



Regional Career Exploration Day

Friday, April 26, 2019

8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ridgewater College, Willmar Campus

CAREER EXPLORATION FOR 10th- GRADERS

Registration on a first-come, first-serve basis

Registration Deadline – 9:00 a.m., Fri., April 19, 2019

Register online – go to www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:00	Drop off - Gymnasium – Lot C East
9:05 - 9:15	Welcome – Gymnasium
9:30 - 10:20	Session 1
10:45 - 11:35	Session 2
11:35 - 12:00	Lunch – Gymnasium
12:10 - 1:00	Session 3
1:10 - 1:30	Evaluation/Prizes – Gymnasium

This event is a collaboration between Ridgewater College, Mid-MN Perkins Partnership and several community partners.

If you have any questions, contact Jodi at 320-222-6072 or Jodi.Jordon@ridgewater.edu

Ridgewater College is an equal opportunity employer/educator. This document is also available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 800-722-1151. Consumers with speech or hearing disabilities may contact us via their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.



AUTO MECHANICS TECHNOLOGY

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Talk to a car using a hand-held computer, check its temperature, tell it to cool off, check its memory and tell it to run faster. Operate a car at highway speeds without leaving the shop and check the speedometer. Observe the inner workings of an engine while it is running.

Ridgewater Instructors

BUSINESS HUB

Sessions 1 & 2

Try your skills at the business Jeopardy game and learn about business specialist jobs: legal assistant, administrative assistant, accountant and bookkeeper.

Ridgewater Instructors

CSI – WILLMAR

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Learn about the various career opportunities in the law enforcement field. Try your hand at crime scene investigation techniques. Learn which applications from popular TV shows are real and which are fiction.

Ridgewater Law Enforcement Staff and Students

LITTLE KIDS KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN

Sessions 1 & 2

Have fun creating educational activities to use in high-demand early childhood programs/careers. Learn about the 2- and 4-year programs offered through Ridgewater, plus a new online certificate option.

Ridgewater Instructor Cindy Salfer & YMCA Child Care Center

NURSING CAREERS

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Participants will learn about careers in nursing and have a hands-on experience working with high-tech simulators.

Ridgewater Instructors

AUTO BODY ARTISTRY

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Auto body technicians are skilled metal repair experts who are involved in all phases of auto body repairs. Try your artistic skills using the virtual painter and the vinyl graphic machine.

Ridgewater Instructors

COMPUTERS: LESS VOODOO, MORE FUN

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Try using virtual reality equipment and learn how to trouble-shoot computer problems. Explore careers in the computer support fields.

Ridgewater Computer Systems Technology Students

CAREERS FOR THE ARTIST

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Learn about the variety of careers in the fine arts field. Get tips on how to improve your art work.

Artist and Educator Paula Lundquist

LOVE NATURE?

Sessions 1, 2, & 3

What does a naturalist do? Participate in a fun State Park game plus learn about some exciting educational and recreational state park opportunities.

Sibley State Park Naturalist Kelsey Olson

ELECTRICIAN

Sessions 1 & 2

Build a lighting circuit using electrical boxes, wire, a switch, and a lighting fixture. The circuit will work when completed. Operate some of the tools used by electricians.

Ridgewater Electrician Staff & Students

THE WORLD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Explore careers in veterinary medicine and veterinary technology. Experience a hands-on canine physical examination with emphasis on stethoscope usage and an overview of canine heartworm disease.

Ridgewater Instructors

THEATER ARTS

Session 3

Who is the next Brad Pitt or Jennifer Lawrence? Participants will be involved in an improvisational workshop and learn about exciting careers in theater arts.

Ridgewater Instructor Matt Hegdahl

FLORAL DESIGN

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Discover the day-to-day operations of a floral shop. Learn the fine art of creating beautiful floral arrangements.

Floral Designer Cheryl Molenaar

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

Sessions 2 & 3

Discover what Minnesota colleges are all about and what you need to do and know now to have the options you may want in your future! Gain a better understanding of higher education options and learn valuable resources so you can make informed choices about college.

