Career Plan Project Workbook



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Introduction and Guide

This Career Plan Project Workbook contains activity worksheets intended to help your students make solid and informed career decisions. You can use these worksheets as homework or in-class assignments or as inspiration for group activities. Students can fill out these worksheets on their own and discuss them with you or with their career counselor, or you can use the worksheets as reproducible masters to lead in-class activities and discussions. You can choose to progress through the worksheets in order, or pick and choose the activities that meet your curriculum needs.

Worksheets focus on the three core areas of career decision making: self-assessment, career exploration, and goal setting. The focus area is identified at the top right of every worksheet.

Self-Assessment

The first block of worksheets concentrates on self-knowledge and self-awareness. Students consider what they enjoy and take pride in doing and work to correlate this information with possible careers. They identify their top career interest areas based on their interests, values, and self-image, and consider which of the 16 career clusters defined by the U.S. Department of Education fit best with their academic and personal strengths. They also consider their personality types and the values they wish to express through their work.

Career Exploration

In these activities, students move from identifying possible careers to doing research that will help them fine-tune their career options and make a career decision. Students explore career- and education-planning resources offered on the Web, complete one or more job-shadowing experiences, and profile all aspects of different careers that interest them. Over the course of their career-planning experience, students can use multiple copies of the Career Profile Form on pages 16 through 19 to explore various careers that appeal to them.

Goal Setting

After exploring themselves and their career options, students move onto planning and goal setting. Students profile postsecondary education and training options that appeal to them, considering a range of important criteria such as cost and job-placement success. They create a checklist of the materials they will need to apply for a postsecondary program and record their progress toward meeting relevant due dates. They also research the skills needed in their career of choice and make plans to strengthen these skills. Additionally, students compile the information they will need for a résumé and list of references. Rounding out the workbook is a Six-Year Plan for each year of high school as well as the first two years thereafter. Working with their counselors, students can plan their coursework and activities for each term and year and can record their progress toward graduation and career readiness.

Many of the worksheets and suggested activities in this Career Plan Project Workbook can also serve as projects and activity suggestions for students' Personal Academic and Career Portfolios. Suggested answers and further suggestions are provided in the Answer Key beginning on page 41.

1. At school, I have felt interested and engaged in these subjects and class activities:

Interests and Aptitudes

Self-Assessment

Directions Most people tend to be good at what interests them, and interested in what they are good at doing. To find career ideas, consider subjects and activities that you have enjoyed or that have given you a sense of achievement.

	Subject:	Class activity:
	Subject:	Class activity:
2.	$Outside\ of\ school,\ I\ have$	felt interested and engaged in these activities:
	Place:	Activity:
	Place:	Activity:
3.	At school, I have done be	st in these subjects or activities:
4.	At home, I can be counte	d on to do a good job at:
5.	If I were to win an award	for a special talent or quality, it would be:
6.	Teachers, family membe	rs, friends, or others have praised my ability to:
7.	I feel proud of myself wh	en I:
	,	
8.	-	mily member, counselor, or teacher. Together, brainstorm
	career areas that might fi	tyourinterests and skills. What career ideas can you find?

Career Interest Areas

Self-Assessment

Directions What are your career interests? Each individual tends to prefer one of the six career interest groups described below depending on what they enjoy, value, and are good at doing. People in each group tend to enjoy similar professions. Which group best suits you? Pick one or two of the types below that fit you best.

REALISTIC

- You enjoy and are good at working with animals, plants, tools, machines, or mechanical drawings.
- You value practical things you can see, touch, and use.
- You see yourself as practical, mechanical, realistic, honest, modest, and natural.
- You would probably not enjoy social jobs such as teaching or working with patients.

INVESTIGATIVE

- You enjoy and are good at studying and solving math or science problems.
- You value science.
- You see yourself as independent, precise, curious, complex, scientific, and intellectual.
- You would probably not enjoy sales or jobs that involve leading or persuading people.

ARTISTIC

- You enjoy and are good at creative activities such as art, drama, crafts, dance, music, or creative writing.
- You value creative arts such as drama, music, art, or literature.
- You see yourself as emotional, expressive, original, imaginative, independent, and open.
- You would probably not enjoy highly ordered or repetitive activities.

SOCIAL

- You enjoy and are good at doing things to help people, such as teaching, nursing, giving first aid, or providing information.
- You value helping people and solving social problems.
- You see yourself as helpful, friendly, tactful, kind, and trustworthy.
- You would probably not enjoy using machines, tools, or animals to achieve a goal.

