

# CAREER EXPLORATION DAY

## WHERE TERRIERS ARE PAWS-ON



Vanderbilt is excited to launch the first Career Exploration Day on December 5, 2025. This event offers Juniors and Seniors a unique opportunity to engage in real-world learning while spending time at a host business or facility. Through hands-on experiences and direct interaction with professionals, students will gain valuable insight into potential career paths. Please carefully review the available host sites listed below. Each site is linked to the company website. After reviewing all options, please complete this [selection form](#).

**Cardiovascular Institute of the South:** General Medicine/Physician/Surgeon/Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Management and Business Operations, Marketing/Communications/Advertising, Banking/Finance/Accounting  
225 Dunn Street, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: unlimited number of students from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*At CIS, we would love to show these students the different opportunities in healthcare that include both clinical roles and non-clinical roles. They would get to see what our nursing team, diagnostic teams, corporate/leadership teams do as well as a major organization's daily flow.*

**All students shadowing at this facility must complete this [student packet](#).**

**City of Houma Fire Department:** Fire Response, Emergency Response

Central Fire Station located at 600 Wood Street, Houma LA 70360

**Accepting: 2 students from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (Students can stay all day if preferred.)**

*The interested party will work with the City of Houma Fire Department to get a general idea of what occurs in the general workday of a career firefighter. The individual will be paired with an actual firefighter for the day and shadow them for the time frame, the day may include things such as responding to emergencies, attending training sessions, public education assignments, general work assignments for operations, they will also have the opportunity to see the other jobs offered in the fire service such as HazMat, Mechanic, EMS, Training, Inspections/Investigations, and Administration. We have both male and female firefighters, so both are welcome to join us. If students want to know more about what the Fire Department can offer, they can view our website at [www.houmafire.com](http://www.houmafire.com) and click on the employment tab. The City of Houma Fire Department has been around since 1872. We have a rich history and are eager to recruit individuals into joining the best profession in the world.*

**CORTEC, LLC: Manufacturing**

**208 Equity Boulevard, Houma, LA 70360**

**Accepting: 10 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

*Founded in 2004, CORTEC began its mission to supply the oil and gas industry with the highest-quality flow control products backed by superior service. Our management team has roots that extend over 50 years in manufacturing. CORTEC proudly designs, engineers, manufactures, assembles, and tests our products in Louisiana and Texas. We will give the students a tour of the facility and go through a presentation of all of our different departments from the shop floor to office positions.*

**Cournoyer Center for Music Performance: Music Education, Music Performance**

**120 Prevost Drive, Houma, LA 70364**

**Accepting: 6 students from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*Students will participate in discussions exploring the wide range of career opportunities within the music industry. They will learn how to get started in the field, the types of education or training that can help them advance, and the different pathways available. Topics will include music performance, production, and the business side of the industry.*

**Duplantis Design Group (DDG): Engineering, Architecture**

**314 E Bayou Road Thibodaux, LA 70301**

**Accepting: 6 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

*At DDG's Thibodaux office, we provide civil engineering and architecture services to our clients. During a student's time here, they will be introduced to the fundamentals of both disciplines and gain firsthand exposure to the design process. Our team will share insights into current projects and offer opportunities to review site plans. Students will also have the chance to meet with our engineers and architects to learn more about what a career in a design firm could look like! Key personal attributes for success in this field include strong problem-solving and communication skills, creativity, adaptability, critical-thinking, and spatial visualization abilities.*

**Edison Chouest Offshore: Management and Business Operations, Law/Legal work/Police Operations, Engineering, Culinary/Food Service, Marketing/Communications/Advertising, Manufacturing/Construction, Hospitality, Banking/Finance/Accounting, Technology, Ship Yards, Boat Building, Carpentry, Welding, Electrical, Auto, Diesel**

