Missouri has identified six Career Paths as a way to help students become aware of and explore careers in a logical and meaningful way.

Missouri uses 16 Career Clusters as a way of organizing occupations and careers to assist educators in tailoring rigorous coursework and related activities for all students. The Career Clusters include all occupations, even those not usually found in career and technical education. Career Clusters may be used beginning in grades 7, 8 or 9, and can continue as a framework for educational planning through postsecondary education.

Occupations within a Career Cluster are further grouped according to shared commonalities such as skill sets or common roles. This grouping is called a Career Pathway. Each cluster contains two to seven Career Pathways. Career Pathways assist educators in the development of a coordinated and non-duplicative sequence of courses that identifies both secondary and postsecondary education elements; includes challenging academic and career and technical education content; and culminates in one or more of the following technical skill proficiency, a credential, a certificate, or a degree at the secondary or postsecondary level.

Knowledge & Skill Statements
Knowledge and skill statements represent the skills and knowledge, both academic and technical, that all students should achieve for a given career area.

Arts, A/V Technology and Communications
- Audio and Video Technology and Film
- Printing Technology
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Journalism and Broadcasting
- Telecommunications

Business, Management & Technology
- Finance
  - Securities and Investments
  - Business Finance
  - Banking Services
  - Insurance
  - Accounting
- Marketing
  - Marketing Management
  - Marketing Communications
  - Marketing Research
  - Professional Sales
  - Merchandising
- Business Management and Administration
  - General Management
  - Human Resources Management
  - Business Information Management
  - Operations Management
  - Administrative Support
- Information Technology
  - Network Systems
  - Information Support and Services
  - Web and Digital Communications
  - Programming and Software Development

Health Science
- Biotechnology Research and Development
- Therapeutic Services
- Diagnostic Services
- Health Informatics
- Support Services

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Engineering and Technology
- Science and Mathematics
- Design and Pre-ConSTRUCTION
- Construction
- Maintenance and Operations

Architecture and Construction
- Building & Fixing Path

Industrial & Engineering Technology
- Creative Path

Arts & Communication
- Creative Path

Human Services
- Helping Path

Business Finance
- Banking Services
- Insurance
- Accounting

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Agriculture
- Nature Path

Health Services
- Health Path

Human Services
- Early Childhood Development and Services
- Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Family and Community Services
- Personal Care Services
- Consumer Services

Hospitality and Tourism
- Restaurants and Food and Beverage Services
- Recreation, Amusement and Attractions
- Travel and Tourism
- Lodging

Government and Public Administration
- Public Management and Administration
- Governance
- National Security
- Foreign Service
- Planning
- Revenue and Taxation
- Regulation

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Correction Services
- Emergency and Fire Management Services
- Security and Protective Services
- Law Enforcement Services
- Legal Services

Education and Training
- Administration and Support Services
- Professional Support Services
- Teaching and Training