

Entrepreneur Careers

An entrepreneur risks his own capital, services, and skills in a company (or in several companies). Entrepreneurs exemplify the American dream—working without a boss and using their own hands to build a livelihood. Successful entrepreneurs seem to have a number of similar qualities. First, they know business, either from their own experience or through extensive research. Second, they are extremely motivated. The average number of working hours per week of a successful starting entrepreneur is seventy. This catches the typical American dreamer by surprise. Third, successful entrepreneurs become obsessed with—or at least fascinated by—all parts of their chosen area of expertise. Entrepreneur careers involves an in depth study of how to manage and run your own personal business. Entrepreneurship is not limited to just small companies, as Bill Gates himself is an entrepreneur. It specifically entails creative thinking and imagination. Clever new ideas are the model for the success of any entrepreneur.

No aspect of the business is too large or too small to consider. The best thing about being an entrepreneur is that they control their own destinies to a greater extent than if they were working for someone else. Unlike working for someone else who judges their work and assigns a value to their services, every stitch of work they do goes toward their betterment. This puts immense pressure on the entrepreneurs, but it can also be the source of immense pleasure. The most important entrepreneurial concerns should be thought about long before the person starts her own business. This person must know how to run the company and when to reassess management strategies. Also, this person must be on top of issues of cash flow, expansion (or consolidation), liquidity, and corporate governance. Being an entrepreneur means thinking about the business all the time, accepting its responsibilities and its failures. But being one's own boss, owning a business, and reaping all the rewards are powerful enough forces to attract people in droves.

Career Outlook

Entrepreneurs have always been the backbone of the American economy. Today's corporate conglomerates were started by men and women with innovative – even outlandish – ideas who had the dedication to make their new ventures thrive. As an entrepreneur, you will be a leader in the business community, whether you take over the family business, purchase or start your own venture, or work within a larger company to revitalize its practices.

Earnings

Varies based on the profitability of the business.

Related Careers

Although most entrepreneurs run into difficulty, few people think to arrange a back-up plan in case of failure. Many return to the industries they came from. Others venture into the field again and again.



Entrepreneur

Educational Opportunities in entrepreneurship at LCCC

Certificate of Proficiency

This certificate offers opportunities for individuals to learn about and develop entrepreneurial skills. The entire certificate of proficiency in entrepreneurship is accepted in the associate of applied business - entrepreneurship major.

Associate of Applied Business—Entrepreneurship

This program is designed to prepare individuals for possible transfer or employment in a variety of management, business development and entrepreneur positions. The focus of the program is skill building in the area of entrepreneurship.

Associate of Applied Business—Business Administration – Management

This program is designed to prepare individuals for transfer or employment in a variety of management/administrative positions. The focus of the program is skill building in the areas of communication, decision making, planning, organizing, evaluating and entrepreneurship.

Related Educational Opportunities at LCCC

Lorain County Community College offers an associate of applied business in the following programs:

- Accounting
- Administrative Office Information Systems
- Computer Information Systems-- Network Communications Technology
- Computer Information Systems-- Software Development
- Computer Information Systems-- Web Development
- Culinary
- Financial Services
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Human Resources Management
- Marketing
- Supply Chain Management
- Travel
- Workplace Relations

Additional Opportunities at LCCC through its University Partnership

Kent State University

Bachelor of Business Administration—Business Management

Kent State University's (KSU) business administration (major in business management) degree provides students with credentials that are important to getting that first job in business as an entry-level manager or manager trainee.

The program is designed so that approximately three years of this partnership is LCCC coursework and the final year (33 semester hours) is KSU coursework. KSU courses are taught by KSU faculty either in person or via distance learning. Students can complete the business degree with a business management major in its entirety on LCCC's campus.

International Business Minor Option

Global business is fast becoming an important part of the U.S. economy. The world that college graduates are facing will essentially be a triad of powers (the United States and, perhaps, Canada and Latin America; Europe; and Japan and its Asian neighbors) and a "borderless" world. This suggests a need to be trained for employment that will have international implications. Whether the student takes a major in business, fashion design and merchandising, the hard sciences, English or education, some training in global outreach, cultural diversity, and "business cultures" will be necessary.

Master of Business Administration (PMBA)

The mission of the Kent State MBA program is to prepare students for management and staff positions in regional, national, and international organizations through an emphasis on ethical leadership, teamwork, creative problem solving, global perspectives, and skilled applications of information technology.

About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Wellington Center, Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria and the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 37 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington, the Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria or the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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