

## **Investing and Personal Finance Career Pathway**

### *What High School Courses Should I take?*

Course selection always involves the student, school counselor and parent. Newtown High School courses listed below include specific skills for this pathway. This is not a mandatory listing, nor does it indicate the level of any course. It is provided to raise awareness of the wide variety of options available to NHS students.

### *Suggested Courses:*

English: 4 years (senior option: Public Speaking)

Math: 4 years to include Pre-Calculus

Science: 4 years

Social Studies: 4 years

World Language: 4 years

Capstone: Students determine their personal course content in this culminating project. The course presents an unique opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills necessary to be self-directed and learn time management skills prior to college. Students document their process, develop a product, and present their projects during their junior and senior year. In the past, students have started Investment Clubs and started their own small business.

### *Recommended Program of Studies in Finance through Business Education*

Accounting 1

Business Foundation and Business Management

Personal Finance

### *NHS Programs/Activities:*

Career Center Programs utilize community volunteers to provide career information to students.

Programs include:

Career Speakers: open to all students with permission of their teacher(s).

Career Tours: open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Career Shadowing: This program allows juniors, and seniors one excused day per semester to spend time in a career field of their interest with a community volunteer.

Internships: Junior and senior students spend 45 hours at a workplace to gain knowledge about a career. Internships occur outside of the school day and may be either paid or unpaid. In the last five years 2019-2020, students interned at Newtown Savings Bank and the Town of Newtown. Newtown Savings Bank gives priority to FBLA members.

Current Community Volunteers include: Newtown Public Schools' Business Office, Newtown Savings Bank, and Town of Newtown.

### *Related NHS Student Activities:*

FBLA: Future Business Leaders of America

Math Team

### *Sample Scholarship Opportunities related to Finance*

CT CPA Scholarships

Financial Planning Scholarship

### *Sample Careers*

Accountant

Brokerage Clerk

Commodities Representative

Development Officer

Financial Analyst

Financial Planner

Foundation Manager

Fund Manager

Fund Raiser

Investment Advisor

Mutual Fund Manager

Non-Profit Manager

Personal Financial Advisor

Planned Giving Director

Sales Agent

Securities Representative

Tax Preparer

### *Additional Career Resources*

<https://discoveraccounting.org/become-a-cpa/connecticut/>

### *Industry Credentials for High School Students*

Newtown Savings Bank believes the “industry credential” for a high school student is the successful completion of their high school internship program. So far, two graduates are part-time employees and one student has been hired full-time.

### *Sample of Post-Secondary Classes*

English Composition

Business Statistics

Natural Science

Macro and Micro Economics

Computer Applications 1 and 2

Business Law

Accounting

Personal Finance

Managerial Accounting

Principles of Finance

Financial Accounting

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