**16201 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345**

**Accepting: 15 students from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*Founded as Edison Chouest Boat Rental in Galliano, Louisiana, in 1960, the Edison Chouest Offshore companies (ECO) are recognized today as one of the most diverse and dynamic marine transportation solution providers in the world. ECO operates a growing fleet of well over 200 vessels, ranging from 87 to over 525 feet in length, serving an expanding global customer base. Staying on the forefront of new technologies is an integral part of the Chouest business plan, as evidenced by recent advances in the areas of subsea support, integrated bridge systems and global communications. The ability to design, build, own and operate diverse, high-capacity and technologically superior vessels has made ECO an unrivaled leader in the maritime industry.*

**GIS Engineering:** Engineering

197 Elysian Drive, Houma, LA, 70363

**Accepting: 10 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

Working in coastal Louisiana, GIS Civil Engineers oversee projects to protect and manage the coastline from challenges like erosion and storm surge. We design flood protection systems, bridges, and hurricane-resistant structures, perform site assessments, analyze coastal and hydrological data, and restore coastal ecosystems. We also work closely with local government entities and ports to support our community, industry, and a way of life for the residents of Southern Louisiana. The engineering curriculum is heavy in mathematics and science. If these are the subjects that you gravitate towards, engineering might be right for you.

**Gulf Coast Aviation:** Flight School

Gulf Coast Aviation uses a state-of-the-art, scenario-based training program that is exclusively available only to Cessna Pilot Centers. Produced by John and Martha King and their team, this multimedia, internet training program allows students to progress at their own pace and delivers amazing retention of information. The program makes excellent use of the building blocks of the learning approach. Students will meet one on one with a flight instructor, commercial pilot and tour the aircraft facility during this visit. **Host site details pending.**

**Gulf Coast Contracting Services:** Manufacturing, Commercial Construction

221 Venture Boulevard, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 5 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

Students will get a hands-on look at our commercial construction and storm shutter manufacturing operations. The day will begin with a session with Allen and Jeffry, where students will: Learn about the various projects we are currently working on, Understand how to bid on jobs and the steps involved in preparing for each project. Next, students will explore our shutter division to see: How storm shutters are built and prepared for installation, The powder coating process and other finishing steps Throughout the day, students will gain insight into the many aspects of our day-to-day operations, learning about both the construction and manufacturing sides of our business.

**Houma Family Dental:** Dentistry

5683 Hwy 311, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 10 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am or 1:00pm to 4:00 pm**

Students would expect to observe aspects of the dental field including: dental procedures, hygiene procedures, dental lab techniques, sterilization protocols, and business operations.

**K&B Industries:** See [this list](#) for specific department information.

208 Rebecca's Pond, Schriever, LA 70395

**Accepting: 10 students from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Since 1974, K&B Industries has been a trusted supplier of OCTG Tubular Threading Services, machining, manufacturing and assembly services for the oil and gas industry. K&B is also a global supplier of high-precision machining, manufacturing and assembly services for the aerospace and semi-conductor industries. Students can select a department from the following list: IT, Design Control, 3-D Printing, Engineering Advanced Manufacturing, Safety, Sales Manufacturing, Programming, Quality Advanced Manufacturing, Machine Shop, Process & Finishing, and Maintenance.

**Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: Law Enforcement**

**1444 Tiger Drive, Suite F, Thibodaux, LA 70301**

*LDWF's Law Enforcement Division is made up of nearly 200 agents who work throughout the state with the primary mission of protecting Louisiana's natural resources and serving the people who use them. Beyond the traditional role of ensuring compliance with licensing and harvesting regulations, agents also conduct search and rescues and homeland security missions, enforce boating safety laws, investigate boating crash incidents and hunting accidents, and provide boater education classes for thousands of citizens each year. Students will report to the region 6 office located in Thibodaux, Louisiana and meet with a current agent. The agent will review the selection process and academy guidelines as well as discuss day to day work responsibilities of an agent.*

