



## **Online Courses for High School Students**

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### **High School Career Discovery**

Your future career is likely something you've dreamed about since you were a child. Now it's time to turn that dream into a reality! In this course, you will explore your own strengths, interests, and preferences and use that information to uncover the best career for you! You will explore 17 career clusters, learn about the skills needed to work in different industries, and choose a path to pursue. You'll build a plan to get you from high school to your first day on the job, and craft a strong portfolio to land your perfect job. You've dreamed about your future career. Now it's time to create a plan and turn that dream into a goal!

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Length:** One Semester

**Required Text:** None

**Materials List:** Video recording device, word processing software, presentation software, spreadsheet software. Optional: art supplies and a camera.

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Unit 1: Learning More About You**

What do you want to be? A professor? A pilot? A pet groomer? Maybe. But there are plenty of other career options you probably haven't even heard of! We'll dive into your personality, interests, values, and preferences to think about career paths that could be great for you. From considering your workplace preferences to constructing a career portfolio, you'll find yourself well on your way to determining your dream job.

## **Unit 2: Assessing Your Skills and Researching Career Options**

- There are an astronomical number of possible careers. So, how do you select your perfect career? You'll need to spend some time reflecting on what's important to you, but you'll also need a method to research careers and organize the data that you find to compare against your desired future. From educational requirements to salary, you'll need to consider plenty of factors. We'll learn where to find this information, how to organize it, and how to narrow down your options into just a few careers that could be a great fit.

## **Unit 3: Discovering Creative Careers**

- Are you creative and curious about art-related careers? Would careers in hospitality or tourism float your boat? Have you thought about what you'll get out of such a career other than a salary? You'll learn the answers to these questions and more! We'll explore careers in three career clusters, learning about the skills required in a variety of careers, as well as the working conditions, salaries, and job prospects you might expect. We'll wrap up by thinking about the importance of benefit packages.

## **Unit 4: Examining Analytical Careers**

- Are you interested in connecting your skills with a career in Information Technology? Perhaps a future in Finance looks outstanding to you? Maybe you want to discover or save a species as part of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics career cluster. No matter what interests you've listed on your career planning document or spreadsheet, you'll find something in these career clusters to spark deeper thought!

## **Unit 5: Exploring Careers That Help Others**

- Is helping other people a priority for you? If so, working to save lives with a career in Health Science may be right for you! Or maybe teaching children as part of the Education and Training career cluster is where you're meant to be. You could also sign up for a career full of forging relationships with people from different backgrounds in the Government and Public Administration cluster. We're going to cover tons of career

options in the helping clusters, so get ready to add lots of new ideas to your career planning document or spreadsheet!

### **Unit 6: Investigating Careers that Benefit the Community**

- We're wrapping up our career cluster exploration with a trek through the Madagascar jungle, a sunrise view from the top of a wind turbine, and some creative work with molten glass. The careers in Manufacturing; Energy; Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics may not be what you expected! You'll definitely have more to squeeze onto your career planning document or spreadsheet before we're done. Let's dive in!
- This is it! You've learned a lot about the career clusters and you're ready to select your dream career! You'll put the pieces together by using all of the information you've collected on your career planning document or spreadsheet to chart a course for your future. Using a handy decision-making process that you can apply to all areas of your life, you'll settle on a single best-fit career and create a detailed step-by-step plan to get you there. Whether you're going to become a carpenter or a geneticist, the tips and tools you'll encounter here will help you achieve what you want out of life.

### **Unit 7: Making Decisions and Setting Goals**

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### **Unit 8: Preparing for and Pursuing Your Future**

- Now that you've set a target for your future career, you're ready to start looking at the materials you'll need to actually land the job and advance in your chosen field. From writing your first resume to doing the research to craft an impressive cover letter, you'll

find all the pointers and advice you need to succeed. But it's not all about plans and documents, you'll also need to cultivate a resilient mindset. Fasten your seatbelts—we're coming to the end of your career preparation journey!