ENTERPRISING

- You enjoy and are good at leading and persuading people and selling products, services, and ideas.
- You value success in politics, leadership, or business.
- You see yourself as energetic, ambitious, adventurous, popular, and sociable.
- You would probably not enjoy activities that require careful observation and scientific analysis.

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Career Interest Areas (continued)

Self-Assessment

- 1. Which of the career interest areas on the previous page best describe(s) you? Check up to three.
 - **Realistic** You may enjoy a career as a mechanic, air traffic controller, pilot, surveyor, soldier, police officer, farmer, miner, or electrician.
 - **Investigative** You may enjoy a career as a scientist, doctor, dentist, medical technologist, computer programmer, mathematician, college professor, or veterinarian.
 - **Artistic** You may enjoy a career as a composer, musician, stage director, writer, decorator, architect, graphic designer, artist, photographer, journalist, or actor.
 - Social You may enjoy a career as a teacher, religious worker, counselor, clinical psychologist, occupational therapist, caseworker, playground supervisor, child care worker, or speech therapist.
 - Enterprising You may enjoy a career as a salesperson, manager, business executive, lawyer, politician, marketing manager, stockbroker, urban planner, television producer, sports promoter, or retail buyer.
 - **Conventional** You may enjoy a career as a bookkeeper, accountant, court reporter, stenographer, financial analyst, banker, cost estimator, tax expert, office manager, or medical records technician.

2.	Ask three people who know you well—such as a family member, teacher, and friend—to pick the career interest area(s) that they think best characterize you. Do you agree or disagree with their assessments? Why?
3.	Name three of the careers listed above that you would like to research further.
4.	Pick your top two career interest areas and find three careers that might combine these interests. A realistic-artistic person, for example, might enjoy a career as a botanical artist, a technical writer, or a craftsperson. What creative career ideas can you find?

Career Clusters

Self-Assessment

Directions Which career clusters interest you most? Check every statement below that applies to you. Then add up the number of check marks in each group.

I like to	I am	I am interested in
 learn how things live and grow. 	independent	math
 learn about natural resources. 	accurate	 life science
hunt or fish.	a nature lover	 earth sciences
protect the environment.	 physically active 	chemistry
• be outdoors.	a good planner	agriculture
 plan, budget, and keep records. 	 a problem solver 	
 use and repair tools and machines. 		
Number of statements checked:		nents checked:

I like to	l am	I am interested in
 follow blueprints or instructions. picture things in my mind. work with my hands. do precise work. solve technical problems. visit interesting buildings. follow step-by-step procedures. 	 inquisitive good with my hands good atfollowing directions attentive to detail good at visualizing patient, persistent 	 math drafting physical sciences construction trades technology
Number of statements checked:		

I like to	l am	I am interested in
 communicate information. 	creative	 art/graphic design
• perform.	quick thinking	• music
read and write.	• a good	speech or drama
play a musical instrument.	communicator	journalism or
 make artwork or crafts. 	tech savvy	literature
 record audio or video. 	versatile	audio/video
 design displays or Web pages. 	• tenacious	technology
	Number of state	ments checked:

	I like to	l am	I am interested in
	stay organized.	logical	computer
	 work with numbers and details. 	organized	applications
	lead others.	practical	business
4	 network and make new contacts. 	tactful	accounting
	• use computers.	 responsible 	math
	communicate ideas.	 entrepreneurial 	 English/language
	manage my own work.		arts
		Number of statemen	ts checked:

Career Clusters (continued)

Self-Assessment

	I like to	I am	I am interested in
	 talk to all kinds of people. 	friendly	 English/language
	learn.	 a strong decision 	arts
	 lead a group. 	maker	 social studies
5	go to school.	helpful	math
	direct and plan activities.	inquisitive	science
	multitask.	 a good listener 	psychology
	help others.	a quick thinker	
		Number of statemen	nts checked:

work with numbers.meet deadlines.use facts to make predictions.	trustworthyorderlyself-confident	accountingmath
 play by the rules. analyze financial information. handle money. keep accurate records. 	logicalattentivepractical	economicsbanking/financebusiness law

I like to	I am	I am interested in
 be politically involved. debate ideas. work in a team. analyze complex issues. persuade others. keep up with current events. 	 a good communicator competitive service-minded a strong problem solver a quick thinker culturally sensitive 	governmentlanguage artshistorymathforeign languages
	Number of statemer	nts checked:

I like to	l am	I am interested in
help the sick.	caring	 life sciences
 make logical decisions. 	 good atfollowing 	chemistry
 learn about health and science. 	directions	math
 respond in an emergency. 	careful	 occupational health
work in a team.	a good listener	 language arts
 do precise, accurate work. 	scientific	
	clear-headed	
	Number of statemer	nts checked:

