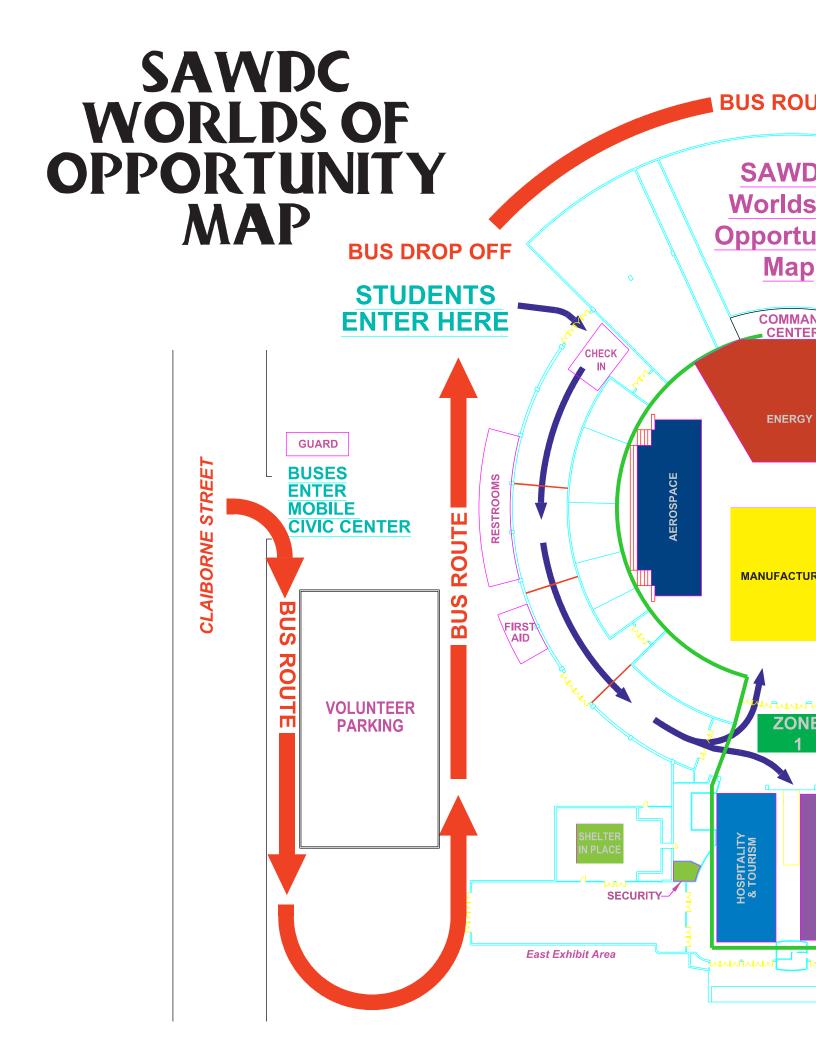
# **Energy Partners**

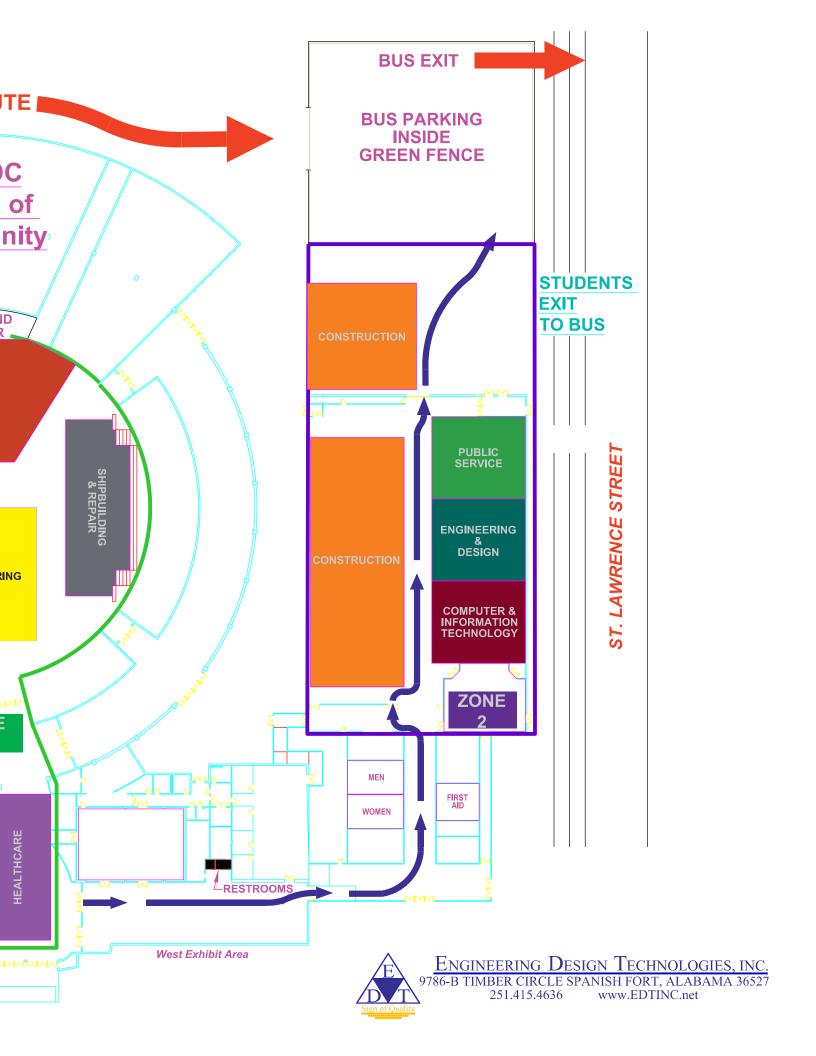












joy math and science? Do you like solving problems? Do you enjoy designing and building things? Do you enjoy math and science?

## Look around you...

Almost everything you can see was designed by engineers or designers before being constructed. High-rise buildings, bridges and space ships require the expertise of architects, engineers and designers. If you're interested in being part of something like designing a condo on the beach, or a ship, airplane or electronic device, consider a career in engineering or design.

## What It Takes:

- Strong math, science and communication skills
- Focus and attention to detail
- Being organized
- Interested in solving problems
- Enjoy working on a team

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## Civil Engineer

Working in one of the largest branches of engineering, civil engineers deal with buildings, bridges, dams, roads and other structures. They plan, design, and supervise the construction of facilities such as high-rise buildings, airports, water treatment centers and sanitation plants. In the near future, civil engineers will design the special rail beds for the magnetic levitation trains of tomorrow.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Engineering

