

OACTE CAREER GUIDE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Ohio's required Career Advising Policy states that every student in grades 6-12 should receive career counseling. A barrier to implementing this policy is that most educators have not had any training in providing career advising.

An online 8-week course with one face-to-face meeting (required) has been designed for administrators, counselors and teachers to learn more about Ohio's Career Advising Policy, career counseling, career development, and available resources to meet the policy requirements.

In the course participants will learn how to guide students in considering all of their career options along with the training and education needed. An opportunity to network with other educators throughout the state is also an invaluable component of the course.

Key objectives:

- A focus on Ohio-specific career resources and information
- Meet current legislation – Career Advising
- Expose participants to businesses and local career-technical programs and campuses
- Drive educators to state resources – Ohio Means Jobs K-12 & Career Connections
- Provide a forum for discussion and emphasis on career counseling best practices

Course Information:

- 8-week asynchronous course all online, except for one in-person visit required to a local Career Technical Center
- Cost: \$399 (Ohio ACTE member); \$469 (non-member)
- Learn more and register (after Sept. 1st): <http://ohioacte.org/careerguide/>
- 9 CEU's - (3 graduate credit hours may be purchased at an additional cost)

Course Outline:

Course Introduction

Welcome to the Career Counseling Academy
How does Schoology work?
CTC Visit Information*

Career Advising in Ohio (Week 1)

Career Academy Course Survey
Ohio's Career Advising Policy
How Do I Fit In?
Student Success Plan
Career Advising Policy Discussion

Getting Real: Helping Teens Find Their Future
(Reading the book and participating in discussion forums)

Weeks Two - Four: (Re)Defining the Goal

* Required: In-person Career Tech Center visit

Career Counseling (Weeks 5 & 6)

Week Five:

Ohio Means Jobs K-12 Introduction
Career Connections
Career Counseling

Week Six:

Ohio Means Jobs K-12
Career Pathways
College Credit Plus
Ohio's Graduation Requirements

Business Connections (Week 7)

Career Connections: Business Connections
School-Business Partnerships That Work
Business Connection Opportunities

Wrapping it Up (Week 8)

Final Course Project
Post Course Survey

Questions: Contact Megan Reed (course instructor), reedm@butlertech.org.

Course Preview:

You can access a course preview by going to www.schoolology.com OR

Email/Username: cca@butlertech.org

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Feedback:

- *"I enjoyed the course. It has definitely caused a mindset shift for me on how to talk with students about creating an appropriate career plan."* M. Tilow, High School counselor
- *I wanted to take a moment to thank you for leading such a useful course. Often PD & educational courses are geared more towards teachers or administrators, not counselors. It was exciting to take a course that is applicable to my profession! I am looking forward to implementing the ideas & concepts I have learned in the course.* –E. Green, Middle School counselor
- *First of all.... wow! This was such an eye opener. I had no idea that this was how our workforce is developing. I think when we are talking with teens about what careers they might want to explore; this ratio would be helpful to discuss. If a student has an idea for a career, counselors could possibly also discuss some of the related technical and middle skill occupations. It would be helpful for students to see lists like the one on page 100, because this could provide them with many other options that are still similar to their initial career choice. I also think this ratio might help show students and parents that college is not a necessity to be a successful part of the workforce.* – S. Brown, Edgewood MS teacher
- After an assignment on Career Connections submitted by a middle school teacher:
 - * *Again, I am amazed at the many resources that are on this site and had no idea. For me, I am thinking of my own kids and the first resource I would use is the PowerPoint on getting started. Just showing them what this website is and how to navigate it would be so informative and a place to start.*
 - * *I will definitely use the lessons and activities resource here. This has all been new to me and as a language arts teacher I struggle how to bring career awareness into my classroom but not take time away from my curriculum. This are many valuable lesson plans I can use that will enhance my current lessons.*

Questions: Contact Megan Reed (course instructor), reedm@butlertech.org.