

2018 Ridgewater Regional Career Fair

Discover Direction for Your Future!

Fri., October 26, 2018

Ridgewater College, Hutchinson Campus

EXPLORE CAREERS & SKILLS

- Get to know yourself & your strengths
- Explore careers and workplace skills
- Learn about high school classes that will prepare you for your career goals
- Discover tips for high school, college and career success
- Ask lots of questions and have fun!

PM SCHEDULE: 11:40-2:10

11:25-11:35	Check-in
11:40-11:50	Welcome & Directions
11:55-2:00	Exploration Sessions
2:05-2:10	Closing & Prizes

10th-GRADE STUDENTS and COUNSELORS:

PM Schools: ONLINE Registration begins Wednesday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m.

FIRM REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m.

*Explore 3 from among 50+ sessions! Register early - it's first-come, first-served.
Back page event planner will help for a smooth registration process.*

*View brochure, event planner and
registration at
www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair*

QUESTIONS?

*Janet at 320-234-8533 or
janet.meier@ridgewater.edu*

*Counselors should notify Janet by October 12 of special
accommodation requests to allow time to explore options.*



RIDGEWATER
COLLEGE



Mid-MN Perkins Partnership

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart
Dassel-Cokato
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop
Glencoe-Silver Lake
Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted
Kimball
Lester Prairie
Litchfield
New Century Academy
Sibley East
Winsted Holy Trinity

SO MANY SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM!

AGRICULTURE, FOODS & NATURAL RESOURCES

Ag-citing Careers

Check out the wide variety of traditional and high-tech jobs in agronomy, dairy and livestock production, precision agriculture, sales, office management, and ag mechanics. Learn about the new Ridgewater Agriculture Power and Equipment Technician program.

Agriculture faculty and students; all sessions

Fishing for Careers in Fisheries Management

Learn what it takes to become a fisheries biologist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and experience the different methods biologists use to capture fish.

Tanner Stevens, Minnesota DNR staff; all sessions

Leap into the Four-legged World

Bring your love of animals! See how skills and know-how take your compassion for four-legged creatures to a new level. Explore veterinary technician careers. Learn some basics of animal exams on lovable small animals like Kacee the dog.

Dr. Al Balay, Veterinary Technology faculty; all sessions

ARTS, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Art Can Really Make an Impression

If you doodle, are creative, and art classes are the bomb, create yourself a career in the arts. Learn about careers in the arts, and make your contribution to a visual public art mural.

Andrew Nordin, artist/Ridgewater Art faculty, and Lisa Bergh, artist/Hutchinson Center for the Arts director; sessions 1, 2

Computer Geeks: The Many Faces of Success

Meet a variety of computer gurus and information technology (IT) experts who will help you differentiate between several high-tech, high-demand computer careers that offer challenge and reward in an ever-changing field.

Justin McGuire, Vivid Image IT director, developer; Robert Campbell, Nuvera IT field service supervisor; Alayna Foran and Ridgewater alum Josh Horsman, 8 Bitstudio Design visual designer and lead developer, respectively; Lorna King, Ridgewater IT specialist; session 1

Dare to Jam with Audio/Video Techies

Microphones, amplifiers and video cameras, oh my! Explore Ridgewater's state-of-the-art sound and video systems that are used in the world of entertainment, convention centers, sports stadiums, and other communication venues.

Jim Jordahl, Audio/Video Systems Technology faculty; all sessions

Design Eye Candy Graphics

Create a logo design with Adobe Illustrator software as you learn about design elements and principles, color psychology, branding and the design process. Explore the



ultimates of creative careers!

Amy Jo Maher, Multimedia Design Technology faculty; all sessions

Photography Tricks, Techniques and Treats

If you love to capture moments and memories and you want a job you'll love with lots of variety, creativity and just enough technology, check out a career in photography.

Wade McDonald and Amy Pawelk, Professional Photography faculty; sessions 1, 2

Singing Careers Start in Your Community

Passionate about music? Singers like Whitney Houston, Jennifer Hudson and Elvis started in their hometown church choirs! This small group workshop will introduce you to local musician/songwriters as they share their music and experiences. Whether you aspire to be on the big stage or prefer a smaller venue, you will learn to cultivate and share your musical talents, starting in your hometown!

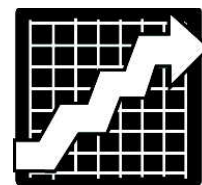
Mona Hjerpe, business owner, educator and local musician; Adam Krumrie, Crosspoint Church worship pastor and local performer; all sessions

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Careers in Fashion

The fashion business focuses on trend forecasting and managing "the right product at the right time in the right place." Discover skills utilized in the fashion industry, from store management to product development and design. Try arranging a trend-right line of clothing for spring 2019.

