



**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**NEW NH SCHOLARS DESIGNATION: CAREER PATHWAYS**  
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The New Hampshire College & University Council (NHCUC), in response to the local industry community seeking more qualified employees prepared with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, is excited to announce our newest designation, NH Scholars Career Pathway.

For more than a decade New Hampshire Scholars has recognized students who have gone above and beyond the New Hampshire high school graduation requirements. The original NH Scholars pathway is aligned with the standard admission requirements into a four-year university. It has evolved over the last decade to fit the needs of students, business leaders and higher education leaders. In addition, several years ago two additional pathways were added, STEM and Art, to reach more students who maintained a rigorous GPA while also completing particular pathway-related courses.

The new NH Scholars Career Pathway strand is aimed at students who have completed extensive *career-driven* experiences including: Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's), Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs, Career Pathway strands (outlined in program of studies) and/or a set of CCSNH industry-aligned courses on college campuses. These students embraced and excelled at a balanced approach to college and career readiness - with a particular emphasis on the latter. This is what makes this new recognition unique on a statewide basis.

The NH Scholars Career Pathway values student success by including criteria around the development of professional skills. Students' participating in an authentic career-driven experience including engaging in work-based learning and/or earning an industry-valued certificate are part of this pathway. *These type of metrics are not as conventional and transcript-friendly as simply courses and grades; thus attention needs to be paid by school personnel in order to understand all the new components connected to this recognition. The attached FAQ provides clarification.*

We have worked with industry leaders to develop criteria, but still anticipate many questions as this is a new way to evaluate student success. You can always reach out to the NH Scholars office with questions, [spower@nhcuc.org](mailto:spower@nhcuc.org) or (603) 225-4199. We have attached several resources for you including: an updated NH Scholar Pathway Requirements, a list of Frequently Asked Questions along with this press release. We will be piloting this new pathway in several high schools during this academic year.

If a school is interested in being one of our pilot schools for the NH Scholar Career Pathway, then we encourage them to fill out this brief survey as soon as possible:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M6L3W3X>.

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