

Achieving Levels of Educational Mastery

A Graphic Picture of Mastery Attainment and Explanation of the Graphic

Secondary Level - Inner portion of the graphic

The graduating high school student will achieve a Level One Certificate of Mastery that indicates the student has completed a School To Work Endorsement (STW) or a Certificate of Completion of an approved Vocational Program. The student will also have a record of achievement in Employability or SCANS Skills. These skills are integral to the courses of study that are identified in the Career Major within the Career Pathway chosen by the student upon entrance into the high school. The STW endorsement and the Vocational Program are coordinated as part of the Career Major and Pathway. Academic and occupational competencies are integrated within the student's courses and provide the student a solid foundation for any higher education pursuit (1 year, 2 year or 4 year) as well as a entry level employment. Employment will relate to the vocational/occupational area of endorsement/program.

It is expected that while in junior high school, the student has completed an assessment of his/her dependable strenghts, interests and abilities and can determine the Career Major/Pathway to follow in high school.

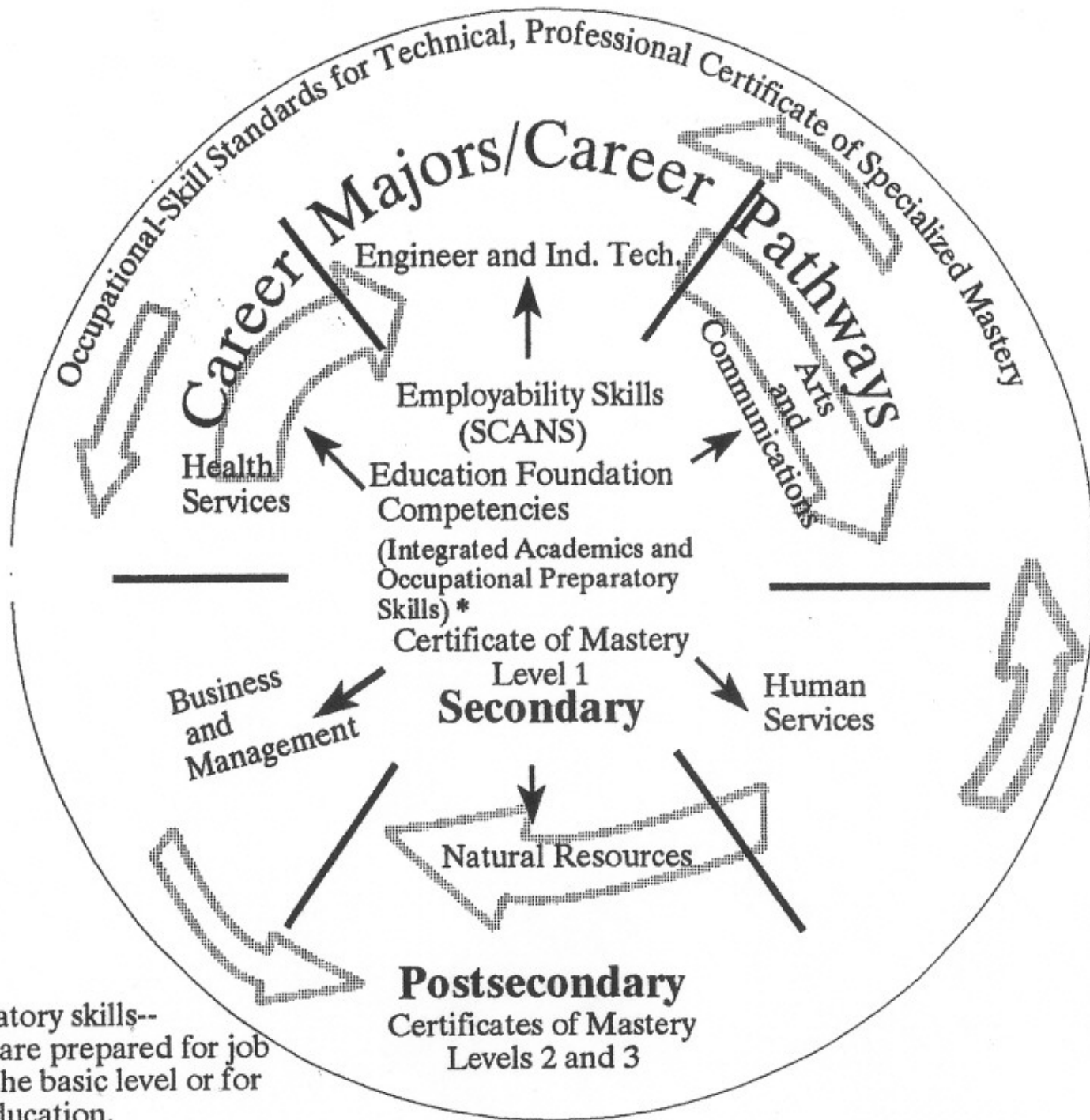
Career Major/Career Pathway - Middle portion of the graphic with dark arrows and light arrows

The six Career Majors/Career Pathways are the same six identified in the Career Pathways Booklet for Idaho. Courses are outlined in this document for each of the pathways. The open areas and dark arrows indicate the flexibility students have in changing from one pathway to the other after strong foundation building. The light, large arrows in a circular fashion indicate continued flexibility as the student finally chooses the higher education pathway.

Postsecondary Level - Occupational-Skill Standards for Technical, Professional Certificate of Mastery

The outer portion of the circle indicates the postsecondary level where the student chooses to enter a technical program or to pursue a four year professional degree or both by moving from a 2 year to a four year program. Therefore, a Level Two Certificate of Mastery indicates completion of a 2 year program and Level Three indicates completion of a 4 year program. Courses for each of the levels are founded on occupational skill standards.

This is a draft of an explanation of the attached graphic. Submitted by Dr. Dorothy M. Witmer and Dr. Don Eshelby



Level 1 - Completion of high school requirements with an occupational certificate/ STW endorsement

Level 2 - Advanced mastery beyond high school

Level 3 - Graduation from a 4 year institution

* Preparatory skills-- students are prepared for job entry at the basic level or for higher education.