Career Clusters (continued)

Self-Assessment

	I like to	I am	I am interested in
9	 work with the public. interact with many types of people. help others have a good time. have a flexible schedule. help people make decisions. meet and greet people. 	 outgoing sympathetic friendly a team player tolerant responsive 	 language arts/ speech foreign language social sciences marketing food services/
	learn about other cultures.	·	nutrition
	Number of statements checked:		nts checked:

	I like to	I am	I am interested in
10	 help people solve their problems. volunteer to help others. listen to other people's feelings. work with children and the elderly. find solutions to problems. make friends with people of different ages, cultures, and backgrounds. show other people that I care. 	 caring a good communicator a good listener strong intuitive nonjudgmental 	 language arts psychology sociology family and consumer sciences foreign languages
		Number of statement	nts checked:

	I like to	l am	I am interested in
11	 work with computers. solve technical problems. use machines and tools. figure out diagrams. keep up with new technology. work with multimedia. build Web sites. 	 a logical thinker good with details persistent methodical good at concentrating precise and accurate 	 math science computer technology communications graphic design
		Number of statemer	nts checked:

	I like to	I am	I am interested in
12	 take charge in dangerous situations. make important decisions. interact with others. earn others' respect. respect rules and laws. debate and win arguments. observe people's behavior. 	 adventurous dependable civic-minded decisive optimistic trustworthy 	 language arts psychology/ sociology government/history law enforcement first aid
		Number of statemen	nts checked:

Career Clusters (continued)

Self-Assessment

I like to	I am	I am interested in
work with my hands.	practical	math/geometry
 assemble things. 	observant	chemistry
 do precise work. 	dexterous	trade tech/
produce hands-on results.	 a clear thinker 	machining
 solve math problems. 	 coordinated 	physics
 use tools and machines. 	inventive	language arts
 visualize 3-D objects from drawings. 		
	Number of state	ments checked:

I like to	l am	I am interested in
 browse new products in stores. follow trends. arrange displays. give presentations. persuade people. communicate ideas. dream up new products. 	 enthusiastic competitive creative self-motivated persuasive innovative 	 business/marketing language arts math economics computer applications
Number of statements checked:		

	I like to	l am	I am interested in
	 interpret formulas. 	detail-oriented	math
	 find the answers to questions. 	inquisitive	science
	 work in a laboratory. 	objective	 drafting/CAD
15	figure out how things work.	precise	electronics/
	 explore new technology. 	practical	computers
	experiment.	 a problem solver 	technology
	 observe details. 		education
		Number of statemer	nts checked:

I like to	l am	I am interested in
 drive, ride, or travel. 	quick-witted	math
 plan trips or routes. 	 mechanical 	 trade and industry
 solve mechanical problems. 	coordinated	 physical sciences
 move things from one place to another. 	observant	economics
• be on time.	a good planner	 foreign languages
 work in a fast-paced environment. 	thorough	
• be part of a team.		
	Number of statemer	nts checked:

Name______Date_____Class _____

Career Clusters (continued)

Self-Assessment

- 1. The following key shows which career clusters correspond with the interest areas on the previous pages. Circle the numbers next to the four career clusters to which you gave the highest number of check marks. These are clusters for you to explore further.
 - 1 Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
 - 2 Architecture and Construction
 - 3 Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications
 - **4** Business, Management, and Administration
 - 5 Education and Training
 - 6 Finance
 - 7 Government and Public Administration
 - 8 Health Science

- 9 Hospitality and Tourism
- 10 Human Services
- 11 Information Technology
- 12 Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
- 13 Manufacturing
- 14 Marketing, Sales, and Service
- 15 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- **16** Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
- **2.** Research the career clusters that you circled above using print resources and the resources on the Web site **www.careerclusters.org**. Choose the two clusters that most interest you and list five appealing jobs in each of these clusters. Research and list the level of education required for each of these jobs.

Career Cluster	
Career Possibilities	Education Needed
1	
	Education Needed
1	
5.	

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Work Values

Self-Assessment

Directions Work values are aspects of a career that bring you pride and satisfaction. Knowing what values are important to you in your work can help you decide which careers might fit you best.

1. Consider each of the work values listed below and assign each of them a number (1, 2, or 3) according to their importance.