#### Occupation:

Architect Chemical Engineer Civil Engineer Electrical Engineer Interior Design Architect Landscape Architect Mechanical Engineer Professional Surveyor Structural Engineer Construction Inspection Drafter / Designer Survey Tech

**Education Required:** Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree

OJT/two-year degree preferred

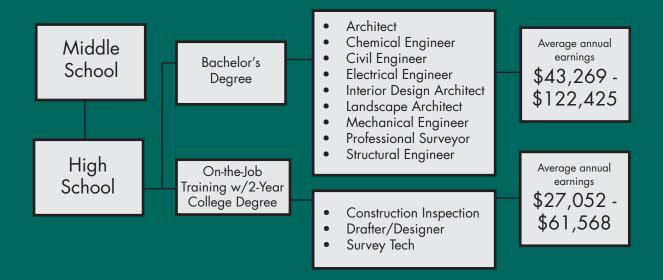
OJT/two-year degree preferred OJT/two-year degree preferred Average Annual Salary:

\$56,338 - \$107,711 \$80,019 - \$122,425 \$43,269 - \$78,059 \$62,370 - \$95,931 \$56,338 - \$107,711 \$45,371 - \$78,810 \$64,594 - \$110,239 \$37,593 - \$66,879 \$43,269 - \$78,059 \$33,654 - \$52,420 \$38,354 - \$61,568

\$27,052 - \$49,981

\*OJT = On-the-Job Training

# Career Paths in Engineering & Design



# **Engineering & Design Partners**























# HEALTHCARE

Do you enjoy helping others? Is science one of your favorite subjects? Are you interested in how the human body works?

## Look around you...

Did you know there are many other careers in healthcare other than doctors and nurses? Using science and problem-solving skills, people in healthcare create new medicines, discover cures for diseases, heal and comfort the sick and operate high-tech tools that diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries. Whether taking care of patients or working "behind the scenes," healthcare in Alabama has something for everyone.

