

Career Clusters: What They Are and Types of Jobs within the Clusters

For this activity, you might want to ask your parents, caregivers, or someone you trust to work through this with you, or review it after you are done and talk about it with you.

Review the career clusters and example jobs below and do the following:

- Review the results from any work-related self-assessments you completed and note what jobs were suggested for you.
 - If you did not complete a self-assessment, you may want to do that before going through the career clusters.
 - Look through the assessments from Session 1, or here is an assessment you could look at: and complete: [O*NET® Career Exploration Tools](#)
 - If you did not complete the self-assessment, and do not want to do one, you can note possible jobs based on your interests-taking the self-assessment may help you find jobs you did not know were there.
- Look at the career clusters below. What jobs were suggested for you based on your self-assessment?
- When you find the career cluster for jobs the assessment suggested, or based on your strengths and interests, check the box and write down the jobs you want to find out more about on the line provided.
 - If you do not find the exact job under the career cluster examples, you can add it under the cluster to find out more about it.
- Check the box for the ones you have no interest in learning more about.

1. Agriculture

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources cluster involves working with nature to produce food and other products. Workers in this field also manage natural resources and care for the environment. People in these jobs might work on farms, in forests, or with animals.

Example jobs: Landscaper, park ranger, greenhouse worker, groundskeeper, farm worker, stable assistant, animal care attendant, dog groomer assistant, nursery worker, park maintenance worker, florist assistant (working with flowers and plants)

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2. Architecture/Construction/Maintenance/Grounds

In this cluster, workers design, build, and maintain various structures. This includes houses, factories, offices, schools, roads, sewers, and more. The careers in this cluster require creativity, problem-solving, and technical skills to create safe and functional buildings and infrastructures.

Example jobs: architect, construction worker or construction assistant, pipelayer, painter or painter's helper, drywall finisher or assistant, flooring installer or assistant, maintenance technician, custodian, building maintenance worker, warehouse material handler, electrician, electrician apprentice, handyman

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3. Arts

Careers in the Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications cluster involve creating and sharing different forms of media. This includes visual arts, performing arts, design, journalism, and entertainment. These jobs allow people to express creativity and connect with others.

Example jobs: costume attendant, photographer or assistant, makeup artist, graphic designer or assistant, print shop assistant, theater stagehand, video production assistant, social media content developer or assistant, librarian or library media aide, sign production worker, embroidery machine operator, museum assistant, artist

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4. Business

Jobs in Business Management & Administration focus on the organization and running of businesses, from small shops to large companies. Jobs here involve tasks like planning, organizing, leading, and assessing business activities that are important for making a company run smoothly.

Example jobs: customer service representative, office assistant, human resource specialist or assistant, receptionist, mail clerk, records clerk, file clerk, administrative assistant, document scanner, scheduling assistant, inventory clerk, office supply coordinator or assistant

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5. Education

In Education & Training, jobs are all about teaching and helping others learn. Whether working in schools, colleges, or other educational settings like libraries and museums, people in these jobs provide knowledge, skills, and support to help learners of all ages succeed.

Example jobs: teacher, coach or assistant, librarian or library technician or aide, teacher aide, preschool assistant, childcare assistant, classroom helper, after-school program assistant, tutor or tutoring assistant, instructional materials assistant, playground supervisor, campus office assistant, paraprofessional

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6. Energy

Careers in the Energy industry involve producing, supplying, and managing energy, such as electricity, gas, and renewable energy. People in these roles work to ensure we have the power we need for homes, businesses, and industries. They often work with advanced technology and machinery.

Example jobs: electrician, power plant worker, solar installer or assistant, utility grounds worker assistant, meter reader or assistant, wind farm maintenance helper, recycling technician, utility warehouse assistant, equipment cleaner, pipeline inspection assistant, environmental services technician, power plant support worker

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7. Finance

In the finance field, people work in jobs that involve planning finances, banking, insurance, and managing money for businesses. This industry is all about handling money and making financial transactions. It can range from helping a child open their first savings account to dealing with large loans for big companies.

