

Career Certification Program Exit Program Survey Results 2017-2018

Total Students in Program - 84

In 1993, Rowland Unified School District implemented the Career Certification Program. The program has now evolved to six pathways including Arts and Communications, Business, Family/Consumer Science, Health and Medical, Public and Human Services and Technology.

The mission of the Rowland Unified School District, the progressive international community united in learning, is to empower students so that each actualizes his or her unique potential and responsibly contributes to a global society, through a system distinguished by rigorous academics, innovative use of technology, creative exploration, and nurturing learning experiences.

The Career Certification Program aligns with the District mission by providing an opportunity for students to apply their high school learning to a broad-based career goal using contextual learning experiences to connect rigorous academic studies with future career goals. Specifically, the goals of the Certification Program:

- Develop the students' sense of professionalism in their work, presentation and appearance.
- Develop the students' transferable job skills that will benefit them in any career choice.
- Connect students with industry partners to experience the work world outside of school.
- Assist students in better defining their career goals.
- Understand the importance of life-long learning regardless of their career choices.

The Program is designed to meet the needs of students entering the workforce at three levels:

- Entry-level students – seeing employment upon graduation
- Technical student – seeing employment after a two-year program of training
- Professional level students seeking employment upon completion of a four-year university program.

There are a variety of program elements that set the Career Certification Program apart from other career pathway programs. The structure of the Certification Program incorporates a variety of connecting activities which bridge workplace learning with school-based learning component. Business and Community representatives participate in a variety of connecting activities throughout the school year. This level of involvement keeps the program current, the community informed about the program, and builds a stronger relationship between the business and education community.

The capstone course for the Certification Program is Senior Seminar. It is unique in its rigorous design, giving students control over their learning, building in significant time for students to interact and work with business and community members. Senior Seminar is closely tied to the common core and career

technical education standards and requires students to complete research and demonstrate learning to outside evaluators. It is also recognized and approved by the University of California as a “G” elective course that is accepted for UC Admission.

Students completing the career pathways courses and senior seminar are awarded “Completion Certificates.”

For the 2017-18 school year, 84 students were enrolled in the Senior Seminar course. The tables below reflect the success rates and outcomes of seniors completing the certification program.

Certification Pathways

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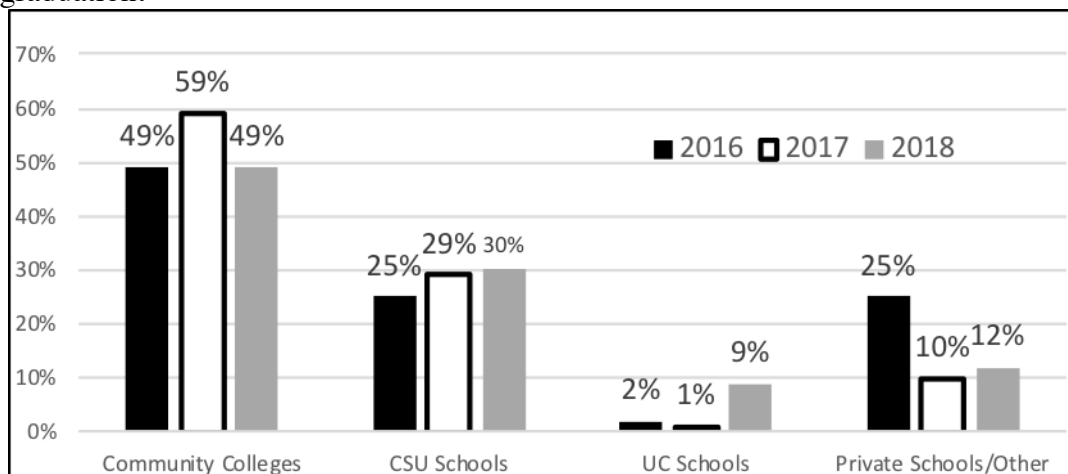
Program	# of Students	Teacher Certificate	Completion Certificate	No Certificate
Arts/Communications	22	1	21	0
Business	7	0	7	0
Family/Consumer Science	0	0	0	0
Health/Medical Services	25	1	24	0
Public/Human Services	0	0	0	0
Technology	0	0	0	0
Totals	54	2	52	0
Total Graduates	54	2	52	0

Rowland High School

Program	# of Students	Teacher Certificate	Completion Certificate	No Certificate
Arts/Communications	12	2	10	0
Business	0	0	0	0
Family/Consumer Science	2	0	2	0
Health/Medical Services	14	1	12	1
Public/Human Services	1	0	1	0
Technology	1	0	1	0
Totals	30	3	26	1
Total Graduates	30	3	26	1

District Pathway Totals	84	5	78	1
District Graduate Totals	84	5	78	1

Post-Secondary Institutions - 3 Year comparison of where Senior Seminar students plan to attend upon high school graduation.