Kristin Daby, Alexandria Technical & Community College faculty; all sessions



Event Planners: You Imagine. We Create.

If you are detail-oriented, a good listener and you believe that little things count, being an event planner might just be the most fun and rewarding job you will have! Learn the pros and cons of professional event planning for such events as weddings, non-profit fundraisers, grape stomps, concerts, and corporate events.

Chelsey Schrupp and Patti Kern, Crow River Winery; all sessions

Frontline Office Extraordinaires are Communication Managers

Office professionals are the detail-oriented, get-things-done, people-loving organizers who make business offices run smoothly. You might be the friendly receptionist greeting people, or you may be the executive assistant for a company president. Variety is great for administrative assistants who plan events, schedule clients, arrange meetings, and create communications in business, education, government, health care, or just about any office environment. See why people enjoy this career for decades!

Linda Eggersgluess, Administrative Assistant faculty; session 1

BEFORE REGISTERING, RANK YOUR TOP 6 CHOICES

Keep Your Business Career Out of “Jeopardy”

Have fun playing Business Jeopardy as you learn the value of business networking, planning, community partnerships, etiquette, and more to help you succeed. Not everything helpful comes from a book!

Mary Hodson, Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce director; all sessions

Let’s Get Down to Business

Attention to detail and strategies help develop a strong business foundation. Help us save a floundering business by analyzing its advertising and promotions, while also considering its business and financial plans. Let’s make this business profitable again!

Ridgewater Marketing & Sales Management students and faculty; sessions 1, 2

Million Dollar Real Estate Listing

Check out our million dollar listing and discover what it takes to be a real estate pro! Learn the basics of flipping homes and assisting sellers\buyers to achieve their own real estate goals while you earn a top-notch salary. Meet two real estate professionals who will guide you through the process on how to get started in the business and how to land your first million dollar listing.

Tim Hacker and Erika Kellen, Edina Realty; all sessions

Show Me the Money

Money skills make sense in a variety of careers and in your personal life. Meet professionals in accounting, banking, finance, and business. Explore a spectrum of possibilities where you work with numbers and money. Learn strategies for a money-smart future and test your calculator savvy.

Shannon Kieser, Citizen’s Bank & Trust consumer loan officer; Justin Juergensen, City of Hutchinson senior accountant; Lisa Hauer, New Era Financial Group, Inc., financial planner; and Jim Rice, Ridgewater financial aid director; sessions 1, 2

Turn a Hobby into a Career

Love what you do and you’ll never work a day of your life! Meet entrepreneurs who turned passion into businesses! Explore ways to turn what excites you into a career and/or your own business!

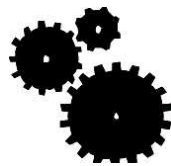
Brett Haugen, Stamp-N-Storage, and Tony Smith, FRF Productions, Ridgewater alum; all sessions

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY

Automation, Robotics and Race Car Simulation

Did you know that for every engineer the world needs, we also need 5-7 engineering technicians? Explore fluid power, automation, robotics, and engineering technologies. Get your hands on these impressive gadgets and industrial machines in these ever-changing fields.

Bob Lea, Engineering Technologies faculty; all sessions



Automotive Technology & Auto Repair Careers

Explore computer technology on modern vehicles. Use computer diagnostic equipment (scan tools) to test these sophisticated systems. Learn the latest techniques in auto body repair and painting. Discover what makes the machines we depend on daily tick and look so good!

Automotive Technology and Auto Body Repair faculty; all sessions

Draft a Rewarding Future in CADD

Computers have revolutionized how drafters draw, design and contribute to product development in numerous industries. Check out the latest CADD 3D graphics and see if Computer-Aided Drafting and Design might be a career for you. This degree is on both campuses or fully online.

Stacey Nass, Computer Aided Drafting faculty; sessions 1, 3

Electricians: Be a Terminator & Get Connected

Participants will terminate a variety of electrical connections using real world tools used by electricians. Discover how electricians are essential to building/remodeling projects and in great demand.

Keith Olson, Leland Floren, and Brent Hillmann, Electrician faculty; all sessions

Ensure Safety Using Nondestructive Testing (NDT)

Explore the ultimate of STEM careers by seeing how you can combine your Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills. Locate and identify flaws using ultrasonics, digital X-ray, and eddy current technologies. These are methods used to discover material flaws in pipelines, bridges, aircraft, and nuclear power plants to help save lives and resources and ensure quality. Explore this high-demand career of Nondestructive Testing (NDT). Ridgewater’s degree program is the best in the country with jobs waiting for graduates!

