

Engineering Design and Development (PLTW)

8443 36 weeks

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Course Description

Suggested Grade Level: 12

Prerequisite: 8439

In this capstone course in Project Lead the Way (PLTW), teams of students, guided by community mentors, work together to research, design, and construct solutions to engineering problems. Students synthesize knowledge, skills, and abilities through an authentic engineering experience. Students are expected to develop and formally present an independent-study project and a team-oriented project that are critiqued by an evaluation committee.

Curriculum Framework

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) curriculum guides and course competencies are only available to PLTW affiliated schools through agreement with PLTW. To obtain additional information contact: Project Lead The Way 3939 Priority Way South Drive, Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46240 Toll Free: 877.335.PLTW (7589) Local: 317.669.0200 <https://www.pltw.org>

Entrepreneurship Infusion Units

Entrepreneurship Infusion Units may be used to help students achieve additional, focused competencies and enhance the validated tasks/competencies related to identifying and starting a new business venture. Because the unit is a complement to certain designated courses and is not mandatory, all tasks/competencies are marked “optional.”

Appendix: Credentials, Course Sequences, and Career Cluster Information

Industry Credentials: Only apply to 36-week courses

- College and Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA+)
- Design and Pre-Construction Assessment
- Engineering Technology Examination
- National Career Readiness Certificate Assessment
- Pre-Engineering/Engineering Technology Assessment
- Project Lead the Way End-of-Course Assessments
- Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Examination

Concentration sequences: *A combination of this course and those below, equivalent to two 36-week courses, is a concentration sequence. Students wishing to complete a specialization may take additional courses based on their career pathways. A program completer is a student who has met the requirements for a CTE concentration sequence and all other requirements for high school graduation or an approved alternative education program.*

- Engineering Practicum IV (8453/36 weeks)
- Introduction to Engineering Design (PLTW) (8439/36 weeks)

Career Cluster: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	
Pathway	Occupations
Engineering and Technology	Aerospace Engineer Biomedical Engineer Marine Engineer Mechanical Engineer Nuclear Engineer Petroleum Engineer