Post-Secondary Institutions - Senior Seminar students plan to attend upon high school graduation.

Type of Institution	Name of Institution	# Responses
Community Colleges	Antelope Valley College	1
	Citrus College	1
	Compton Community College	1
	Fullerton College	4
	LA Pierce College	1
	Mt. Sac Community College	22
	Rio Hondo Community College	2
	Riverside Community College	2
	San Joaquin Valley College	1
	Santa Barbara City College	1
CSU Schools	California State University at Fullerton	9
	California State University at Los Angeles	2
	California State University at San Bernardino	2
	California State San Francisco	1
	California Polytechnic University Pomona	8
UC Schools	University of California, Berkley	1
	University of California, Davis	1
	University of California, Irvine	1
	University of California, Riverside	1
	University of California, San Diego	1
	University of California, Santa Barbara	2
Private Schools	Azusa Pacific	1
	Grand Canyon University	1
	Johnson & Wales University	1
	Mount Mercy University	2
	University of La Verne	1
Other	Downey Adult School	1
	Pomona Adult School	1
	US Marine Corps	1

Future Goals – Students were asked for their goals for the next 5 years.

Pathway	Goal
A/C	Attend college and get a job
	Plan to establish career in the field of graphic design
	Transfer from a community college into a 4-year college
	Bachelor's Degree
	Study Nursing
	Doctorate in Psychology
	Aim for a Ph.D.
	Practice Veterinary
	Develop image by making movies and studying film writing technique
	Attending college while working
	Bachelor's in Liberal Studies
	Be a part of the community and keep acting as a hobby
	Complete service in the Navy
	Bachelor's the Med School then be a Pediatric Oncologist
BUS	Complete General Ed at Mt. Sac
	Transfer to Cal State Fullerton
	Intern at Google
	Get a BA in Accounting
	Attend college and get a job
FCS	Attend college and get a job
HMS	Graduate College
	Get an associate's in nursing
	Transfer to Cal State Fullerton for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
	Go to a 4-year and begin career
	Graduate CSUF and go to med school
	BSN
	Veterinary School
	Attend a UC then continue education on getting a Master's Degree
	Get GE then transfer to a 4-year
Get Bachelor's Degree and get a job after college	
TECH	Attend college and get a job
	Become an architect.

Program Evaluation—How students rated the quality of the Certification Program in the following areas:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Usefulness of skills and training in the Certification program.	52	19	0	0
Relevance of the internship experience.	44	19	7	1
Relevance of the seminar project.	45	22	4	0
Relevance of the seminar project presentation.	50	20	1	0
Value of the program in preparing you for your job/career.	49	20	2	0
Usefulness of the program courses in preparing you for college or advanced training.	46	21	4	0
Usefulness of the content in the core (introductory) courses.	31	36	2	0
Usefulness of the content in the advanced courses.	32	32	7	0
Effectiveness of the learning experiences in the seminar class.	45	23	3	0
Overall impression of the Certification program in preparing you for your future.	51	18	2	0
	More Rigorous	Some Rigor	Less Rigor	Not Sure
Rigor of the Certification program courses in comparison to other academic courses.	37	33	1	0

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being poor, 5 being alright, 10 being great), students rated their experience in the Certification Program?

Rating	RHS	NHS	Total	Percentage
10	9	18	24	38%
9	7	12	17	27%
8	7	12	14	27%
7	3	2	4	7%
6	0	0	1	1%
5	0	0	0	0%
4	0	0	0	0%
3	0	0	0	0%
2	0	0	0	0%
1	0	0	0	0%
School Totals	27	44	71	

Additional Comments:

Why did you enroll in the Certification Program?