1 = Not important	2=Important	3 = Very1mportant
Advancement	I would like a job tha	at allows for steady promotion.
Adventure I	would like to be able t	to take risks.
Change and Va	ariety I would like to	have job duties that change with time.
Children I we	ould like to have a lot	of contact with children.
Creativity I	would like to create ne	ew ideas, works, or structures.
Environment	I would like to help i	mprove the environment.
Family I wou	ld like to be free to ma	ake time for family.
Fast Pace I w	ould like to work rapi	dly, in a setting with high activity.
Compassion	I would like to help ot	her people and improve their well-being.
Helping Society	I would like to hel	lp improve the world.
Independence	I would like to decid	le for myself what to do and when to do it.
Influence I w	ould like to be able to	change how people think.
Job Security	I would like to be ass	ured of keeping my job.
Knowledge I	would like to pursue	truth or knowledge.
Nature I wou	ld like to have contact	with nature (animals, plants, water).
Outdoors I w	ould like an outdoor v	work environment.
Physical Challe	e nge I would like a j	ob with physical demands and challenges
Power I woul	d like to be able to ma	anage and direct others.
Public Contact	I would like to hav	e a lot of contact with the public.
	•	re other people appreciate and reward
my accomplish		
Responsibility		elied on to fulfill important obligations.
	ld like to earn a lot of	
		aties that do not change much over time.
		e and admiration from my community.
	would like to work clo	
	would like a job with	
Travel I woul	ld like to travel freque	
	((other—specify)

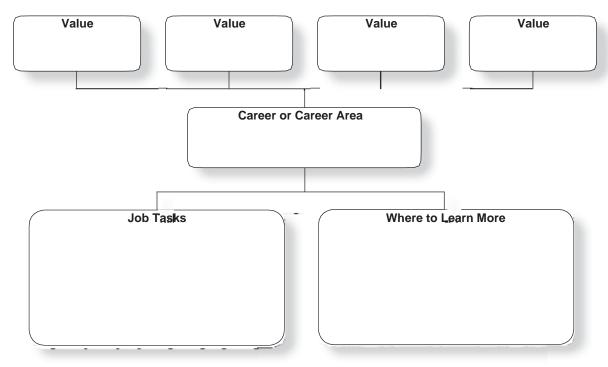
Work Values (continued)

Self-Assessment

2. List up to eight of the values to which you assigned a "3" on the previous page. Research and list two careers that are a good match with each value. Circle the names of careers you would like to research further.

VALUE	CAREER MATCHES	

3. Show your list of values to a family member, a career counselor, or a teacher. Discuss ideas for careers or career areas that might serve several of these values at the same time. A person who values the environment, helping society, influence, and public contact might enjoy a career in public service, environmental law, or the park system, for example. Use an additional sheet of paper to create similar graphic organizers for two other career possibilities.



Class

Work Personality Types

Self-Assessment

Directions According to John Kiersey's Temperament Theory, each person possesses one of four dominant temperaments. Knowing your temperament type can help you select a satisfying career. Try to match your interests and abilities to the descriptions in the chart below.

ARTISAN

- You enjoy working with any and all kinds of equipment, implements, machines, and instruments, from bulldozers to paintbrushes.
- You enjoy crafts of many kinds—athletic, culinary, literary, martial, mechanical, rhetorical, theatrical, political, or industrial.
- You can identify with other artisans such as Amelia Earhart, Steven Spielberg, Bob Dylan, Lance Armstrong, Frida Kahlo, J.K. Rowling, Yao Ming, and Maya Angelou.

GUARDIAN

- You enjoy occupations that involve gathering, storing, recording, measuring, and distributing data or people.
- You are talented at arranging, scheduling, establishing order, and creating organizations.
- You can identify with other guardians such as George Washington, Colin Powell, Mother Teresa, John McCain, Harry Truman, and Martha Stewart.

IDEALIST

- You are enthusiastic, have insight into people, and are good at influencing others and helping them reach their full potential.
- You are talented at teaching, counseling, interviewing, and tutoring people.
- You can identify with other idealists such as Oprah Winfrey, Mohandas Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, César Chávez, the Dalai Lama, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

RATIONAL

- You are interested in complexity and are good at understanding it.
- You are interested in complex machines, such as airplanes, or in complex biological organisms, such as humans, plants, and animals.
- You can identify with other rationals such as Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Maya Lin, and Bill Gates.
- **1.** Which of these temperament types best describes you?
 - Artisan—You may enjoy a career as an artist, musician, actor, chef, craftsperson, photographer, designer, decorator, publicist, or mechanic.
 - **Guardian**—You may enjoy a career as businessperson, librarian, doctor, nurse, military or police officer, accountant, salesperson, coach, or social worker.
 - **Idealist**—You may enjoy a career as a teacher, recruiter, counselor, caretaker, diplomat, human resource worker, humanities professor, or charity worker.
 - **Rational**—You may enjoy a career as a scientist, architect, engineer, computer programmer, military strategist, inventor, or executive.
- 2. List three career areas to explore that are likely to fit your temperament type.