### What It Takes

- Strong math, science and computer skills
- Attention to details
- Desire to help others
- Ability to work on a team

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## **Physical Therapy Assistant**

A physical therapist assistant (PTA) works under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The PTA performs delegated interventions in the treatment program for patients according to the plan of care established by the physical therapist. Physical Therapist Assistants help teach and motivate patients to use crutches, prostheses, and wheelchairs to perform day-to-day activities. An Associate's Degree is required for this position.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Healthcare

Occupation:
Physician
Pharmacist
Physician Assistant
Physical Therapist
Registered Nurse
Respiratory Therapist
Biomed Electronics Tech
Physical Therapist Asst
Medical Laboratory Tech
Surgical Technician
Medical Biller/Coder
Medical Assistant

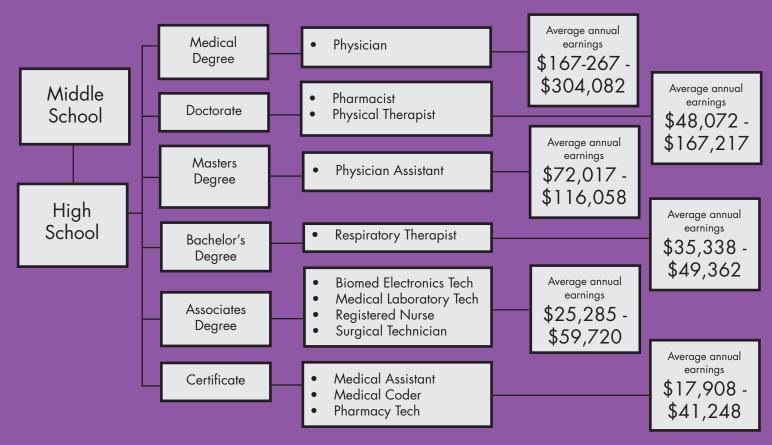
Certified Nursing Assistant

<b>Education Required:</b>
Medical Degree
Doctorate
Master's Degree
Doctorate
Associates Degree
Certificate
Certificate
Certificate

Average Annual Salary	
\$163,267 - \$304,082	2
\$112,392 - \$167,217	7
\$72,017 - \$116,058	
\$48,072 - \$89,574	
\$43,542 - \$59,720	
\$35,338 - \$49,362	
\$38,480 - \$62,000	
\$43,445 - \$65,738	
\$38,480 - \$62,000	
\$25,285 - \$35,866	
\$22,807 - \$41,248	
\$17,908 - 28,091	
444	

Salary ranges are provided by the Alabama Department of Labor

# **Career Paths in Healthcare**



## **Healthcare Partners**















# HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Do you have a passion for people? Have an appetite for a creative career in culinary arts? Are you compelled to WOW concert crowds?

## Look around you...

Hospitality & Tourism offers many exciting careers for vibrant and energetic people. People working in this industry have opportunities within hotels & resorts, culinary arts & restaurants, area attractions & golf courses and concerts & special events – just to name a few.

In the State of Alabama, tourism accounts for over 162,000 jobs statewide with combined payrolls of over \$3.6 billion. Each year our state welcomes more than 20 million visitors who spend over \$9.3 billion within our local economies.

### What It Takes:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- A positive attitude and desire to help others
- Ability to work in a fast-paced team environment
- Multi-tasking, good organizational skills with attention to details

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## **Pastry Chef**

As a pastry chef, your job description may include the following kinds of tasks: overseeing kitchen staff, ordering supplies, producing baked goods, decorating and plating various pastries and desserts and keeping the kitchen organized. Pastry chefs need to be able to bake, which involves attention to detail, knowledge of ingredients and a fair amount of patience. They also need to have artistic ability and creativity to produce pastries and desserts that look as good as they taste.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Hospitality & Tourism

#### **Occupation:**

General Manager - Hotel Golf Pro Marketing Director Front Desk/Sales Manager Events Planner Executive Chef Pastry Chef Restaurant Manager Golf Course Maintenance Maintenance Technician Spa Services

\*OJT = On-the-Job Training

**Executive Housekeeper** 

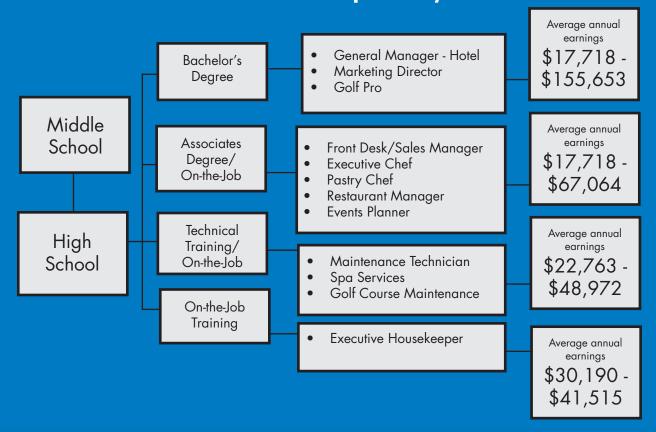
#### **Education Required:**

Bachelor's Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Associates Degree/OJT
Associates Degree/OJT
Associates Degree/OJT
Associates Degree/OJT
Technical Training/OJT
Technical Training/OJT
Technical Training/OJT
Technical Training/OJT
High School Diploma/OJT

