

# NEWSLETTER



## Something to Ponder

*“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.”*

Diogenes Laertius c.404-323B.C.E.

## CIS in the News

### PaCE Symposium Dates:



I Hotel & Illinois Conference Center (Champaign) on [Tuesday April 16, 2024 - Registration](#) will close on Friday, April 12, or when full capacity is reached (whichever comes first).

Elgin Community College on [Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - Registration](#) will close on Friday, May 3, or when full capacity is reached (whichever comes first).

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## Admin and Staff Corner

For easy access, we've added a 'Site Admin / Staff' to the drop down menu on the landing page header. Send us an email to let us know how you like it!

## Summer Job Central is here!

## Summer Job Central 2024

A seasonal brochure that provides information for young people looking for summer employment, internships and apprenticeships, and volunteer opportunities. Summer Job Central (SJC) includes links to resources, websites with summer job listings, and a parents' guide to summer work for teens and young adults.

If you are looking for a meaningful summer experience, visit SJC today! [Click here to view our 2024 SJC flyer.](#)

## Top TOPIC

May 5-11, 2024 is Youth Apprenticeship Week (YAW), a nationwide celebration that highlights the benefits and value of Registered Apprenticeship program opportunities for youth, ages 16-24.



Employers, educators, labor unions, workforce professionals, and their partners across the country are launching Registered Apprenticeship programs that allow youth to earn competitive wages while obtaining the relevant training and experience to start their careers, often including the opportunity to earn college credit.

Youth Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for stakeholders and others to host events across the country to bring awareness of these life-changing Registered Apprenticeship career opportunities for youth and how to create a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent for the jobs of today and tomorrow for critical

## Apprenticeship Illinois by the Numbers

19,841  
Active Apprentices

424  
Active Programs

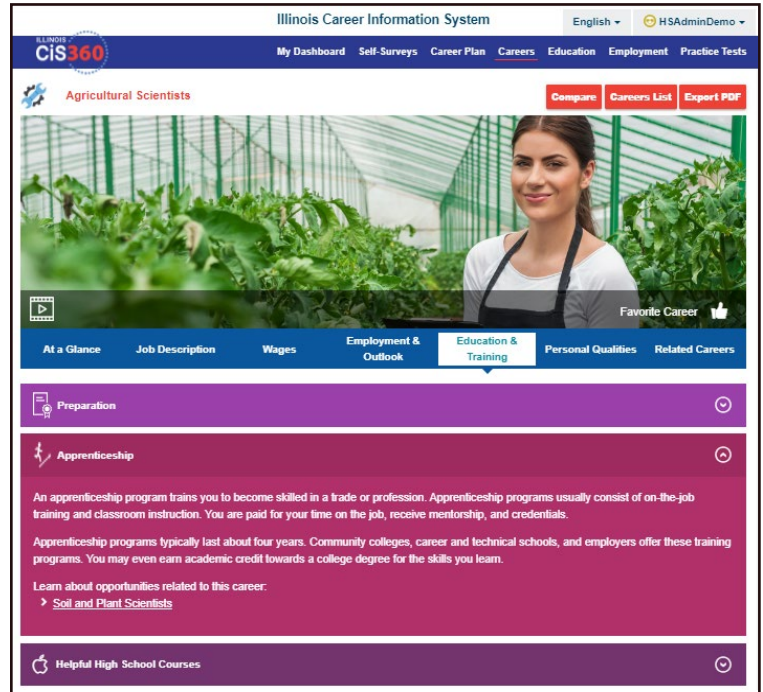
1,646  
Total Employers

Source: ApprenticeshipIllinois.com

## CIS360 Careers Filter - New “Apprenticeship” Category

The Careers component in CIS360 has recently added “Apprenticeship” as a category to the Careers Filter - just in time for Apprenticeship Week! This filter works in tandem with the new O\*Net Apprenticeship crosswalks and uses this category to show users other options for postsecondary education. Favorited Career Clusters and Careers, Education Level, Wages, Illinois Hot Jobs, STEM, and High Self-Employment are other categories users can select to filter their Careers list. For a more personalized Careers list, users can also use the Career Clusters and Careers from their Self-Survey results.

CIS360 utilizes national, statewide, and local Illinois Department of Employment Security and O\*Net Wage and Employment & Outlook data for over 650 careers. This represents more than 95% of the U.S. civilian and military career options.



The screenshot displays the Illinois Career Information System (CIS360) interface for the 'Agricultural Scientists' career. The top navigation bar includes 'My Dashboard', 'Self-Surveys', 'Career Plan', 'Careers', 'Education', 'Employment', and 'Practice Tests'. The main content area features a video player with a woman in a greenhouse, a 'Favorite Career' button, and a navigation menu. The 'Education & Training' tab is active, showing sections for 'Preparation' and 'Apprenticeship'. The 'Apprenticeship' section provides a definition and details about the program, including a link to 'Soil and Plant Scientists' under 'Learn about opportunities related to this career:'.

## CIS360 Virtual Training Schedule

### Getting Started with CIS360

[Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM](#)

This webinar provides a brief overview of CIS360 and how to get started in the system. Topics include site account set up, log in, administrative reporting functionality, and career exploration in the classroom.

### Using CIS360 in the Classroom

[Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 2:00 to 2:30 PM](#)

This training session provides an overview of Career Plan – a customizable framework of CIS360 classroom activities with a robust reporting system.

### PaCE Yourself with Postsecondary & Career Expectations and CIS360

[Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM](#)

This training session provides a guided tour of how to use CIS360 milestone activities to meet the Postsecondary and Career Expectations framework benchmarks.

### Career Plan for Adults and Job Seekers

[Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM](#)

This webinar provides a guided tour of the Career Plan feature in CIS360 and how to use it with adult job seekers.