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Web Research Tools

Career Exploration

Directions The Internet is the best place to find up-to-date, in-depth information about careers, career preparation, and job openings. In this activity you will find and examine many different sources of online career information.

		SELF-ASSESSMENT
1.		that offer career self-assessment resources. What information, ive assessments do these sites offer?
	Web site:	Resources offered:
	Web site:	Resources offered:
		CAREER WEB SITES
2.		eb sites. Find the section of each site that offers advice, tools, and ekers, such as résumé-writing tips and self-assessment tools. h site offers.
	Web site:	Resources offered:
	Web site:	Resources offered:
3.		e career Web sites for a local job in a career that interests you. found the job posting.
4.		reer InfoNet, a career Web site sponsored by the U.S. Department of r resources are available on America's Career InfoNet?

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Web Research Tools (continued)

Career Exploration

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

5. What is the Web address of the online version of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*? Read the profile of an occupation that interests you. What aspects of this occupation does the profile cover? STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES 6. Does your state have a career-planning Web site for students? If so, what is it called and what is its Webaddress? What does the site offer? **7.** Where can you find information on the labor market in your state? **EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL AID** 8. Use the Education & Training Finder on America's Career Info Net to find schools in your state that offer training for the career that interests you. List two of these schools below. 9. Where on the Webcan you find information about federal grants, loans, and work-study programs to help pay for postsecondary training and education? 10. Most states' higher education agencies provide funding for postsecondary education. What is the name and Web address of your state's higher education agency?

Job Shadowing Worksheet

Career Exploration

Directions Choose a career that interests you and work with a teacher or counselor to arrange a job-shadow day. Use this two-page worksheet to organize your experience.

	PREPARE
Name of job-shadow mentor	
Career:	Career cluster:
Place of employment:	
Date of job shadow:	Appointment time:
Describewhatthecompany	ororganization does.
	r job-shadow mentor about job tasks, skills and preparation ther areas that will help you learn more about this career.
1	
3	
4	
6	
	OBSERVE
	you see your job-shadow mentor perform. If the nature of any clarification when the mentor is available to answer.

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Job Shadowing Worksheet (continued)

Career Exploration

	OBSERVE (continued)			
8.	8. Describe the workenvironment.			
9.	9. Describe any tools, machines, or other technol	ogies that are part of the work.		
10.). Name the academic knowledge and job-specific s	kills you see your job-shadow mentor use.		
11.	1. Ask your job-shadow mentor the questions you previous page. Use a separate piece of paper to that paper to this worksheet.			
	ASSESS			
12.	2. What parts of this career were most interesting to you?			
13.	3. What didyou see that was new or surprising?			
14.	Based on what you saw today, would you like to explore this career further? Why or why not?			
15.	5. Ask your job-shadow mentor to assess whether qualities during your job shadow:	you displayed the following skills and		
		taking skills		
	 professional demeanor preparation interest and enthusiasm ability to follow directions 			
	- preparation - abili	y to follow difections		

Job-shadow mentor's signature:

16. Send a thank-you note to your job-shadow mentor thanking him or her for the help and explaining what you learned. Attach a copy of the letter to this worksheet.

Name	D	ate	Class
Career Profile		ı	Career Exploration
Directions Choose a career that in as well as interviews with working career.	-	_	
	CAREER TIT	TLE	
CAR	EER PATHWAY	//CLUSTER	
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REASONS	FOR CHOOSIN	IG THIS CARE	EER
JOB TAS	SKS AND RESF	PONSIBILITIE	S
1. What are the main tasks and	l responsibilities	in this career?	
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2. Describe a typical day on the	e job.		
	CVII I C		
3. What skills are required for	this career?		
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Ca	Career Profile (continued)		Career Exploration	
	PERSONAL QU	ALITIES		
4.	4. What positive personal qualities can help you	ı succeed in th	is career?	
5.	5. What personality traits are a good fit for this	carer? Which	are not a good fit?	
	VALUES			
6. What values does this career support? Circle the values that correspond with values.				
	WORKING CON	DITIONS		
7.	7. Where does most of the work take place?	. Where does most of the work take place?		
8.	3. What health and safety risks does the job have?			
9.	9. What is the average rate of on-the-job illnesses and injuries for workers in this ca			
	Illnesses:fataland non-fatal cases a	mong every	workers per year.	
	Injuries:fatal and non-fatal cases ar	nongevery	workers per year.	
10.	0. What are the typical working hours?			

