

WASHINGTON CAREER PATHWAYS

Career and Education Tools for Success

Washington Umbrella Site

- <http://www.wacareerpaths.com/>



College Career Pathways

- Olympic College: <https://www.olympic.edu/programs-classes/workforce-development-and-basic-studies/wa-career-and-vie25-pathways>
- Pierce College: <http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/dept/pathways/>

High School District Site Personalized Pathways

- Clover Park: <http://www.cloverpark.k12.wa.us/Dept/TechnicalEd/Pathways.aspx>
- Lake Stevens: <http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/Page/1980> (see Career Pathways: left menu)
- White River: <http://www.whiteriver.wednet.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=121012&pageId=27731264>

Other High School Maps:

- All Published: <http://wacareerpaths.com/road-maps/>
- Drafts:
 - Kent School District: <http://washingtoncareerpathways.org/c/published/3045/kent-sd-kent-meridian-hs-human-services-pathway.html>
 - Sumner School District: <http://washingtoncareerpathways.org/c/published/2908/sumner-sd-behavioral-health-therapeutic.html>
 - Peninsula School District: <http://washingtoncareerpathways.org/c/published/2694/peninsula-sd-design-pre-construction.html>

Career Pathways Web Tool

- <http://washingtoncareerpathways.org/> (also known as WACAPA)
- Free to you thanks to funding by the Carl D. Perkins Education Act. Free support and training available through Christina DuWors and the WACAPA team.
- The Web Tool is a development portal for creating Roadmap Drawings and Program of Study Templates (POST).
- Your IT/web team embeds these resources through your district or school website for public access.
- Changes/revisions to published and embedded drawings are reflected immediately on your website.
- Need users added? Any "Org Admin" user registered with your organization/school in the Web Tool can add new users, or Christina can set them up for you.

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FAQs

Who makes the maps?

The WACAPA team works with you to design a personalized template then creates a spreadsheet for district to provide content for each map. WACAPA team then creates maps and returns to you for final approval. Your IT team creates pages and embeds maps on your website.

Who maintains the maps?

Each organization is responsible for monitoring their content accuracy. A once a year overall review is recommended. Simple maintenance can be requested through the WACAPA team or Christina can train someone in how to do it. (ie., contact info update, broken links, etc.)

How long does this process take?

This varies, but you can save time by choosing to copy another school's template design (see Step 1 below) and just changing logos and links. Once the spreadsheet is in the WACAPA team hands. It only takes a couple of weeks for the initial map drafts to be completed. The data collection for the spreadsheet and the map approval is dependent on your staff availability. Once approved, the map embedding is a fairly simple process and again is dependent on your web/IT manager's availability.

Basic Steps to have Career Pathway maps for your district/school:

Step 1: Decide on a template design for the roadmap. This is usually done on the school district level so that you have consistency across your school system. We can 1) copy and personalize one that's already been designed, 2) combine different parts/features from other maps to piece a new design, or 3) start from scratch and come up with an entirely new design. (see samples on first page)

Step 2: Complete data spreadsheet for map creation. After the template is designed and approved, I will provide a spreadsheet to be filled in with needed data to create the maps for each personalized pathway. You collect information and links for each pathway in spreadsheet and then return to me.

Step 3: WACAPA team creates maps. My team will create individual maps for each pathway area based on information in the spreadsheet and then send them back to you for modification/ approval. Simultaneously, we will work to design a landing page with links to all the maps.

Step 4: Embed the maps. Once landing page and maps have been approved, then your IT/Web person embeds the maps on your site. So far schools have embedded them on the CTE page of their site, but they can be embedded and linked on any part of your site you would like (teacher pages, etc.) We also embed them on WACareerPaths.com so you can just link there if you prefer.

Step 5: Train staff. Last, but very important, it is then time to train those that would find most use from the resource – advisors, teachers, etc. You want all your work to be put to good use!