

SOPHOMORE EXPLORATORY PROGRAM

Program Description

Penta's Sophomore Exploratory Program is designed for students who are interested in investigating career-technical fields on the Penta Career Center campus. In this year-long program, sophomores are given the opportunity to explore many career options, earn academic credits, and receive small group and one-on-one career and life skills mentoring. At the conclusion of this program, students have the tools and knowledge necessary to make informed choices regarding their future educational, career and life plans.

Program of Study Exploratory Lab

- Semester One Choice
- Semester Two Choice

Your Exploratory Success (Y.E.S. 101)

- Career Exploration
- Study Skills
- Employability Skills
- Leadership Training

Sophomore Academics

- English
- Science
- Social Studies
- Math

Benefits to Students

Students participating in this year-long experience benefit immensely. Some of these benefits include:

- **The opportunity to participate in hands-on projects in two career areas of a student's choice.**
- **Expanded and ongoing career exploration embedded within the labs.**
- **Y.E.S. 101 class to focus on employability, study and leadership skills.**
- **Involvement in a teacher-student mentoring program to address academic, social and career exploration needs.**
- **A jump-start to an exciting career-technical education and future!**

Getting Started

Information regarding the Sophomore Exploratory Program is available in the high school counselor's office or through the Student Services & Admissions Office at Penta.

Interested students visit the Penta campus for one day to participate in a career assessment. Students work with their high school counselor to coordinate the visit.

During the career assessment, students work with Certified Career Assessment staff to investigate careers and determine how their talents, interests and preferences align with the career areas offered in the Sophomore Exploratory Program.

At the completion of the one-day visit, each student receives an individualized career assessment report.



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Exploratory Labs

Students choose two of the following career areas to investigate during their sophomore year.

Business & Information Technology

Leading to careers in: digital arts & design, medical office management, computer repair & networking, marketing, digital video production, and video game production

Construction

Leading to careers in: carpentry, electrical, masonry, remodeling, and heating & air conditioning

Health Services

Leading to careers in: nurse assisting, medical assisting, athletic training assistant, animal grooming, veterinary technician assistant, and dental assisting

Human Services

Leading to careers in: criminal justice, firefighting, cosmetology, early childhood education, and culinary arts

Manufacturing & Transportation

Leading to careers in: auto collision repair, automotive repair, computer-aided design, mechanical and electrical systems repair, precision machining, mechanical engineering, and welding/fabrication

Admission Information

Student must have earned a minimum of three full core academic credits.

Student must have completed a positive career assessment on the Penta Career Center campus.

The student must be entering their second year of high school.

Applications are available online by visiting pentacareercenter.org

Students accepted into the Sophomore Exploratory Program will be notified by mail.

Future Educational Opportunities

After completing the year-long Sophomore Exploratory Program, students can apply for one of the many two-year career-technical programs available at Penta. These include:

- Advanced Manufacturing Technologies
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Computer-Aided Design
- Construction Carpentry
- Construction Electricity
- Construction Masonry
- Construction Remodeling
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assistant
- Digital Arts & Design
- Digital Video Production
- Early Childhood Education
- Exercise Science & Sports Medicine
- Heating & Air Conditioning Technology
- Information Technologies Academy
- Marketing Education
- Medical Office Management
- Medical Technologies Academy
- Powersports & Engine Systems
- Public Safety - Criminal Justice
- Public Safety - Firefighter
- Small Animal Care
- Welding

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