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Ca	reer Profile	continued)			Career Exp	loration
		EDUCA	TION AND T	RAINING		
11.	What specific high so career?	hool courses	and activities	could help yo	u to prepare for t	this
12.	What postsecondary	course of st	udy or training	g is required f	or this career?	
13.	Describe three prograrelevant to this care PROGRAM/SC	er.	y education pro		r state that offer	cost
14.	What lifelong-learni	ngstrategies	s should you pu	ursue to grow a	and develop in th	nis career?
		SALA	RY AND BE	NEFITS		
15.	What is the salary ra	ange for this	career?			
16.	In your state, what y	early pay ca	n you expect ii	n the followin	g career stages?)
	Entry level:	Mid @	career:	Prof	essional:	
17.	What benefits, such a generally receive?					

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Ca	areer Profile (continue	Career Exploration		
	OC	CUPATIONAL OUTLOOK		
18.	Is the demand for workers in over the next decade? Why?	this career expected to increa	ase, decrease, or stay the same	
19.	List three employers in your	state or community that hire	workers in this career field.	
		ASSESSMENT		
20.	What aspects of this career s	seem like a particularly good	match for you? Why?	
21.	What aspects of this career a	are not a good match for you	? Why?	
	SOURCES			
22.	List the sources you used to	draw up this career profile.		
	PRINT RESOURCES	ONLINE RESOURCES	PEOPLE INTERVIEWED	

School Profiler

Goal Setting

Directions Locate two postsecondary programs that can help you prepare for the career that interests you. Consider colleges or universities, apprenticeship programs, license or certification programs, and other appropriate programs. Use the following two pages to compare them side by side.

Name of school or program	Name of school or program
Loca	tion
Degree(s) or certificate(s)	relevant to career choice
Major(s) or training program	s relevant to career choice
Qualifications	of instructors
Accredi	tations
Length of	program
Number of stude	ents in program
Diversity of s	tudent body
Student/tea	
Quality of facilities (classrooms, libraries	s, laboratories, computer facilities, etc.)

School Profiler (continued)

Goal Setting

Name of school or program	Name of school or program
Activities available (spo	rts, student clubs, etc.)
Admissions requirements (minimum GPA,	tact scores skills recommendations atal
Aumissions requirements (minimum GPA,	lest scores, skiiis, recommendations, etc.)
Percentage of app	plicants admitted
Graduation rate (percentage of enteri	ng students who complete program)
Academic and career cou	inseling services offered
Job-placement rate (percentage of gradua	ating students who find jobs in their field)
Cost of program (including t	tuition, fees, supplies, etc.)
Financial aid options (loans	s, grants, work-study, etc.)
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Based on your research and your answers ab	ove which program do you prefer? Why?
Dascu on your research and your answers ab	ove, which program do you prefer: willy:

Admissions Checklist

Goal Setting

Directions Use the following checklist to prepare for admission to post-secondary education or training. Fill in all information relevant to your chosen program.

Program name:	Start date:	
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Requirement	Due Date	To Do	Done
Complete application form • print • online		•	•
Components:	-		
Pay application fee		•	•
Obtain transcripts or GED scores		•	•
Calculate GPA and class rank		•	•
Take required admissions tests (SAT, ACT, ASVAB, etc.)		•	•
Complete required courses		•	•
English:		•	•
Math:		•	•
Science:	•		
	•		
Social Studies:	-	•	•
English:	•	•	•
Arts/Electives:	•	•	•
Other:		•	•
Write essay/personal statement		•	•
Document required physical/health status		•	•
Document residency/citizenship status		•	•
Document community-service and work experience		•	•
Apply for financial aid		•	•
Loans:	-	•	•
Grants/scholarships:		•	•
Other (describe)			
		•	
		•	•
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Skills Improvement Plan

Goal Setting

Directions In this activity, you will determine which transferable skills you need for your career and make a plan to improve these key skills. Use the free online Skills Profiler on America's CareerInfoNet to find out which of these skills are needed to succeed in the career that interests you. Put a check mark in the circle next to each skill that is required for that career.