#### Average Annual Salary:

\$17,718 - \$21,833 \$30,000 - \$100,000 \$66,615 - \$155,653 \$17,718 - \$22,833 \$17,677 - \$52,143 \$33,605 - \$60,904 \$33,605 - \$60,904 \$38,355 - \$67,064 \$22,763 - \$41,680 \$22,870 - \$45,760 \$23,380 - \$48,972 \$30,190 - \$41,515

# Career Paths in Hospitality & Tourism



# **Hospitality & Tourism Partners**













# MANUFACTURING

Do you like working with machines and computers? Do you want to see your work in public?

## Look around you...

Manufactured products are everywhere. Look around at the buildings, bridges, boxes of candy, car bumpers and everything in between.

### What It Takes:

- Strong math and science skills
- Willingness to be a productive teammate
- Comfort with complicated machinery and processes
- Excellent problem solving skills

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## **Process Control Operator**

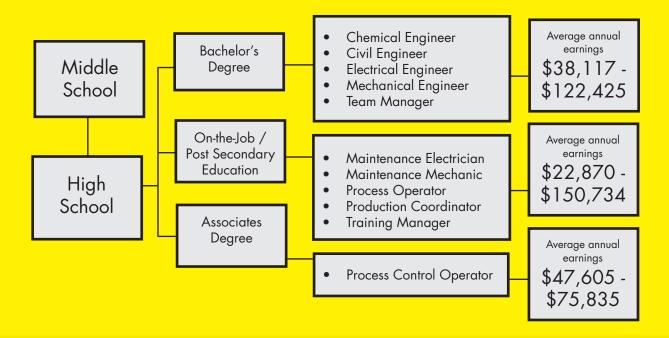
Process plant operators control, monitor and maintain the machines and equipment used to produce, refine and pump chemicals, oil, gas and petroleum. In most cases, the machinery and equipment used in these processes is computer controlled, and it is the responsibility of process plant operators to set the controls and observe gauges and other instrumentation to monitor progress and check for malfunctions, leaks and other faults. Some process plant operators will also be responsible for preparing and measuring the raw materials to be used in manufacturing and refining processes.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Manufacturing

Occupation:	Education Required:	Average Annual Sala
Chemical Engineer	Bachelor's Degree	\$80,019 - \$122,425
Civil Engineer	Bachelor's Degree	\$43,269 - \$78,059
Electrical Engineer	Bachelor's Degree	\$62,370 - \$95,931
Mechanical Engineer	Bachelor's Degree	\$64,594 - \$110,239
Team Manager	Bachelor's Degree	\$38,117 - \$74,699
Maintenance Electrician	OJT/PSE	\$28,870 - \$45,760
Maintenance Mechanic	OJT/PSE	\$28,870 - \$45,760
Process Operator	OJT/PSE	\$33,757 - \$49,714
Production Coordinator	OJT/PSE	\$36,696 - \$61,252
Training Manager	OJT/PSE	\$76,515 - \$150,734
Process Control Operator	Associates Degree	\$47,605 - \$75,835

<sup>\*</sup>OJT = On-the-Job Training/PSE = Postsecondary Education

# **Career Paths in Manufacturing**



# **Manufacturing Partners**























# PUBLIC SERVICE

Are you a good communicator? Do you work well with others? Do you have mental and physical stamina? Do you have strong values?

## Look around you...

A career in public service assures our society will continue to function in an orderly and just manner. Police officers, firefighters and corrections officers are some of the local service branches available in your community.

Military careers require some of the same personal and professional characteristics but have a wider impact around the globe.

### What It Takes:

- Loyalty to country, community
- Soundness of moral principals
- Dependable performance and attitude
- Physical fitness
- Acceptance of working long and varied hours

## Check Out This Cool Career...

### **Police Officer**

Police officers work in partnership with the communities they serve to maintain law and order, protect members of the public and their property, prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for all citizens. They use a wide range of technology to protect individuals, identify the perpetrators of crime and ensure successful prosecutions against those who break the law.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Public Service

#### Occupation:

FBI Agent Military Officer Corrections Officer Firefighter Military Enlisted Military Noncom Officer Police Officer

