



RCL: Career Resources (CR) is the essential list of core resources for vocation, technical, and career education programs at two and four-year undergraduate institutions. Co-published by Choice/ACRL and ProQuest-Clarivate, it includes over 4,000 titles across 11 career clusters. See RCL: Career Resources scope notes below.

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ALLIED HEALTH

Allied Health makes recommendations for those allied health programs most commonly offered within the two-year college curricula: Dental Auxiliary Careers; Diagnostic Technologies; Dietetics and Nutrition; Emergency Medical Services; Health Information Technology; Medical Auxiliary Careers; Medical Laboratory Technology; Nursing; Occupational Safety and Health; Occupational Therapy Assisting; Physical Therapist Assisting; and Respiratory Therapy Assisting.

The resources listed here represent a careful selection from among the most recent textbooks, monographs, and web resources, and have been chosen to cover the most important and commonly taught aspects of each subfield. Some works selected here were originally intended primarily for more advanced health care studies, but should be of use to students and instructors in two-year programs as well. As health care knowledge and practices change quickly, the most recent edition of any work should be purchased. *Last updated June 2021.*

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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Building and Construction Trades makes recommendations for those building and construction programs most commonly offered within the two-year college curricula: Carpentry; Construction Technology; Electrical Technology; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; Masonry; Plumbing Technology; and Welding.

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BUSINESS

Business makes recommendations for those business programs commonly offered within the two-year college curricula: Accounting; Business Administration and Management; Culinary and Pastry Arts; Food Service and Hospitality Management; Office Technologies; Real Estate; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Travel, Tourism, and Event Planning. The resources listed here are carefully selected from the most recent textbooks, monographs, and web resources and have been chosen to cover the most important and commonly taught aspects of each subfield.

Deselection considerations include:

- Outdated and obsolete information, including outdated information and sources that have been superseded by new titles or editions
- Out of scope (either due to audience level or subject matter, including topics that are no longer of interest)
- Resources that are not on standard lists or that were never reviewed in standard review sources
- Duplicative series, especially series that are no longer popular or that no longer support the curriculum

Every attempt has been made to feature a work's newest and most relevant edition; the few older works retained are of importance primarily as background or historical material. *Last updated July 2023.*

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COMMUNICATION

Communication makes recommendations for those professions most commonly taught within the two-year college curricula: Journalism; Public Relations; and Radio and Television Production Technologies.

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COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Computer and Information Technology section makes recommendations for most commonly offered two-year college curricula in Computer Science and IT programs, including: Computer Programming; Computer Simulation, Human-Computer Interaction, and Game Development; Databases; Hardware and Software Support; Information Technology Applications; Mobile Computing; Systems Security; and Web Development.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW

Criminal Justice and Law makes recommendations for those legal programs most commonly offered within the two-year college curricula: Court Reporting; Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; and Paralegal Studies. The resources listed here represent a careful selection from among the most recent textbooks, monographs, and web resources, and have been chosen to cover the most important and commonly taught aspects of each subfield. Of necessity, some of the works selected here are intended primarily for more advanced legal studies or preparation for a baccalaureate degree, but will be of use to students in career-oriented programs as well.

Every attempt has been made to feature the newest and most relevant edition of a work; the few older works retained are of importance primarily as background or historical material. To maintain collection utility, relevancy, and currency, career resource titles are regularly reviewed and obsolete items deselected when necessary. Although it is not practical to list all of the individual state/regional legal resources a core paralegal library collection should also include the following resources for the institution's state and/or region: state code; state or regional reporter covering at least the preceding 25 years; current state or regional digest; "local and state bar journals, newspapers, and periodicals devoted to the paralegal profession" (American Bar Association [ABA], 2008, p. 29-30). State and regional publications can be obtained from major legal publishers, or in some states, from the official state government website. *Last updated June 2023.*

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EDUCATION

Education makes recommendations for those professions most commonly taught within the two-year college curricula: Library Technology and Early Childhood Education.

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ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

The Engineering and Technology section makes recommendations for the engineering, technology, and machinery programs most commonly offered within the two-year college curricula, including: Aircraft Technologies and Aviation; Automotive Technologies; Diesel Mechanics and Heavy Equipment Operation; Environmental Technologies; Industrial and Mechanical Design; Electrical Engineering and Electronics Technology; and Surveying.



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GRAPHIC AND APPAREL ARTS

The Graphic and Apparel Arts section makes recommendations for the career-oriented arts programs most commonly offered within the two-year college curricula, including: Desktop Publishing and Printing Technologies; Fashion Design and Apparel Arts; Fashion Merchandising; Interior Design; Photography; and Visual Communication and Graphic Design.

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HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services section of Resources for College Libraries: Career Resources makes recommendations for those human services programs most commonly offered at the two-year (i.e., community/junior) college level.

These areas include: Funeral Services, Social and Human Services; and Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling.

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SCIENCES

The Sciences section includes selected works related to career-oriented scientific disciplines most commonly taught within the two-year college curricula, including: Agricultural Science and Agronomy; Fire Services; Forestry; Landscape Horticulture Technologies; and Veterinary Technology.



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