



Explore, Discover, Connect.

Vital Link's mission is to be the link between business and education to prepare students for the successful transition to a meaningful career.

Vital Link's vision is that all students will graduate with an understanding of their career potential and through interactive programs expand their resources to select their future career.

For Students

Vital Link provides experiences, resources and tools to assist students to identify their career options and explore, discover, and connect to their future career.

Services

Vital Link provides a range of hands-on Career Exploration Programs and services geared to high school students.

- [Career Exploration One Day Programs](#)
- Career Exploration Exhibits
- [Classroom Curriculum](#)
- [Business Education Partnership Development](#)
- [Educator Professional Development and Resources](#)
- Student [Resources](#) and [Programs](#)
- [Student Internship and Job Bank](#)

Our History

Vital Link was founded in 1989 in response to a need indicated by national studies that America's high school graduates must strengthen their job skills to successfully compete in a global economy. To help students better prepare for the workforce, Vital Link developed curriculum that provides students with a way to access and identify their current soft skills and achievements through personal evaluation and activities.

In 2004, Career Exploration Programs were developed to introduce students to real-world activities and professional role models, taking students out of the classroom and bringing them into the business world. The Programs assist students to link their education to career pathways by providing a unique opportunity and to observe professionals in action and to obtain hands-on experience in a range of industries. In 2010, Vital Link introduced the Career Exploration Exhibits which go on the road to schools throughout Orange county and beyond. Over 30,000 students participate in all of these programs annually.

Vital Link took a leadership role in the facilitation of regional support services to Career Technical Education instructors at the high school, Regional Occupational Program and Community College level. Through Vital Link's efforts, resources and information from the business community are brought to the education community to keep curriculum and classroom material current and relevant.

Goals

Vital Link Moving Forward

As Vital Link enters its 24th year of service, we offer program materials that include new and relevant industry areas such as Robotics, Medical Technology and GIS Technology. In addition to the Career Exploration Programs, Vital Link offers Interactive Mobile Exhibits that feature hands-on exhibits and activities in the high demand fields of Sustainable Energy, Green Careers and Medical Careers. A companion curriculum connects the activities and demonstrations to a career exploration opportunity to help students to make a connection to their career options. These exhibits are available to schools and after-school programs at their facilities for career fairs and special classroom projects.

Our Team

Vital Link's Board of Directors consists of both education and business leaders who provide a broad perspective to the strategic planning and program focus of the organization. It is through this collaborative approach that the business and education communities can work together to support the workforce development process.

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