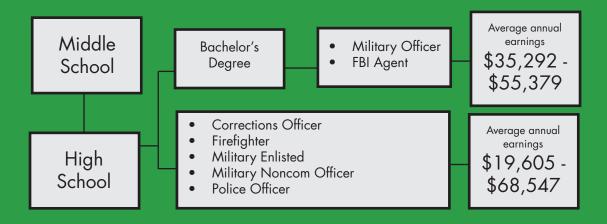
#### **Education Required:**

Bachelor's Degree Bachelor's Degree High School Diploma High School Diploma High School Diploma High School Diploma High School Diploma

#### **Average Annual Salary**

\$35,292 - \$55,679 \$37,000 - \$140,000 \$34,726 - 57,614 \$19,605 - \$34,160 \$22,000 - \$45,000 \$22,000 - \$45,000 \$46,823 - \$68,547

# Career Paths in Public Service



Earn a 5% pay increase with a two-year degree - Earn a 10% pay increase with a four-year degree

## **Public Service Partners**



Mobile

Police Department



Mobile

Fire & Rescue

**United States** 







Marine Corps

**United States** Navy





Alabama Mobile County State Trooper Sheriff/Deputy

Marine Police/ Resources



# SHPBUILDING & REPAIR

Do you like math? Do you like working outside? Do you like working with your hands?

Do you like working with a team?

## Look around you...

Before there were trains, planes and cars, there were boats. From small fishing boats and mega yachts to cargo ships and gigantic aircraft carriers, shipbuilding offers you a lot of career opportunities. Whether you are interested in becoming a marine engineer to design ships or a skilled craftsperson to build them, if you have what it takes, a career in shipbuilding can really pay off!

## What It Takes:

- Good math and science skills
- A positive attitude and strong work ethic
- Satisfaction in working with your hands and tools
- Ability to listen and follow directions
- Satisfaction in working outdoors instead of behind a desk

## Check Out This Cool Career...

## Marine Composite Mechanic

Laminate layers of fiberglass on molds to form boat decks and hulls.

## High-Wage, High-Demand Careers in Shipbuilding & Repair

Occupation: Marine Engineer Naval Architect Carpenter Electrician Machinist Pipefitter Painter Rigger Scaffold Mechanic Sheet Metal Worker Shipfitter Welder	Education Required: College/University College/University Apprenticeship/OJT/CC	Average Annual Salary: \$50,000 - \$60,000 \$50,000 - \$60,000 \$28,358 - \$39,269 \$32,867 - \$52,817 \$31,955 - \$51,812 \$28,347 - \$39,981 \$31,822 - \$40,481 \$36,914 - \$51,812 \$28,358 - \$39,269 \$28,205 - \$39,992 \$22,150 - \$39,673 \$32,098 - \$46,356
Composite Fitter Composite Mechanic	Apprenticeship/OJ1/CC OJT/CC OJT/CC	\$32,098 - \$46,336 \$22,672 - \$39,202 \$20,706 - \$31,106

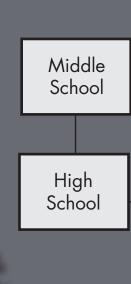
<sup>\*</sup>OJT = On-the-Job Training/CC = Community College

# Career Paths in Shipbuilding & Repair

The shipbuilding and repair industry offers a lot of career paths and opportunities to advance.

Whether you choose to work your way up the career ladder through yard or to go to college to earn a degree, with the right technical and leadership skills and a good to where you can go!

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College/ University

Apprenticeship/ On-The-Job Training/ Community College

> On-the-Job Training/ Community College

- Marine Engineer
- Naval Architect
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Machinist
- **Painter**
- Pipefitter
- Rigger
- Scaffold Mechanic
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Shipfitter
- Welder
- Composite Fitter
- Composite Mechanic

Average annual earnings

\$50,000 -\$60,000

> Average annual earnings

\$22,150 -\$52,817

Average annual earnings

\$20,706 -\$39,202

# Shipyards in Your Area





# **Shipyard Partners**

















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# THANK YOU

SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity has served as Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council's signature event since 2010. It was designed with one singular purpose: to educate Southwest Alabama's future workforce about the employment opportunities in our region. Thus, the slogan for this event has become "Inspiring our future workforce one student at a time."

SAWDC has developed into SAWDC AlabamaWorks, an organization that focuses on Southwest Alabama's workforce needs. SAWDC is responsible for engaging industry by aligning the regions education/training resources to meet employer's needs.

SAWDC develops strategic partnerships that attract and educate; also train students, job seekers, and workers to better meet industry needs. Our investors are instrumental in SAWDC's effort to develop a comprehensive and integrated workforce development system that better meets the needs of our region.

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