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# THE NAF PROGRAM OF STUDY

NAF's Program of Study provides multiple career pathways and curricular options for students to achieve NAFTrack Certification, NAF's employability credential that serves as NAF's seal of college and career readiness. In addition to NAF's five career themes, the NAF Program of Study embraces the US Department of Education's 16 career clusters and permits NAF academies to apply for dual enrollment/early college and state-approved career-cluster courses to meet the curricular requirements of NAFTrack Certification.

## NAFTrack Certification (NTC) Course Options

### NAF Courses with Performance-Based Assessment (PBA)

- Passing grades on the end-of-course exam and the culminating project (PBA)
- Options: NAF themes – Engineering, Finance, Health Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, and Information Technology

### Approved Third-Party Curricula (PBA)

- Passing grade of C or better
- Options:
  - Cisco
  - Intellitek
  - Odysseyware
  - Paxton-Patterson
  - Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
  - STEM 101

### Non-NAF Approved Courses (PBA/no PBA)

- Passing grade of C or better
- Options:
  - Cambridge
  - Advanced Placement (AP)
  - International Baccalaureate (IB)
  - Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)

### Program of Study Courses: NTC Approval Required

- Passing grade of C or better
- Dual Enrollment/Early College (PBA/no PBA)
  - Options: Courses directly connected to the NAF themes or other career clusters
- Approved Academy Program of Study (PBA/no PBA)
  - Options: State-approved career-cluster courses

## Program of Study Requirements

Successfully complete at least four (4) semesters of NTC approved courses with a designated NAF theme or other approved career cluster.

## Program of Study Course Options

Any combination of NAF semester courses and NTC approved career-cluster course equivalents with a required PBA.  
(1 annual course = 2 semesters)

## Performance-Based Assessments (PBA)

Successfully complete at least one NAF culminating project or a PBA embedded in any NTC approved career-cluster course.

## Capstone Project

Required if NTC approved career-cluster course combination does not include a PBA.

