



Career & College Readiness Elementary Curriculum Program

The ICAN Elementary Career and College Readiness Curriculum ignites curiosity in students from an early age, encouraging them to explore diverse career paths, recognize their unique strengths, and connect the value of education to their future goals. Through engaging lessons and hands-on activities, students gain foundational skills in critical thinking, collaboration, and goal-setting, all while developing confidence and resilience.

Through age-appropriate activities and lessons, the curriculum's early exposure to career and college concepts nurtures confidence, resilience, and a growth mindset, ensuring that every child begins building the attitudes and skills needed for informed decisions and success in middle school, high school, and beyond.

Program Highlights

- **Empowers Early Exploration:** Introduces a wide range of careers, fostering self-awareness and curiosity about future possibilities.
- **Builds Essential Skills:** Develops critical, age-appropriate skills such as self-reflection, collaboration, and a growth mindset to help students make informed decisions.
- **Connects Learning to Success:** Helps students see how education influences future opportunities, encouraging a mindset focused on lifelong learning.

Why Career and College Readiness Matters

Students who are college and career ready possess the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to thrive in post-secondary education and future careers. ICAN's curriculum aligns with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model and national readiness standards, fitting seamlessly into the components of an Individual Career and Academic Plan. This alignment enables a tailored, comprehensive learning experience that supports each student's journey through middle and high school.

Features of the ICAN Career & College Readiness Curriculum

- **Flexible Integration:** Works in tandem with career information systems or can be used as a stand-alone curriculum for schools seeking a cohesive program.
- **Personalized Experience:** Aligns with national standards to provide an in-depth, individualized approach to career and college exploration.

Elementary School Program - Grades K-5: License and Training - \$7,500 *(base price)*

This classroom-based program is specifically crafted for elementary students, offering schools and organizations:

- **Access to an Online Portal:** Easily accessible lesson plans, slide decks, worksheets, and activities.
- **Printed Support Kit:** Includes posters, activity cards, and essential learning tools.
- **Implementation Guide:** Includes scope and sequence, resource list, and step-by-step lesson outlines for easy transitions and implementation.
- **Comprehensive Training:** Virtual training for educators, along with ongoing support from the ICAN curriculum team to ensure effective program implementation.

Curriculum Lessons

The curriculum is designed for students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth, and is centered on the following categories:

Grades K-2

Community of Helpers

- Introduction to Community Helpers
- Understanding Roles of Community Helpers
- Exploring Careers & the Impact of Community Helpers

Exploring Interests and Careers

- Discovering Interests Through Play
- Connecting Interests to Community Jobs
- Exploring Jobs that Match Personal Interests

Career Exploration

- Introducing Careers Through Fun
- Exploring Career Roles & Personal Interests
- Exploring Career Paths & Developing Aspirations

The Importance of Learning

- Learning is Important for Future Goals
- How Education Helps People Do Jobs They Love
- Exploring Different Paths of Education and Training

Grades 3-5

Interests and Career Clusters

- Discovering Personal Interests & Career Clusters
- Exploring Career Clusters & Matching Interests
- Using Interest Surveys to Explore Career Pathways

Deep Dive into Career Clusters

- Introduction to Specific Career Clusters
- Exploring Career Clusters in Greater Depth
- Researching Career Clusters & Future Planning

Exploring Life Beyond High School

- Introduction to Learning After High School
- Discovering Pathways for Future Careers
- Future Education & Training Options

Financial Literacy

- The Basics of Spending & Saving
- Planning & Budgeting for the Future
- Long-Term Planning & Making Smart Choices

Learn more

ICAN offers a comprehensive K-12 curriculum program, segmented into elementary, middle, and high school levels. Used individually or together, this curriculum ensures that every student has the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to set achievable goals and succeed in high school, college, and future careers.

ICAN hosts regular information sessions on the program for counselors, administrators, and educators who are interested in implementing the ICAN curriculum program. Information sessions last 30-45 minutes and include time for questions. These sessions include an overview of training and content, a review of the implementation guide with scope and sequence, and, sample lessons. For information session and training dates visit www.collegeplanning.org.

If you are ready for an in-depth conversation about implementing in your school, complete the interest form at www.collegeplanning.org, scan the QR code, or email curriculumteam@icansucceed.org.



About ICAN

ICAN has served the educational community and the students of Iowa since 1998. ICAN is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing solutions and resources to advance career and college readiness. The ICAN team have more than 150 years of combined experience in career and college readiness advising including K-12 school counselors, collegiate financial aid advisors, students services, admissions, and community college access organizations.