Nondestructive Testing Technology faculty; all sessions

Engineers: Turning Ideas into Reality

Ever used something like ear buds, cell phones or bicycles and wished they were designed better? Engineers are people who can make that happen through vision and know-how. See if you have what it takes to become a problem solver in this high-demand, challenging and rewarding field.

3M engineers; all sessions

How It’s Made: Machine Tool Technology

Do you ever look at everyday objects and wonder how they are made? Do you like computers and modern technology? Maybe you enjoy working with your hands. Machine tool technology and CNC precision manufacturing may be for you! See how machines, combined with technology, are used to create cool stuff. See machining processes close up and in action, and try your hand at running the machines.

Tammy Jablonski and Greg Ryder, Machine Tool & Computer Numerical Control faculty; all sessions

Meet the Arduino Microcontroller!

Microcontrollers are showing up everywhere from the key fob for your car to the stabilization system on a quad chopper – from shock sensing recorder of a freight pallet to the brains inside your competitive VEX robot. Meet the popular Arduino microcontroller. Learn the jargon and where to find parts and programming code. Wire and program a circuit for your commands. Microcontrollers are key elements in smart devices that enrich our lives.

Bob Lea, Engineering Technologies faculty; session 3

The Heat is On in Welding - 2 Sessions Long

Get your hands on one hot career! With college students, turn a flat, one-dimensional plan into a project you keep. Check out plasma cutting, fabrication, robotic and various welding methods used in shops and on sites. *NOTE: This hands-on session requires 2 session times. You'll work with welding for 85 minutes - cool and yet hot!*

Ridgewater Welding faculty and students; sessions 2 & 3 combined

Trucking: It's More than an Air Horn

Explore over-the-road trucking – what it is, what it was, and how it's changing for this company celebrating 80 years as a family-owned business. Explore a semi and roll on!

Kyle Kottke, Kottke Trucking, Inc.; all sessions

HEALTH SCIENCE

Doctors in the House!

Wanting people to be healthy is one thing, but having the knowledge, skills and compassion to help facilitate wellness is even more rewarding. Explore a variety of doctor professions. How do you decide?



Clare Koezly, Steppingstone Therapeutic occupational therapist; Amy Ellingson-Itzin, Hutchinson Health OB/GYN; David Mach, Hutchinson Family Dentistry dentist; Esther Roehl, Laura Longie or Carrie Schumann, Cash Wise pharmacists; Dan Daly, Caspers Chiropractic Center chiropractor; session 1

Healthcare Careers in Demand

Do just a bit of research on in-demand careers and you'll see health care has many options with jobs waiting for great people like you! Explore many in just one session.

Julieann Knutson, Life Enrichment Director and Ridgewater alum, Harmony River Living Center; Erica Hertzog and Brittany Becker, McLeod County Public Health nurses and case manager, family health; Cherie Miller, Medical Assistant faculty, and Lorri Matthys, Health Information/Medical Coding faculty; session 1

Life in the ER: Explore Nursing Careers

Discover the challenging and rewarding aspects of nursing through Emergency Room stations where you experience ghoulish scenarios with Ridgewater's state-of-the-art lifelike robotic mannikins. Learn the many career options nursing graduates from Hutchinson and Willmar have today.

Nursing staff and students; all sessions

Make a Difference in Health & Fitness

Learn fitness training basics and other proactive health careers within the exercise science/kinesiology career field. Learn myths and facts about nutrition and strength conditioning. Discover tips to help you or others perform optimally whether competing or living a healthy lifestyle. *Joe Meier, CSCS, Pn2, LifeTime Fitness trainer and tennis pro, Lifetime Lean owner/nutrition coach, and author of "Move Smarter. Eat Better. Live Happier"; all sessions*

Massage Therapy: An Exciting and Booming Healthcare Career

Do you like to help people feel their best? Learn about massage therapy, an expanding complementary healthcare option, one of the fast growing careers right now. Observe and receive massage techniques and learn why many clients are choosing massage as a part of their healthcare plans!

Katy Lundell-Stuhr and Jackie Smith, Ridgewater Massage Therapy department; sessions 1, 2

Medical Careers in Two Years or Less

Explore the rewards of being part of a healthcare team. Medical assistants and phlebotomists help gather information for diagnoses and decisions. Medical coders and health information technicians use information to ensure that patients have accurate medical records and are billed correctly. Discover rewarding behind-the-scenes careers.