***Host site details pending.***

**M. Bergeron + Company, CPAs, LLC: Accounting, Business Valuation, Business Consulting**

**1053 West Tunnel Boulevard, Houma, LA 70360**

**Accepting: 5 students from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*M. Bergeron + Co. is a firm of professional accountants and consultants who are committed to providing the highest level of professional services, products and advice to our clients. Students will participate in a staff meeting where professionals discuss their job roles and expectations. In addition, the professionals will develop a strategic plan for the upcoming tax season and review the educational pathways and credentials associated with the accounting profession.*

**Marcello Veterinary Hospital: Veterinary Medicine**

**323 Corporate Drive Houma, LA 70360**

*Students will have the opportunity to explore the fast-paced and compassionate environment of a veterinary clinic. Throughout the day, they will observe how veterinarians and veterinary technicians care for animals and support pet owners. Students may watch routine check-ups, vaccinations, diagnostic procedures, and—when appropriate—minor medical treatments. They will also learn how the clinic manages patient records, schedules appointments, and maintains a clean and safe environment for both animals and staff. This experience is ideal for students who are responsible, attentive, and comfortable around animals of all sizes. A strong work ethic, respect for confidentiality, and a willingness to learn are essential.*

***Host site details pending.***

**Nicholls State University Department of Teacher Education: Education**

**Dr. Cleveland Hill Hall, Ellendale Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301**

**Accepting: 5 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

*The Department of Teacher Education at Nicholls State University will host a small meet and greet with program faculty and faculty staff where we will highlight our program concentrations and walk students through the different clinical and teacher residency experiences embedded within our programs. There will also be a small roundtable discussion with current Nicholls students about what they are learning in the program and how they are applying it in local schools. Students will also tour the Bridge to Independence program, which supports young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they transition to independent living and employment. Finally, we'll conclude our visit with a chance to observe one of our elementary magnet school classrooms within Hill Hall to see teaching and learning in action.*

**Nicholls State University School of Nursing: Nursing**

**210 Ardoyne Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301 (located in Ayo Hall on Nicholls campus)**

**Accepting: 10 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

*I am currently the Department Head and plan to provide a variety of experiences for the students when they come for the Career Exploration Day. We will provide a presentation on Nicholls nursing and nursing in general as far as career opportunities. We will have a tour of the building and simulation lab. Seniors will also be presenting their capstone papers the day of the tour, so we will spend some time listening to their presentations. I will also line up a tour of Thibodaux Regional so that students are able to explore the hospital setting as well.*

**Oil States Industries, Inc.: Management and Business Operations, Engineering, Manufacturing, Construction**

**1180 Mulberry Road, Houma, LA 70363**

**Accepting: 10+ students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am or 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

*We have several positions that students can choose from. Engineering, Drafting, HSE, Quality, Project Management, Accounting, Executive Management, Purchasing, Human Resources, etc. These are all options for the students that we would be open to.*

**OrthoLA and Bayou Region Surgical Center: Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, General Medicine, Physician, Surgeon, Nursing**

**604 N Acadia Road, Suite 1000, Thibodaux, LA**

**Accepting: 4 students from 7:00 am to 10:00 am**

*A student will have the opportunity to observe orthopedic surgeries and shadow in the clinic setting. This experience provides insight into both surgical procedures and patient care. Students must demonstrate self-discipline, a strong work ethic, and compassion for others.*

***All students shadowing at this facility will be provided scrubs and must sign a non-disclosure agreement upon arrival.***

**South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority: Social Services, Counseling, Psychiatry**

**508 Barrow Street, Houma, LA 70360**

**Accepting: 5 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

*SCLHSA provides administration, management and operation of mental health, addictive disorders, and developmental disabilities services to the residents of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, and Terrebonne parishes. Students will see how Terrebonne Behavioral Health functions to provide a wide array of services.*

***All students shadowing at this facility must complete this student packet.***

**South Louisiana Medical Associates: General Medicine, Physician, Surgeon, Nursing, Medical Aesthetic Treatments (Skin Bar)**

**605 Enterprise Drive, Suite B, Houma, LA 70360**

**1990 Industrial Blvd Houma, LA 70363**

**Accepting: 5+ students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**



We are a multi-specialty physician group. The students will be exposed to all aspects of healthcare...MD, NP, PA, HIM (billers and coders), RN, LPN, MA, X-ray tech and we also have an Internal Medicine Residency Program on site which we will show how staying local you can still train to be a medical physician.