Ridgewater Advisor Jehana Schwandt

LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREERS

Sessions 1 & 2

Learn about an officer's journey in law enforcement. Explore the many opportunities in this exciting career field and try on SWAT gear.

Willmar Police Department Officer James Venenga

THE DOCTOR IS IN

Session 3

Local professionals will share their journeys to become doctors. Hear personal stories from possible panelists: dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, or psychologist.

ARE YOU MILITARY MATERIAL?

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Check out the many career opportunities available in the military. Meet military personnel who will share their experiences. Sit behind the wheel of a military Humvee.

Army National Guard Staff

CARPENTRY

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Explore the field of carpentry. Have a hands-on experience using the tools of the trade.

Ridgewater Instructor Jake Pulsifer

AG POWER

Sessions 2 & 3

Ag mechanics is an in-demand career. Try your hand at the high-tech hydraulic table to simulate mechanical problems.

Ridgewater Agriculture Instructors

ILLUSTRATOR DESIGN MAGIC

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Create a logo design as you learn about design elements and principles, color psychology, branding and the design process.

Ridgewater Instructor Amy Jo Maher

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Sessions 1 & 2

Explore the career of a medical assistant which is a multi-skilled health professional providing administrative and clinical duties primarily in a physician's office or outpatient clinic.

Ridgewater Instructors

AG HI-TECH CAREERS

Session 1

Check out the latest in agriculture technology! The new John Deere combine simulator allows us to train individuals on the use of high-tech equipment that is actually used in the field. Get hands-on experience driving a combine.

Ridgewater Ag Instructors

EXPLORE HIGHER EDUCATION

Session 1

Play the Jeopardy game and learn about higher education options. The Minnesota State system consists of 30 state colleges and 7 state universities with 54 campuses across the state and educates more than 375,000 students each year. Job placement for Minnesota State graduates in a related field of study is over 87%.

Ridgewater Advisor Jehana Schwandt

COSMETOLOGY

Sessions 1 & 2

Discover career options in cosmetology and learn manicure techniques.

Ridgewater Instructors

FLAMES, ROBOTS, & METALS

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Explore welding and see a demonstration of a DR 4000 robotic welder with programming capabilities of the Computer Numerical Control plasma cutting system.

Ridgewater Instructor Cody Sarsland

MASSAGE THERAPY

Sessions 1 & 2

Do you like to help people feel their best? Learn about massage therapy, one of the growing complementary healthcare fields. Explore various massage techniques.

Ridgewater Instructor Katy Lundell

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Students will have a hands-on experience in emergency medical services using medical equipment including an ambulance. Learn about career opportunities as EMTs and paramedics.

Paramedic Stephanie Frentzel

PERSONAL TRAINER & FITNESS SPECIALIST

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Discover the growing field of personal training and fitness specialists. Try some physical training activities.

*Alexandria Technical and Community College
Instructor Greg Lanners*

FASHION MANAGEMENT

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Do you love fashion? Are you a trend-setter at your school? Learn how the trends of the season inspire clothing design. Try your hand at arranging a trend-right line of clothing for spring 2019.

*Alexandria Technical and Community College
Instructor Kristin Daby*

CULINARY ARTS & HOSPITALITY

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Ever thought of developing award-winning food for famous restaurants, managing a luxury hotel or planning events. Learn about the exciting careers in hospitality and culinology.

*Southwest Minnesota State University Assistant
Director of Recruitment Ian Wyffels*

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

So many careers to choose from, where do you start? Explore your interests and strengths and match them to a career pathway. You may be surprised by the results!

Private Industry Council staff

HIGH-PAY, HIGH-DEMAND JOBS

Session 3

Learn about manufacturing, industrial and construction jobs in your own back yard from local business: CDL driver, CAD programmer, machine operator, sales reps, warehouse iron worker, engineers, heavy equipment operator, estimators and many more.