Cherie Miller, Medical Assistant faculty, and Lorri Matthys, Health Information Technician/Medical Coding faculty; sessions 2, 3

Mental Health Across the Lifespan

If helping people lead healthy, satisfying lives by developing good relationships with others interests you, explore becoming a mental health professional. Mental health is key to happiness! *Mary Anderson, Steppingstone Therapeutic marriage and family therapist and early childhood mental health specialist; all sessions*

Physical Therapists Keep People Moving

Whether you have an accident, surgery or strains from overworking muscles, physical therapists often hold the key to restoring better health. Discover tools and techniques used and explore if this growing field is for you.

Kristi Quitney, Meeker Memorial Hospital; sessions 2, 3

HUMAN SERVICES

A Call to Ministry

What do you get when you combine 4-Square, deep talks over coffee, world travel, ninja social media skills, a deep caring for people, the rush of public speaking, and a desire to live out your faith? You get a rewarding pastor or youth ministry director job! Hear about a ministry life in this small group to see if it's something you might be called to do!

Dave Wollan and Gladys Nissen, Faith Lutheran Church; Steve Olcott and Ali Danielson, Christ the King Lutheran Church; all sessions



BEFORE REGISTERING, RANK YOUR TOP 6 CHOICES

Education Careers: Preschool through College

You've spent years observing teachers, counselors and administrators from your student point of view - now's your chance to hear about what drives educators and what goes on behind the scenes. This panel can help you decide if a career helping students might be as rewarding for you! *Little Lambs Preschool educator Debbie Koglin, retirees high school teacher Bruce Eckhart and college dean Mike Boehme, and college speech faculty Julie Bredeson; sessions 1, 2*

How a History Degree Can Work for You

What do Martha Stewart, Conan O'Brien, Chris Berman, Steve Carrell, Joe Biden, Will Forte, and Jimmy Buffet have in common? They all hold history degrees. Use a history degree in TV, radio, literature, museums, education, and more! See how history can help you achieve your life goals. Polish and use your skills to your advantage in analytical thinking, public speaking, writing, and public relations. *Brian Haines, McLeod County Museum director; all sessions*

Funeral Directors: Where Compassion & Business Meet

If you've experienced the death of a friend or family member, you know it's a sensitive time. Explore how funeral directors tie biological finality like embalming and cremation to emotional peace in challenging but rewarding careers. *Kelly Roberts, Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Home; session 1*

Help Others via Emergency Medical Services

Did you know that almost anyone can make a difference in an emergency? Providing basic care until EMS arrives is a set of skills that one can use to help yourself, friends and family, or other community members. Learn not only what you can do to help during an emergency, but also what professional responders do once we arrive. *Brian Ehlenbach, Ridgewater Paramedic faculty; all sessions*

Law Enforcement - Police Tactics & Operations

What is local law enforcement? See what community policing is all about. Learn what officers do and how they do it. Discover different careers within law enforcement and what it takes to become a licensed police officer in Minnesota. Learn how Ridgewater's two-year program is available online also. *Hutchinson Police Department and Kyle Johnson, Ridgewater Law Enforcement faculty; all sessions*

Law & Order: In Search of Justice

Dramatic TV lawyers are different from the hometown lawyer who might bail you out of a sticky situation. Explore the real and sometimes humorous side of law. Participate in

case discussions and learn about several career options. *Marc Sebor, Hutchinson city attorney, and Melissa Starke, City of Hutchinson paralegal; all sessions*

Legal Careers in Just 2 Years

You don't have to become a lawyer to work in law. Legal support staff are critical to successful legal offices, from the traditional law firm to the lesser known jobs in banking, real estate, government, courts, politics, law enforcement or corporations. Discover rewarding career opportunities for legal administrative assistants and other law support staff; do a hands-on computer discovery into a legal case. *Colleen Norgren, Legal Assistant faculty, law librarian and paralegal; sessions 2, 3*

Little Kids Know How to Have Fun

Do you like being around young children? Do you want a career where no two days are the same? Learn what preschoolers have to teach us by enjoying activities with preschoolers from a local child care center. Also learn about Ridgewater's programs: Educational Paraprofessional and Early Childhood (first two years of a four-year degree with bachelor degree partnership). *Cindy Salfer, Early Childhood Education faculty, and Angeline Kallhoff, Educational Assistant faculty; sessions 2, 3*