BASIC SKILLS		
Skill Name	Description	Required?
Active Learning	Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem solving and decision making.	•
Active Listening	Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.	•
Critical Thinking	Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.	•
Learning Strategies	Selecting and using training/instructional methods and procedures appropriate for the situation when learning or teaching new things.	•
Mathematics	Using mathematics to solve problems.	•
Monitoring	Monitoring/assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.	•
Reading Comprehension	Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents.	•
Science	Using scientific rules and methods to solve problems.	•
Speaking	Talking to others to convey information effectively.	•
Writing	Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.	•

	COMPLEX PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS	
Skill Name	Description	Required?
Complex Problem Solving	Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.	•

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SKILLS		
Skill Name	Description	Required?
Management of Financial Resources	Determining how money will be spent to get the work done, and accounting for these expenditures.	•
Management of Material Resources	Obtaining and seeing to the appropriate use of equipment, facilities, and materials needed to do certain work.	•
Management of Personnel Resources	Motivating, developing, and directing people as they work; identifying the best people for the job.	•
Time Management	Managing one's own time and the time of others.	•

Skills Improvement Plan (continued)

Goal Setting

SOCIAL SKILLS		
Skill Name	Description	Required?
Coordination	Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.	•
Instructing	Teaching others how to do something.	•
Negotiation	Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences.	•
Persuasion	Persuading others to change their minds or behavior.	•
Service Orientation	Actively looking for ways to help people.	•
Social Perceptiveness	Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.	•

SYSTEMS SKILLS		
Skill Name	Description	Required?
Judgment and Decision Making	Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.	•
Systems Analysis	Determining how a system should work and how changes in conditions, operations, and the environment will affect outcomes.	•
Systems Evaluation	Identifying measures or indicators of system performance and the actions needed to improve or correct performance, relative to the goals of the system.	•

TECHNICAL SKILLS			
Skill Name	Description	Required?	
Equipment Maintenance	Performing routine maintenance on equipment and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed.	•	
Equipment Selection	Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job.	•	
Installation	Installing equipment, machines, wiring, or programs to meet specifications.	•	
Operation and Control	Controlling operations of equipment or systems.	•	
Operation Monitoring	Watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly.	•	
Operations Analysis	Analyzing needs and product requirements to create a design.	•	
Programming	Writing computer programs for various purposes.	•	
Quality Control Analysis	Conducting tests and inspections of products, services, or processes to evaluate quality or performance.	•	
Repairing	Repairing machines or systems using the needed tools.	•	
Technology Design	Generating or adapting equipment and technology to serve user needs.	•	
Troubleshooting	Determining causes of operating errors and deciding what to do about it.	•	

Skills Improvement Plan (continued)

Goal Setting

1. Look at all the skills required for the career that interests you. Work with a family member, teacher, or counselor to honestly assess the skills you need to improve. Below, list each target skill and two strategies you will use to help strengthen it. For example, to strengthen your time-management skills, you might begin to keep a schedule and create a to-dolist, or you might learn to break projects downinto smaller, more manageable steps.

Target Skill	Hands-on Strategies		
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which skills you are work	th a successful professional in your chosen career. Explain sing to improve and ask him or her for advice on the best way to your interviewee's suggestions below.		

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Résumé Builder

Career Exploration

Directions A résumé is a summary of your experience and skills. Use this worksheet to organize all the information you will need for your chronological or skills résumé and for your list of references. Use extra sheets if needed.

Career Objective—Describe the job you seek and the strengths you would bring to the job. Example: "Entry-leve customer service position in the hospitality insdustry using my skills in customer relations and foreign languages.
Job or job level desired:
Careerinterestarea:
Strengths you have to offer to an employer in your career interest area:
Education—List schools you have attended, degrees or certificates earned or in progress, grade-point average, a any coursework or training specifically relevant to your career objective.
School name and location:
Dates attended:
Major/career track:GPA:
Degree or certificate:
Graduation date:
Teacher or advisor's name and title:
Teacher or advisor's contact information:
I have this person's permission to use his/her name as a reference: ● yes ● no
School name and location:
Dates attended:
Major/career track:GPA:
Degree or certificate:
Graduation date:
Teacher or advisor's name and title:
Teacher or advisor's contact information:
I have this person's permission to use his/her name as a reference: ● yes ● no

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Résumé Builder (continued)

Goal Setting

recent)	erience, paid and unpaid, in reverse chronological order (from most to least
Job title:	Employer:
City and state:	Start/end dates:
Achievements:	
Supervisor's name and title:	
Supervisor's contact informati	on:
I have this person's permission	n to use his/her name as a reference: • yes • no
Job title:	Employer:
City and state:	Start/end dates:
Supervisor's name and title:	
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I have this person's permission	n to use his/her name as a reference: • yes • no
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Achievements:	
Supervisor's name and title:	
Supervisor's contact informati	on:
I have this person's permission	n to use his/her name as a reference: • yes • no

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Résumé Builder (continued)

Goal Setting

Skills and Personal Qualities—List key transferable a objective, as well as personal qualities that make y	
Computer hardware and software skills:	Tools and machinery skills:
Communication and interpersonal skills:	Time, money, and information skills:
Personal qualities:	
Achievements—List any other information that discommunity involvement, extracurricular activities (sporleadership positions, and honors and awards.	tinguishes you as a candidate in such areas as rts, clubs, student government), certifications or licenses,
Achievement:	Date(s):
Description:	
Achievement:	Date(s):
Achievement:	Date(s):

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Six-Year Plan

Goal Setting

Directions Use the following pages to plan and record your courses, goals, scores, awards, job experience, and other career-targeted activities for the four years of high school and the two years thereafter.