West Central Steel, RELCO, Duinink, Marcus Construction & Willmar Electric Reps

CIVIL ENGINEER – LAND SURVEYER

Sessions 2 & 3

Do you like designing and building bridges and structures? Explore careers in civil engineering and land surveying; try using surveying equipment.

SCTC Instructor Sean Clark

DRAFT YOUR OWN FUTURE

Session 2

Computers have revolutionized how drafters draw, design and contribute to product development in numerous industries. Check out the latest Computer Aided Drafting and Design 3D graphics.

Ridgewater Instructor Dave Moen

DENTAL CAREERS

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Dentist, dental hygienist & dental assistant are high-demand, high-skill and high-\$ careers. Meet with current dental students, paint your teeth pink, and play the dental trivia game.

University of Minnesota Dental Staff

LAW & ORDER

Sessions 1 & 2

Explore careers in the criminal justice system. Learn about the careers from panel presenters: attorney, paralegal, probation officer, and correctional officer.

BEYOND THE SELFIE

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Learn what it takes to create images that will get noticed. Participants will get hands-on experience in a real photoshoot with a model.

Ridgewater Instructor Wade McDonald

MAKE IT, MOLD IT, MACHINE IT

Session 3

Careers in manufacturing are in HIGH demand. Learn about the variety of careers in the machine technology field.

Ridgewater Instructor Tammy Jablonski

DARE TO JAM

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Try your skills using microphones, amplifiers, and mixing boards. Explore careers in audio video technology such as sound system technician for bands or churches and sound system installation technician for homes, businesses, sports stadiums, conference centers, plus many others.

Ridgewater Instructor Jim Jordahl

MEDICAL CAREERS – NO BLOOD

Session 1

Participate in a scavenger hunt while learning about the exciting careers in the medical field: health information technician, medical coder and health administrative assistant.

Ridgewater Instructor Lorri Matthys

STEM Engineering Challenge!

Sessions 2 & 3

Come join us as we design and build a bridge made out of pasta and other pantry items!! Challenge your team to design your bridge to withstand different weights.

U of M Extension 4-H Coordinator Kate Zimmer

CAREERS IN IMAGING

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Check out high-skill, high-demand careers as a radiology technician, ultrasound technician, mammography technician, nuclear med technician, & other related modalities.

Willmar Medical Services Director Dana Woelfel

AG-CITING CAREERS

Sessions 1 & 2

You don't have live on a farm to find a great job in agriculture. Explore careers in agri-business, food science, marketing, sales, research, management and others all within one of the largest companies in the area.

Jennie-O Staff

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN CAREERS

Sessions 1, 2 & 3

Ever wonder how an Xbox with Kinect can follow your body movements? Learn how robots, cameras, and machines "see" and "read" with machine vision. Operate a robot.

Ridgewater Instructor Larry Mixon

INTERVIEWING SKILLS = YOU'RE HIRED

Sessions 2 & 3

Learn what to do before, during, and after job interviews. Play a game with a beach ball to practice your interviewing skills.

Central MN Jobs & Training Services: Delina Woltjer

Complete the session planner for alternative selections.

Registration opens 8:30 a.m., April 3 - www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair. Deadline: April 19, 9:00 a.m.

REGIONAL CAREER EXPLORATION DAY
Session Planner
Friday, April 26, 2019 8:45 AM – 1:30 PM

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____
GRADE _____
TEACHER/SCHOOL CONTACT _____

CLASS CHOICES

*Please list six **different** selections in order of interest (1 = highest)*

1st Selection _____

2nd Selection _____

3rd Selection _____

4th Selection _____

5th Selection _____

6th Selection _____

If you have a disability and may require accommodations to participate fully, please indicate your needs below.

Register online - go to www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair

Registration starts Wednesday, April 3 @ 8:30 am and ends Friday, April 19th @ 9:00 am.

If you have questions, contact Jodi at 320-222-6072.