Look Fabulous with Cosmetology

Ever wonder what it is like to make people look and feel beautiful? Consider a career in cosmetology, where you use techniques for great hair, skin and nail care and more! Work on real human hair mannequins using tools of the trade. Learn tips for your own hair styling. *Ridgewater Cosmetology staff; sessions 1, 2*

GENERAL SESSIONS

College Knowledge

Aren't sure which college is right for you? Discover what Minnesota colleges are about. Differentiate public vs. private colleges, explore online resources, and learn scholarship application tips to help guide your future. *Jehana Schwandt, Ridgewater Admissions rep.; session 3*

Effective Problem Solvers Achieve

Turn challenging situations into growth opportunities using the right mindset and strategies. Problem-solving strategies are key to being able to respond to challenges at school or in a work setting. They're also great for reducing stress in your daily life. This session will help you achieve greater results today and in your future! *Cheryl Glaser, Achieve TFC, owner/president; all sessions*

REGISTER ONLINE: 8 a.m., Wed., October 3 through 2 p.m., Fri., October 12

See Event Planner on back page and complete Step 1 prior to the opening of online registration.

NOTES: Not all sessions are available at all times, depending on presenter/room availability. Use session info as you complete your event planner. Also, sometimes Internet Explorer works better than Firefox for online registration, depending on your device. Many use Chrome and Safari.

Learn to Lead: Tips to Become a Great Leader

Few leaders are born leaders, but rather, they grow into leadership roles. Give yourself an early edge by learning tips to be a great leader, team member, and sometimes follower. Learn tips that have launched great leaders to success. Gary Foster, Ridgewater Customized Training and Continuing Education; sessions 2, 3

Match Your Personality to Your Career

Discover how a personality profile can help you understand yourself now and for potential future careers. Learn why people do what they do so you can appreciate personality differences within your current activities, personal relationships, and future work teams. Get ready for fun! Gary Foster, Ridgewater Customized Training and Continuing Education; all sessions

Military Challenges and Options

Military careers mean different things to different people. Check out what it means today: opportunities in various branches and how post-secondary education fits into a soldier's life. Participate in the boot camp physical challenge! Sgt. Chris Yurek and staff, National Guard; all sessions

ONLINE Learning: Is it for You?

YOU may learn more through online courses than any other generation. Discover whether this unique, convenient and accessible format is a good match for your learning style. Gain tips for success, because there's a good chance you'll eventually take a full or partially online course some day. Julie Reginek, Ridgewater faculty and online learning specialist; sessions 2, 3

Hypothesis: Science + Skills=Rewarding Careers

Whether you experiment with microscopes, petri dishes, test tubes, chemicals, or microorganisms, the power of science is the foundation to many intriguing careers. Think science if you pursue health care, research, environmental issues - anything where you need critical thinking skills. Ridgewater science faculty Lori Anderson, combined sessions 2 & 3

STAND OUT in Your Job Searches

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services staff want to help you with effective ways to find a job by sharing tips on first impressions - "let's take a selfie," best places to look for jobs, and job interviews, "the good, the bad, and the ugly." Central MN Jobs & Training Services; all sessions

EVENT PLANNER

Complete this prior to registration opening October 3 to speed the process and increase your chances to get the sessions you want.

Step 1: Write in and rank your top 6 choices below. You will also use these to register online.

1 _____ 4 _____
2 _____ 5 _____
3 _____ 6 _____

Step 2. Registration opens Wed., October 3. Go to www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair to register by 2:00 p.m., Fri., October 12.

Step 3. Enter the student information requested and select your school. **Once you select your school, your dropdown window of options will appear.**

Step 4. You will participate in 3 sessions at this event. Not all sessions are available for every time slot. **See the online windows that will look similar to this:**

1 _____ 4 (Alternate A) _____ Alternate B _____
2 _____ 5 (Alternate A) _____ Alternate B _____
3 _____ 6 (Alternate A) _____ Alternate B _____

Step 5. Try to select your TOP 3 rankings in ANY order. For example, if your top choice is full or not available during the first session time slot, check its availability during the second or third sessions. If you can't get all three of your top choices, then check the availability of your next highest ranked choices from step 1.

Step 6. Select options for your alternates. If you did not get some of your top 3 choices, be sure to include them as your A Alternates. Then also select B Alternates, just in case. *We often combine smaller sessions or occasionally need to adjust some registrations so it's best we know your true top choices. Sometimes a change in another student's registration can open a higher priority for you.*

Step 7. Hit the submit button. You should receive a confirmation email.

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2. If you have special needs, remind your counselor to notify Janet Meier by October 12 to address accommodations.