

# Start Your Career Path Here

There's a great big world out there, so it's never too early to learn about potential careers. This guide, along with the Rush Education and Career Hub, explains how you can explore and advance your aspirations throughout your education.

Explore more details at [careerpathways.reachatrush.org](https://careerpathways.reachatrush.org)

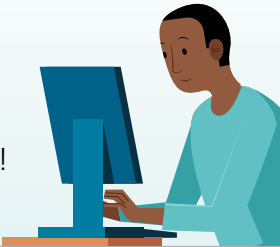


## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

From childhood all the way through adulthood, your interests will help build your career—so explore as much as you can!

## INFORMATION SERVICES

Immerse yourself in the exciting fields of technology, business and STEM!



## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Discover the intersection of business and healthcare!



## ALLIED HEALTH

Explore the extensive field of allied health to help people on their journey to good health!



## NURSING

Find your path in a variety of specialties and settings in the nursing career field!



## MEDICAL

Pursue one of the dozens of specialties in the medical career field!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

This is a great time to spark your curiosity—there are so many interesting career possibilities out there!



### Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Explore your passions and look into joining student organizations that focus on science, business, or technology.



### Field Trips

Learn about opportunities in different careers while joining classmates to explore classes and workshops.



### Enrichment Programs

Gain hands-on experience to help grow, learn, explore, and prepare for more STEM studies in high school.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Now is when you should start to create networks, seek out opportunities, and explore experiences so you can establish a focus.

Use this time to learn the important tech skills needed to advance your future career in information services!

### Challenges and Competitions

such as First Illinois Tech, and Cyberpatriot

### Classes

such as statistics and AP computer science

### Clubs

such as Everyone Can Code

### Programs

such as Rush-MedSTEM, Genesys Works, SMASH and MAPSCorps

Use this time to network with professionals and gain experience in the business world.

**Business College Courses** at your local community college

**Classes** like psychology and higher-level math

**Clubs** such as DECA or entrepreneur activities

**Volunteering and Internships** at RUSH or After School Matters

Research and learn more about which allied health career is right for you. If possible, obtain certification to advance your career.

**Certifications** through your school, or Malcolm X or Rush-MedSTEM programs

**Classes** that offer dual enrollment at CPS

**Clubs** like a local HOSA chapter

**Volunteering and Internships** found at local hospitals

Use your time in high school to create networks, opportunities, and experiences that further your interest and engagement in the field of nursing.

**Certifications** such as Nursing Assistant at a community college

**Classes** in science, math, humanities

**Clubs and Programs** like HOSA and REACH

**Volunteering and Internships** including community service

Explore the specialties of medicine and work to gain relevant experience that furthers your goal of being a doctor.

**Classes** such as AP biology or AP chemistry

### Clubs and Camps

such as HOSA, Biology Club, or CPASS research

**Job Shadowing** with a doctor in your favorite specialty

## HIGHER EDUCATION

It's time to pursue your passion by advancing your specialized skills and by committing to a career pathway.

With information services, you can immerse yourself in the exciting field of technology and STEM!

**Internships** at industry companies of interest or startups

### Majors and Courses

such as programming, data analysis, networking and web development



Focus on business or healthcare administration majors. Start gaining that hands-on learning experience.

**Fellowships** at healthcare systems across the nation

**Majors and Courses** such as accounting or marketing

**Volunteering and Internships** with non-profits



Use this time to explore and commit to a career within the allied health field.

**Four Year Programs** and take prerequisite classes for grad school

**Mentoring Opportunities** such as healthcare management internships

**Two Year Programs** such as Respiratory Care and Nursing



Use this time to pursue your passion to be a nurse and define your focus in the field of nursing.

**Certifications** to continue working while in college

**Job Shadowing** found at local hospitals

**Majors and Courses** in both two or four year focused studies



Use this time to prepare and stay on track for medical school.

**MCAT Preparation** like Kaplan Test Prep

**Pre-Med or Biology** Join PreMed Star and take prerequisites for medical school

**Research Opportunities** such as Rush's summer programs

