St. Charles County Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS)

St. Charles County CAPS provides high school students in St. Charles County with a pre-professional, innovative and entrepreneurial education through career-oriented experiences that are both hands on and real world. St. Charles County CAPS students are immersed in professional environments engaging in curriculum developed by industry professionals and program instructors - ensuring that what is taught in the classroom is relevant to the workforce. Learning is enhanced by project work direct from industry partners who engage to mentor students and ensure timely, accurate and real project results.

Learning at St. Charles County CAPS is real-time, real-world and hands-on. Emphasis is placed on developing professional skills, such as communication and collaboration, which employers deem highly important to individual success.

Students attend the CAPS program for half of their school day and the other half is at their home school. The morning CAPS session is from 7:30 AM to 10 AM and the afternoon session is from 12 PM - 2:30 PM. Students who participate in St. Charles County CAPS must provide their own transportation to and from their home school and the business site. 95% attendance is expected to remain in the course. College credit for CAPS is available from Lindenwood University.

A complete application is required to apply. CAPS interviews may occur as well for strand placement purposes. The CAPS application and additional information can be found under Enrollment on the SCC CAPS website - scccaps.org.

Global Business/Entrepreneurship <u>@ Stauder Technologies</u>: This course strand is designed for students to create real startup ventures and solve real business needs. This course will provide students a challenging, innovative, authentic, experiential learning environment that allows them to discover personal passions. Students will develop professional skills that are necessary to thrive in collaborative, innovative, and fast-paced environments. Students engaging in entrepreneurship will learn startup principles and develop an entrepreneurial mindset. Students engaging in global business will work with organizations to work on projects that solve real needs. This course culminates in an instructor-student agreed upon capstone project and internship showcasing their work in this exciting field of study.

Healthcare @ Vatterott with BJC and SSM Hospitals: This course strand is ideal for students who intend to go into a medical field. Students will engage in the team approach of healthcare at hospitals and/or healthcare facilities, giving students actual experience with health practitioners. Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers in the medical field, from medical practitioner to hospital administrator. Students will participate in medical training and clinical presentations prior to participating in clinical observational rotation assignments. Students will develop professional skills that are necessary to thrive in collaborative, innovative, and fast-paced environments. Students will learn about Safety, HIPAA, CPR, and Basic First Aid competencies. In addition, students will have a capstone project.

<u>Technology Solutions @ Charter-</u> <u>Spectrum (Riverport Tower):</u>

Students will develop professional skills that are necessary to thrive in collaborative, innovative, and fast-paced environments. Students will perform real world projects for clients utilizing the expertise of diverse guest instructors, mentors, and business partners.

Information Technology - This course strand is designed for students interested in developing professional and technical skills required for careers in various areas of IT. Students will have the opportunity to explore the following areas as they relate to PCs and mobile devices: software engineering, web development, operating systems, hardware technologies, network design/technologies, MIS, and emerging technologies.

Creative Media - This course strand is designed for students interested in developing professional and technical skills required for careers in various areas creative media. Students will have the opportunity to explore the following areas as they relate to creative media: video production, graphic design, audio production, and digital photography.



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CAPS Prospective Student/Parent Nights

Come learn more about a strand and hear from current CAPS associates

- Global Business/Entrepreneurship Monday 11/26
- Healthcare Tuesday 11/27
- Technology Solutions (IT or Creative Media) Monday 12/3
- Spencer Road Library (Rooms 240/243) from 6:30 PM 8 PM for each night
- RSVP: http://tiny.cc/19-20prospectiveCAPSrsvp

Visit CAPS Off-Site Classrooms

- Times:
 - o 7:30 AM 10 AM
 - 12 PM 2:30 PM
- Dates:
 - o Friday 1/25
 - o Friday 2/8
- RVSP: https://tinyurl.com/studentvisitdaysRSVP
- See you counselor to attend and you must provide your own transportation.