

Activity 1: School Subjects and Careers

FOR THE TEACHER

Introduction

The purpose of this activity is to help students:

- Identify careers related to school subjects that interest them
- Gain in-depth knowledge of one or more occupations, including education and training requirements
- Become familiar with the career information and interviews available in Career Cruising

Setting the Stage

Classroom discussion can focus on the link between school subjects and careers. For example, ask students which subjects they are or are not planning to take next year and what influence they think this will have on their career prospects.

Starting the Program

Go to **www.careercruising.com**. Enter your personal My Plan username and password in the spaces provided, and click on **Log In**.

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Log in to Career Cruising and click on **Careers**, and then click on the **School Subjects** tab. Select your favorite subject.

Optional: You can filter the list of occupations by the level of education that you are planning to pursue: high school, 2-year college or technical training, or 4-year college or university. The level you select will influence the list of careers. For example, if you select only high school education, you will eliminate careers like lawyer, biologist, fashion designer, and engineering technologist, which typically require a 2 or 4-year college education.

Scroll through the list of occupations related to that subject and click on a career that interests you.

Career: _____

1. Read the Job Description section. Answer the following questions:

What duties do people in this career typically perform?

What skills do they require?

2. Click on the Education link in the menu on the left side of the occupation profile.

What education and training do you need to pursue this career?

What other qualifications are good to have?

What college programs are related to this career?

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Click on one of the two interviews.

Person's name: _____

3. Read the person's interview and answer the following questions:

How did this person get into this career? *(see Questions & Answers #2)*

What does this person say about opportunities to get into this career? *(see the last few questions in Questions & Answers)*

What advice does this person have for people who want to get into this career?

SUMMARY – YOUR VIEWS

4. Now that you have learned a little about this career and the education and training you need to get started, answer the following questions:

Do you think this is a tough career to get into? What is the most difficult part?

Would you be willing to complete the education and training necessary to work in this career? Why or why not?