<p>A/C</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn how to apply for jobs and how to prepare for job interviews. • To gain more experience • I was greatly influenced by members from last year and I heard of the benefits of being in it. • I felt like this program would help me and prepare me for my future. • I enrolled because I heard about the great benefits and opportunities it brings and wanted to experience them myself. • To improve my networking skills • Senior Year • To help me better my presentation skills. • I wanted to prepare myself for professional situations. • I enrolled in the program because Ms. Cortez talked to me about the program and told me I was eligible for the arts and communication pathway • I enrolled in this program because I knew it would help me in professional cases and work on social skills. • To prepare myself for the real world outside of high school • I enrolled in the Career Certification Program because I believed it was a good idea to take on a challenge for my senior year. • It was brought up to my attention and well it was an opportunity I had to cease. • Peer pressure. • My counselor told me about it and how it will help me in the future so I decided to give it a try and liked the program. • I thought it would be a good opportunity to be involved in before Graduation. • I had heard great things about it from the previous year. • I enrolled because senior seminar is an amazing program and I would hear a lot of positive things about it.
<p>BUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I enrolled in the career certification program to obtain experience with working with others allowing me to better myself in being more cooperative with others despite the differences I may have with the other. I also wanted to obtain experience in the working fields of business to get to know what I will be doing in that type of career. • To gain more experience and improve on the things that I do not excel in such as presentation and communication • I enrolled in the Career Certification Program because it gave me benefits on experiencing my future career. • In order to get a better understanding of the work force. • To gain experience • I wanted to get internship experience.
<p>FCS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To expand my experience • I wanted to network with professionals in my field (and I wanted to bother Mrs. Taylor for another year)
<p>HMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was recommended to me by a close friend • I wanted to gain new experiences • To get a head start in the medical field. • I felt the need to learn more about the "real world", since I could apply my abilities academically but not socially. • I enrolled in the Career Certification Program because I thought it would help

	<p>prepare myself for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because they offer you a lot of opportunities you could not find anywhere else • Because my senior friends who took the class recommended it to me. • I was hoped that the program would aid me graduate and get into college. • I enrolled in the Program to get hands on experience in a medical environment workplace through the internship that this program provides. My life goal is to become a nurse and specialize in a certain area, so taking this program was a great way for me to get valuable knowledge of how a real life medical workplace is conducted and how professional and driven everybody is. • To learn how to write a resume and prepare myself the job world • I heard good comments about the certificate program • I enrolled in this Career Certification Program because I saw it as a great opportunity to help me with my future goals and life outside of high school. This program served as a great learning experience. • It seemed fun • I enrolled because I wanted to do the internship and sit at front in graduation • Because of my counselor gave me some advises • To obtain communication skills • I wanted to gain job skills and communication skills. • To get experience for the outside world • I enrolled for the internship experience. • I was intrigued to experience the career pathway I was interested in. • To gain more experience within the career I want to pursuit. • I enrolled because of networking • Internship opportunity • I enrolled to get experience for my future careers, jobs, and also education. • To improve multiple skills that will be useful in the future • I knew that it would prepare me for my future after high school and career goals. • Because when enrolling in this class, I knew that if I were to pass it, I could sit behind the IB students and receive a cord! • I wanted to gain skills necessary for the real world • To challenge myself and have a better idea of the type of career to pursue after high school. • To help me prepare for the future • To meet Mr. Colmenares • I wanted to gain experience and have more exposure in the medical field. • I thought it would be interesting to take • People told me about this class and the many benefits I can gain
TECH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I thought it would help me prepare for my future and give me an advantage in the workplace.

What do you want others to know about your experience in the Certification Program?

