

Low-barrier career pathway options for Chicagoland young adults

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What if a four-year degree program isn't right for me right now?

**I need...
a chance to
explore a career
field**

In Chicago, there are many short-term training programs that open the door to exciting career paths.

Progressive Post-Secondary Pathways - What?

Progressive Post-Secondary Pathways are low barrier to entry paths to high growth trajectory career fields.

- Low Barrier to entry means that an Associate's Degree or less is needed for entry in the field.
- High growth trajectory fields are determined by labor market analysis of the Chicagoland area.

Chicagoland CareerPathways - Why?

Chicagoland CareerPathways was created to address the inequity in post-secondary planning tools available to young people and their guides. There are many tools available that focus on college, but no tools highlighting fields that require an Associate's Degree or less as an on-ramp to employment.

Chicagoland CareerPathways - Who?

Chicagoland CareerPathways is a resource for young people, their guides, and unemployed / underemployed people who are looking for low barrier options to high quality career fields.

- High School Seniors who feel that college is not right or not right now for them.
- Young people interested in specific fields such as the trades.
- People who do not have enough money to go to a four year program despite any financial assistance they receive to do so.
- Young adults who have been court involved and a record excludes them from college.
- People who want a better understanding of various career pathways.

Chicagoland CareerPathways - Who?

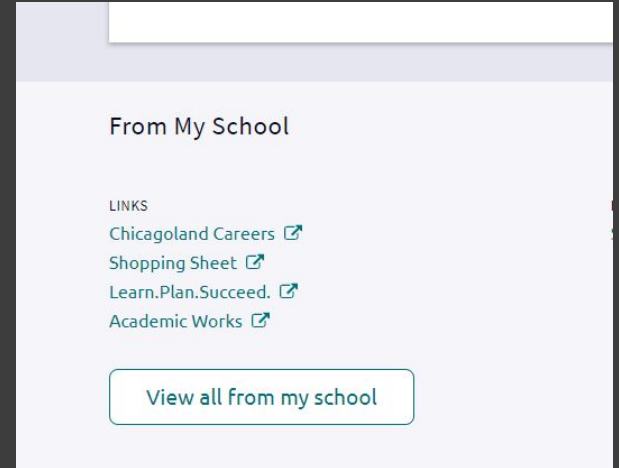
The Directory was a massive collaboration between funders, youth serving orgs, CPS, employers, state organizations, certification organizations, CCC, and many others to address the need for young people and their guides to have as much information as possible to plan for their futures while addressing the skills gap in Chicagoland.



Chicagoland CareerPathways - How?

CPS Students can also access the site through their Naviance accounts.

When students log-in and arrive at their homepage, they can scroll down to the *Chicagoland Careers* link.



Chicagoland CareerPathways - How?



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Hot Jobs

with Chicagoland CareerPathways

A Hot Job is an actual or accessible program based on the CareerPathways site that is high-demand, high-opportunity, low-barrier and well-paid.

Click the icons below to learn more about this month's Hot Jobs!

The screenshot displays a grid of icons representing various career paths, including:

- Code/Development (code symbols)
- Finance/Banking (dollar sign)
- Security (lock)
- Healthcare (ambulance)
- IT/Network (server tower)
- Software/Tools (code symbols)

A circular profile picture of a woman is visible in the bottom left corner of the webpage.

Chicagoland CareerPathways - How?

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<https://www.careerpathways.net/>

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Be ready to share out!

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Chicagoland CareerPathways - Feedback & Questions

Questions for the group:

- What do you like about the directory?
- What would you change or add?
- What questions do you still have?
- Has anyone been using the directory? If so, how? If not, how might you use it with students?

Please write answers on post-it and leave on parking lot

Chicagoland CareerPathways - What's Next?

We are

- Updating and maintaining the site
- Constantly adding new programs
- Gathering feedback and responding to need
- Enhancing features and adding components (video, alum reviews, inclusion standards) according to feedback

Chicagoland CareerPathways - Questions?



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