

| Sample: Career Exploration | | |
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| Materials | Career packets/books/computers, Career worksheet, collage materials | |
| Essential Question | What are some main facts about a career I am interested in pursuing? | |
| Objectives | Students will explore a career they are interested in. Students will also be able to identify where they would find information on a job and what information might be important to consider. | |
| ASCA National Standards | C:A1.1 Develop skills to locate, evaluate and interpret career information C:B1.3 Demonstrate knowledge of the career-planning process C:B1.5 Use research and information resources to obtain career information C:B1.6 Learn to use the Internet to access career-planning information | |
| | Overview | Notes / Process |
| Opening-10 mins | When you grow up... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who knows exactly what they want to be right now? Go around and have students respond, if someone says yes ask "How much money on average does a ___ make? What schooling do you need for that? What high school courses?" "If you don't know that is okay, but do you think maybe these are important facts to find out? Today we will figure out where to find these things out and each of you can research a career you are interested in." |
| Activity 1-30 mins | Career Exploration (can be done individually or in partners) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use http://www.bls.gov/oooh/ if you have computers. If not ask students about their career interests before this session and compile career packets or buy a few copies of Occupational Outlook Handbook. Students share their findings |
| Close-10 mins | Debrief | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could you do this again with a different career? Would you? Why is it important to know all of these answers? |

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Instructions: In pairs or by yourself you are going to research a career of interest. You will present your findings to the group. You can give a verbal presentation, create a collage/animation, or a PowerPoint (have another idea of how to present the information? Just get the okay from your group leader). Using the career website <http://www.bls.gov/ooh> (or book) you will pick a career and describe it in detail.

Your presentation must include the following:

- Your Name, Career of Choice
 - What they do. In three sentences describe the main job functions.
 - Who would be good at this? What type of strengths or qualities does this job require? (List at least 3)
 - Education. What courses should you take in high school? Do you need school beyond high school? If yes, what majors/programs should you enroll in?
 - Money! What is the average annual wage for this job? What is the entry annual wage?
 - Employment opportunities. What is the job outlook? How many job openings are there? What industries hire for this position?
 - After exploring the career are you still interested? Why or Why not?