Year (New)		
School name:	Counselor/advisor:	
Career cluster/pathway:		
Current career goal:		

Graduation Planner			
Subject	Term/Grade	Term/Grade	Term/Grade
English/Language Arts			
Math			
Science			
Social Studies			
Second Language			
Arts/Electives			
JROTC			
Health/Physical Education			
Career/Technical Education			

Units planned / Units earned	Goal GPA / Actual GPA	On track to graduation?	
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Name		Date		Class	
Six-Year Plan (continue	ed)			Goal Setting	
	Year				
Career Preparation Tracker					
Volunteer or Paid Work					
Name of Organization/Company	Responsibiliti	es		Total Hours	
Name of Organization/Company	Responsibiliti	es		Total Hours	
Clubs, Student Organizations, a	and Leadershi	p Roles			
Organization / Role		Organization /	Role		
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Major Career-Related Projects	s or Portfolio I	Pieces			
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2					
Tests					
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Honors, Awards, or Certification	ons				
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2					
College Credits					
Subject Area / Units		Subject Area /	Units		
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Career-Readiness Activities					
 Job shadowing Career fairs Mentoring Exploratory interviews Internship(s) Career profiles Résumé updates Portfolio updates 				-	

	Year (New)			
School name:Counselor/advisor:				or:
	Career cluster/pathway:			
	Current career goal:			
	Graduation Planner			
	Subject		Term/Grade	Term/
	English/Language Arts			

Six-Year Plan (continued)

Name

Math

Science

Social Studies

Arts/Electives

Other (specify)

JROTC

Second Language

Health/Physical Education

Career/Technical Education

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Date___

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Six-Year Plan (continued)		Goal Setting

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School name:	Counselor/advisor:	
Career cluster/pathway:		
Current career goal:		

Graduation Planner			
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English/Language Arts			
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JROTC			
Health/Physical Education			
Career/Technical Education			
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Goal Setting

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Career cluster/pathway:		
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Graduation Planner			
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Science			
Social Studies			
Second Language			
Arts/Electives			
JROTC			
Health/Physical Education			
Career/Technical Education			
Other (specify)			

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Year (New) -	- FIRST `	YEAR	AFTER		
Chosen career:					
Education/training required:					
Why did you choose this career? _					
Major activity this year: • Appre	enticeship	• Junio	r College • F	our-Year Colle	ege • Military
■ Job Corps ● Technical School	On-the-J	ob Tra	ining • Work	• Other:	
How will your choice help you prep	pare for you	ır chos	en career?		
Personal development goals for th	is year:				
Education and Training Planne	r				
Course or Training Opportunity		Units	Term/Grade	Term/Grade	Term/Grade
Units planned / Units earned	Goal GPA	/ Actua	I GPA	On track to	career?
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Six-Year Plan (continued)

Goal Setting

Year — FIRST YEAR AFTER _____

Career Preparation Tracker				
Paid or Volunteer Work				
Name of Organization/Company	Responsibiliti	es	Hours per: • week • month	
Name of Organization/Company	Responsibiliti	es	Hours per: • week • month	
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Honors, Awards, Promotions, or Certifications				
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2				
Career Readiness Activities				

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Exploratory interviews

Portfolio updates

Career fairs

Career profiles

Job shadowing

Internship(s)

Mentoring

• Résumé updates

Personal development goals for this year:		
Education and Training Planner		
Course or Training Opportunity	Units	Term/Gr
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Name	Date	Class
Six-Year Plan (continued)		Goal Setting
Year (New) —SECON	ID YEAR AFTER	
Chosen career: Education/training required:		
Why did you choose this career?		
Major activity this year: ● Apprenticeshi	p ● Junior College ● I	Four-Year College • Military

How will your choice help you prepare for your chosen career?

On track to career?			
yes • no			

Term/Grade Term/Grade

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Units planned / Units earned

Goal GPA / Actual GPA

Six-Year Plan (continued)

Goal Setting

Year — SECOND YEAR AFTER

Career Preparation Tracker				
Paid or Volunteer Work				
Name of Organization/Company	Responsibiliti	Responsibilities		Hours per: • week • month
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Career Readiness Activities				
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Internship(s)

Career profiles

Résumé updates
 Portfolio updates