



Planning is a program of study in the **Government and Public Administration Career Cluster**. A Career Cluster is a grouping of occupations and broad industries based on commonalities. There are 16 Career Clusters.

Career clusters link what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they need for success in college and careers. The Government and Public Administration Career Cluster focuses on those careers that are unique to government and not contained in another Career Cluster.

There are seven programs of study in this cluster:

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

Employment Outlook

Urban and Regional Planners conduct studies and develop proposals. They plan for the overall growth and improvement of urban, suburban, and rural areas. For example, urban and regional planners make recommendations for the locations of roads, sewer systems, and public service facilities, such as fire stations, schools and libraries. New jobs will likely occur with local governments dealing with population growth. The number of jobs for urban and regional planners is expected to grow at a faster than average rate through the year 2016. Nationally, salaries for this profession range from \$37,960 to \$91,520 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009). The average salary in Texas is \$38,120 (Texas Workforce Commission, 2009).

Using this brochure

Inside you will find a suggested **program of study** that has lots of helpful information. The model is an example of the types of courses and extended learning experiences that are important for the **Planning Program of Study**. Use this model to plan your course schedule, educational experiences, and career choices.

At the top of the model, you will find **career goals** with the corresponding **O*NET code**. The O*NET code is an official classification of jobs and can be used to locate career-related information. Your teacher, counselor, or media center should be able to help you locate further information.

The upper left side of the model highlights the **core courses and career-related electives** in high school that will help prepare you for your career goal. This model is based upon the Recommended High School Program graduation plan and can easily be adapted for the Distinguished Achievement High School Program graduation plan.

The upper right side of the model highlights examples of **extended learning experiences** that can enhance your knowledge and skills for your career goal. You will find examples of curricular activities, such as participation in Career and Technical Student Organizations like SkillsUSA, career learning experiences, service learning activities, and extracurricular activities.

The lower left side of the model indicates **industry licensures/certifications** and **on-the-job training experiences** that may be available while still in high school. This section also highlights the various levels of **postsecondary education** and examples of **career options** available to you once you have completed that level of education and training.

The lower right side of the model contains examples of **professional associations** available for urban planning professionals. Many organizations allow preprofessional membership while enrolled in a postsecondary program. Most organizations have websites which can be easily located by entering the organization name in available search engines.

Thinking about a career in Urban Planning?



<http://www.achievetexas.org>

This program of study may be for you! Urban Planners develop plans and designs for use of land. They estimate growth, design residential additions, and prepare for the growth of communities. Look inside to see the suggested coursework and learning opportunities that will prepare you for an exciting and rewarding career.

