Core Concept: Engineering-Related Careers



Engineering Literacy Dimension: Engineering Practices

Practice: Professionalism

Overview: Engineering-Related Careers are the wide variety of occupations that require technical knowledge to design, assess, implement, use, sale, and/or maintain technologies across industries, which includes a range of jobs including, but not limited to, skilled production workers, technicians, engineering technologists, engineers, engineering managers, and engineering entrepreneurs. This core concept includes knowledge related to (a) the nuances of engineering-related career pathways and disciplines, (b) professional licensing, (c) professional/trade organizations, and (d) engineering entrepreneurship. Knowledge of Engineering Related Careers is important to Professionalism, as there are a variety of professions and employment opportunities in engineering and technology fields across industries, such as manufacturing, construction, medicine, transportation, and the military, in which one can make a difference and earn their livelihood.

Performance Goal for High School Learners

I can successfully appraise engineering-related careers and the general requirements of the associated employment opportunities to create a long-term plan to pursue my career goals, whether it be engineering related or not.

	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
CAREER PATHWAYS AND DISCIPLINES	I can list and distinguish between a variety of engineering-related disciplines.	I can select one or more engineering- related disciplines that I am most interested in and identify a variety of career options in each.	I can select one or more engineering- related careers that I am most interested in and list typical employers, education, and specialties for each of the careers.
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING	I can describe the importance of licensure and professional training in technological industries.	I can explain the requirements and procedures needed to obtain and retain an engineer license.	I can create a plan to achieve career- related goals in terms of education, training, or work experience necessary to achieve professional qualifications.
PROFESSIONAL/TRADE ORGANIZATIONS	I can identify the needs and importance of trade organizations for the engineering and technology industry.	I can explain functions of more than one trade organization in the U.S. engineering and technology industry.	I can examine an industry standard developed by a trade organization and evaluate how the standard can be applied to practice and industry.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP	I can describe how entrepreneurial thinking can enable the exploitation of technological innovations.	I can explain business functions (e.g. marketing, sales, human resource, finance, research, production, etc.) needed to validate and launch a technological enterprise.	l can develop a business model in conjunction with a technological innovation.