**All students shadowing at this facility must complete this student packet.**

**Start Corporation:** Social Services, Counseling, Psychiatry, Family Services

235 Civic Center Blvd. Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 10-15 students from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Start Corporation is a nonprofit that provides clinic and community based services, including primary care, behavioral health, dental, pharmacy, homeless, Veterans, crisis and youth and family services. Team members from different programs will explain the services, target populations and outcomes, as well as what a day in the program looks like.

**State Farm:** Banking, Finance, Accounting, Insurance

675 Enterprise Drive, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 5 students from 9:00 am to 12:00 am**

My day to day varies between running the overall business and also meeting with customers about their insurance. We do servicing of current customers and we write new customers. We talk in depth through conversations discussing coverages and making sure people understand what they have and are properly covered. We also handle claims questions in the event of a vehicle accident or something happen to their home. As a small business owner I wear all the hats. Besides the normal insurance servicing that we do, I also manage all employees and run total operations of the business. I also run 2 real estate businesses.

**Taylor-Made Cakes:** Bakery, Food Service

416 Corporate Drive, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 2 students (see Mrs. Katie for information about time of the visit)**

Students will spend time at a local bakery to explore the daily operations behind creating fresh baked goods. They will observe how bakers prepare ingredients, follow recipes, and manage timing for breads, pastries, and desserts. Students will also learn about customer service, inventory, and the business aspects of running a bakery. This experience will give students a firsthand look at careers in culinary arts and food service.

**Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government:** Government, Politics, Communications, Human Resources

Government Tower- 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 10 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

The students will visit 6 of our parish departments located in the Government Tower: Parish President's Office, Public Works Administration, Communications, Accounting, Planning & Zoning, & Human Resources/Risk Management.

**Terrebonne Parish District Attorney's Office and Child Advocacy Center:** Law, Government, Social Services, Family Services

305 Verret Street, Houma, LA 70360

**Accepting: 5 students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

Students will tour each department within the District Attorney's Office to learn how cases are processed from start to finish. The visit will begin in the Data Processing Office, where paperwork from arresting agencies is received and filed. From there, students will move to the Screening Department, where charges are reviewed and either accepted or declined. They will then meet with Trial Attorneys, who prepare cases for court. The group will also visit the Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI) Office, which handles diversion programs for first-time offenders, allowing them to avoid formal court proceedings. Additional stops include the Child Support Office, the Drug Court Office, and the Terrebonne Children's Advocacy Center, where staff support victims of crime and address school-related issues such as truancy and family services.

**Terrebonne General Health System:** General Medicine/Physician/Surgeon/Nursing, Physical/Occupational Therapy, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Management and Business Operations, Law/Legal work/Police Operations, Culinary/Food Service, Marketing/Communications/Advertising, Manufacturing/Construction, Hospitality, Banking/Finance/Accounting, Technology, Human Resources, Respiratory Therapy, Athletic Trainers, Dieticians, Anesthesia, Environmental Services

**8166 Main Street. Houma, LA 70360**

**Accepting: 80 students from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Terrebonne General Healthcare Career Expo introduces students to the wide range of careers available in the medical field, including clinical and non-clinical. This event gives students the opportunity to meet healthcare professionals, explore different departments, and learn about the education and skills needed for various roles. It is a great way for students to gain insight into real-world healthcare careers, ask questions, and discover future opportunities in a hands-on, engaging environment. During the event, hospital departments will each have their own booth or display area featuring equipment, visuals, and hands-on materials to showcase their specialty. Team members from each department will be available to answer questions, share what a typical day looks like in their role, and discuss the education and skills needed for different healthcare careers.

**Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office:** Law Enforcement, Detective

**137 Capital Boulevard, Houma, LA 70360**

**Accepting: 3 students from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Students will have the opportunity to observe the work of the Special Victims Unit, which investigates sensitive and complex cases involving child abuse, sexual assault, internet crimes against children, sex trafficking, and child exploitation. The unit is led by a Lieutenant and supported by five detectives who are dedicated to protecting vulnerable individuals and ensuring justice for victims. During the experience, students will learn how cases enter the unit—whether through the patrol division, the Department of Children and Family Services, or community walk-ins—and how each case is reviewed and assigned to a detective. They will gain insight into the investigative process, including interviews, evidence gathering, coordination with partner agencies, and the compassionate approach required when working with children and families. This job shadow is best suited for mature, responsible students who are interested in law enforcement and driven by a desire to help others.

**The Art Studio:** Art, Graphic Design, Photography

**685 Corporate Drive, Suite D, Houma, Louisiana, 70360**

**Accepting: 18 students from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Students will learn about creative careers such as Graphic Design, Front-End Web Development & UI/UX Design, Art Education, and Photography. We'll explore what the work looks like, the career paths and income potential, and the personality traits that fit each job best.

Students can also expect to take part in interactive activities such as Design Thinking Challenges and a self-branding project that helps them think about how to represent themselves professionally as an artist. This activity is a great way to start preparing for future portfolios or career opportunities.

We will also discuss how artists can earn income by selling their work at trade shows or online. It is a fun and rewarding way to make money doing what you love, and it can even grow into your own small business.

**The Center for Pediatric Therapy: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy**

**279 South Hollywood Road, Houma, LA 70360 (Houma location)**

**270 Hwy 3185, Thibodaux, LA 70301 (Thibodaux location)**

**Accepting: 3 students (per location) from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

The Center for Pediatric Therapy (CPT) is a multidisciplinary clinic providing physical, occupational and speech therapy for children with developmental difficulties. We work with children in a sensory rich environment to address their individualized goals. Students will get to tour the facility, talk to therapists and observe therapy sessions.

**All students shadowing at this facility must complete this student packet.**

**32nd Judicial District Court Judge - Division B: Law, Legal work, Police Operations, Government & Politics**

**7856 Main Street, Courthouse Annex, Suite 211, Houma, LA 70360**

**Accepting: 10+ students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

The 32nd Judicial District Court is a court of general jurisdiction. Judge Dagate presides over a wide range of cases concerning Louisiana civil and criminal law. On the date scheduled students will be able to observe misdemeanor court proceedings, child in need of care civil hearings, and magistrate court - which is the initial court proceeding where the judge reviews reports to determine probable cause and sets bail.

Judge Dagate will also take time to allow students to review any warrant request submitted by a police officer, and take them through the process of reviewing civil pleadings filed by attorneys. In addition, students will be allowed the opportunity to speak to court personnel and lawyers attending court.

**Unitech Training Academy Houma Campus: Dental Assisting, EKG/Phlebotomy Technician, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Massage Therapy, AI-Integrated Technical Support Specialist, Medical Billing & Coding and Medical Office Assistant**

**6007 West Park Avenue, Houma, LA 70364**

**Accepting: unlimited number of students from 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

Students will tour our campus, visit each program offered and complete a hands-on activity to learn about the specific programs offered which include Dental Assisting, EKG/Phlebotomy Technician, Medical Assistant, Massage Therapy and Pharmacy Technician. Online programs include AI-Integrated Technical Support Specialist, Medical Billing & Coding and Medical Office Assistant. At the conclusion of the visit, lunch will be served to the students.

**Career Exploration Day graphic was created by students in the Graphic Design II and III classes.**