<p>A/C</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To join and it will help you prepare for future jobs. • To join because it could impact your life • I would say that it is a great course to take and it would really benefit them if they are unsure as to what they want to do in the future let alone improve their social skills. • If you have the opportunity to take Senior Seminar, take the opportunity. It will prepare you greatly for your future and I guarantee you will feel more confident entering the real world. • I would tell my friend that Senior Seminar is a class that is totally worth it and beneficial for the future. • It is a great opportunity • That it's helpful with making connections • Yes. • I would tell them to join if they want to gain professional skills that can be used in the future. • If you are able to take the class then do so • I would tell them that it is a great experience that will really be beneficial to them in the future. • It is a great way to prepare yourself for your future. They teach you everything you need to know about the real world from how to dress professionally to building your resume and teaching you life long skills. It is great. • I would recommend them to take the course because it is very beneficial and you learn from the course. • I would tell them that this is an opportunity I wouldn't pass because this can have a great impact on your life and future. • Senior Seminar did not seem like the class for me. I absolutely loathed presentations and talking to people. However, after the program, I noticed I communicated more with my parents and other adults. It gave me confidence I never knew I had. Back then, I would cry after presenting in front of a class because I was always shy and felt pressured in front of crowds. I would tell my friend that Senior Seminar was the perfect class for me to get over my fear of speaking, in addition to many other benefits. • It's a fun class that will help you in the future by doing presentations. • Yes • It does help • I would tell a friend that senior seminar is a great program to be in because it truly helps you with learning how do basic and rigorous tasks in the real world.
<p>BUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would most likely tell my friends that senior seminar is a class to help prepare yourself and your future at a career to get to know what you will be doing in the career pathway and also to improve on your life skills. • You'll learn things that are necessary in the future and that you will get to explore the career that you want to pursue • I would tell my friends that Senior Seminar would benefit you if you take this class because it prepares you to become an adult. And that this class is not very hard because when I first started this class I thought it would be hard and scary but in reality it's not that bad. • It is a great experience • That is has opened opportunities for me • I would tell them to sign up for the class!
<p>FCS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretty easy class just a lot of work

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You get experience and something to put on your resume
<p>HMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To join it, it's a class all seniors should take to try to • This class is worth it • The class is worth taking. It helps you with your career goals, applying to jobs, and preparing you for college. • I've already recommended this program to several juniors who are considering joining. I believe it is highly valuable and that all high school students should be required to take a class similar to this. Even if you have straight A's or 5's on all your AP Exams, your skills are useless without practical knowledge. So many of my friends don't know how to make a resume or speak in front of a daunting group of people. It's crucial that high school seniors leave with these soft skills. • I would tell my friend that senior seminar is a good experience and easy class to do. It helps you feel more confident and more open to other people. • Although there is a lot of work, this class is really enlightening • That it is not a usual class but it is an experience to get you prepared in the future. • It's like an internship; you have to know what's important to truly use the knowledge you obtained from this class. • It is a great program that helps you build more character and pushes you to take on more responsibilities. The program is great to get into if you want to be put into an internship and learn about real world work. • It's a useful class if you feel completely lost in what you want to do in your future and have no idea how to prepare. • It is a great experience. • I would definitely recommend my friends Senior Seminar because it is a great opportunity that not many people receive or are able to get. It gives a great insight and the usage of many newly learned skills. • Yes • I would say that it benefits you at the end of the day and it is an amazing class • It is benefits you to learn more skill that prepare you for the future • This program will help gain many skills that will benefit later in the future • It's a great program to help you for college or any job. • To join it • Senior seminar is a very beneficial course and I gained a lot of skills that will definitely help with future endeavors. • I would let them know that it may not be for everyone, but if it may be something to consider, go for it. • That it's a good program & everyone who is given this opportunity should take it. • I would tell my friends that it is a great class and I recommend it • It has impacted my future very positively • I would tell them that it influences you into thinking more serious about your career educational wise and working wise. You learn business etiquette, which will be very beneficial for you for future interviews. • I would tell them to join because it can help you with many things for college and also personal self-esteem and confidence issues. • It is very beneficial in the sense that it challenges you to work hard, obtain professional skills, and gain experiences that not many high school students get to experience. I believe that this program helped boost my confidence in myself because I feel that I have accomplished many things. • That they should join because it is actually really beneficial and it prepares you for the

	<p>future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a very helpful class where you will learn communication skills • Definitely a great learning experience that every senior should consider taking. It has allowed me to learn more about myself and I also learned things I know I can accomplish if I set my mind to it. Very worth all the work. • It helps you learn more about yourself, helps you connect to people out in the real world, and many do not receive the opportunity • I would tell them that it is an independent class that teaches you about being ready for future employment and being professional. • JOIN! • I would tell my underclassmen friends to take this class because it is the best class they can take in their senior year. As to my senior friends and everyone else who didn't take senior seminar, I told them that they missed out on this great opportunity. • To definitely take this class to because of how much is learned
TECH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would tell my friends that senior seminar is a rigorous course that prepares you for the future with constant activities and paperwork in a specific pathway.

Specifically, how has your life goals been impacted since completing the Certification Program?

A/C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program helped me figure out I want to pursue music in college. • I have learned to communicate with adults • It helped me figure out what I actually wanted to do with my life. The internship guided me in the right direction. • I feel more prepared for the business world and feel more confident looking for a career. • My life goals have benefited since completing the certification program because now I have people to network with to help me for my future career. • I have more things I want to do • Helped me deal with my speech issues helping me feel more confident • It helped me prepare myself for employment as well as discover similar careers to my pathway. • My life goals are now more specific in the area of Cultural Anthropology and the Korean language. • It taught me how to be more professional and know how to speak during an interview and also how to dress • My goals have been impacted because now I know exactly what I want to do in the future which is be a music therapist. • I finally got a job using the skills and experiences I obtained from this program. • Senior Seminar prepared me more than what I would have imagined and I am ready to tackle down future obstacles. • I have been able to make connections that have offered me great opportunities. • I am more confident and prepared for the worst. • I now know how to act during an interview for the future. • This program has helped me be more prepared for work and gained Organization Skills, Time Management Skills, etc. • It guided me and helped me figure out what I would like to do in the future • I know more of what I want to do now and I do not feel so lost
BUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My life goals were impacted dramatically, this program has allowed me to experience and develop skills in my early years as a student to become more organized, more vocal and communicative of myself.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I shifted my career goal from being an accountant to becoming a programmer • My life goals have been impacted after completing this program because nothing is never easy in life, you always have to work hard to earn something. • Well I have changed my mind on what career I want to pursue • It has motivated me • I don't think my life goals have changed, but I have definitely gained a lot of new insight and experience.
FCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have more knowledge • I still want to become a teacher
HMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My life goals have been clearly set thanks to this class • I learned how to connect with others which is important in the real world • I've learned to communicate easier with people and make connections with strangers. • Selecting a major has been especially difficult for me. Researching and working in the field of psychology helped me realize how much I would enjoy a career in this pathway. • It has made me realize that I wasn't prepared as I thought I was. This helped me find where I want to be and who I want to be as a person. • To be on time more and the importance of a good resume • I have a clear view on what I want to do in the future. • It has not change I will graduate, and getting into a community. • My life goal is to go into the medical field and being exposed to the internship gave me valuable knowledge of what I need to do to become a valuable worker in the medical field. • My goals are clearer. I used to say things like "I want to be in the medical field" but now I say things like "I want to be a nurse" • I got to learn how to things I did not know how to do. • This Career Certification Program has impacted my life goals very much. It has actually changed my future goals and taught me much about what I wanted to do and how I was going to go about it. The internship specifically has given me great hands on experience in the field I want to go in and has encouraged and ensured me that this is indeed what I want to do with my life after high school. • Very much • I have realized what I want to do it has prepared me for real life • I am able to present in front of group of people • I know more about my career • I have learned a great amount of myself and I've gained more confidence in myself and developed many skills. • Gave me communication skills and networking • My internship experience made me want to become a figure in the medical field more now than ever. • I realized the pathway I may pursue is for me in the sense of experiencing it first hand. • It has encouraged me to reach my goal n my career of becoming an RN. • Becoming more motivated to pursue what I wanted to become • Very positively in my communication skills • It made me realize that I must work harder than usual to pursue my career • It has impacted my life goals because it has made me more aware of what lies ahead and how difficult the future can be • It encouraged me to take risks because I have the potential to succeed in anything. • I have now gained several skills, including communication, time management, and organization skills.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has impacted my life goals by preparing me for what a real life job is like working in a health care environment • This program has helped me set a goal and know what type of future I would want to live through for my future career years • It has made me want to continue learning to better myself and what to expect in the future • I am certain that I want to pursue a career in the medical pathway • I found my reason in why I want to be a nurse. • My life goals have been greatly impacted by this program because it has given me a taste of how the adult world is going to be. It has prepared me for certain things like public speaking, interviews and so much more. • I have gained more confidence and it has helped me improve on my communication skills
TECH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It made me realize how unprepared I was to get a job and begin in the workplace. It made me realize what I wanted to do and what I wanted to do.