Example jobs: credit processor or assistant, bank teller, accountant, bank mailroom clerk, document processing clerk, billing assistant, payroll assistant, bookkeeping or assistant, data entry clerk, records technician, customer service representative, insurance file clerk, financial office assistant, financial advisor or assistant

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8. Government

This career cluster involves working in different levels of government, such as local, state, and federal. One main goal of most jobs in this field is to serve and support the community. Jobs here can include making and enforcing laws, planning and managing public services, and helping to keep the community safe and organized.

Example jobs: city clerk office assistant, county offices, tax collector or assistant, department of motor vehicles clerk assistant, city office assistant, parks department worker, election worker, postal clerk or assistant, records technician, courthouse office assistant, public works maintenance worker, administrative clerk, library assistant

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9. Healthcare

People in the Healthcare or Health Science field help patients stay healthy and provide care when they are sick or injured. They are critical for ensuring the well-being of individuals and communities, whether through direct care, research, or support services.

Example jobs: medical secretary or assistant, nurse, nurse Aid, medical assistant, occupational therapy aide, patient transporter, hospital services worker, dietary aide, medical records clerk, pharmacy technician or assistant, sterilization technician or assistant, rehabilitation aide, medical office receptionist, laboratory support technician, hospital supply clerk

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10. Hospitality

Careers in the Hospitality & Tourism industry involve overseeing and promoting restaurants, hotels, tourist attractions, recreational events, and travel services. They focus on providing excellent service and creating memorable experiences in people's travel and leisure activities.

Example jobs: Food Service Worker (waiter, waitress), chef, cook, kitchen support, travel agent, hotel housekeeper, laundry attendant, front desk or assistant, restaurant host, waitstaff, dishwasher, banquet setup worker, food preparation worker, barista, amusement park attendant or assistant, event setup assistant

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11. Human Services

People in Human Services are focused on helping people with their needs and improving the quality of life for individuals and families. This includes providing counseling and mental health services, helping families and communities, and offering personal care and consumer services.

Example jobs: social worker, personal care aide, childcare assistant, elder care aide, salon assistant, spa attendant, community support worker, recreation aide, nonprofit office assistant, peer mentor, residential support professional, family resource center assistant

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12. Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) field is all about working with computers, software, and technology. People in IT jobs help develop, maintain, and secure the systems and networks that keep businesses, schools, and homes running smoothly.

Example jobs: database administrator, web developer, computer technician, network support, cybersecurity, help desk technician, computer repair assistant, data entry specialist, software tester, website content assistant, information technology (IT) inventory technician, cable installer or assistant, computer lab assistant, digital archiving technician, cybersecurity support specialist or assistant

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13. Law & Public Safety

This cluster involves jobs that focus on keeping people safe and ensuring laws are followed. Workers in this field protect lives and property, make sure laws are followed, give legal advice, decide punishments for people who break the law, and help people who have been in trouble with the law.

Example jobs: crossing guard, police officer, 911 dispatcher, security officer or assistant, courthouse clerk or assistant, evidence room technician, police records clerk, emergency dispatch support, fire department administrative assistant, public safety aide, parking enforcement assistant, emergency management support worker

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14. Manufacturing

In Manufacturing, workers make different products, from cars to electronics, in factories or workshops. They take materials or parts and turn them into goods that we use every day.

Example jobs: optical technician, meat packer, quality inspector or assistant, assembler, packaging technician, machine operator, quality inspection technician, warehouse associate, shipping and receiving clerk, forklift operator, production line worker, inventory control specialist or assistant, CNC machine helper

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15. Marketing (Sales, Advertising)

Careers in the Marketing industry include sales and advertising. Its main aim is to convince people to purchase products and services. Various organizations, such as small shops, banks, universities, and big companies, all engage in marketing in some way.

Example jobs: salesperson, advertiser or assistant, retail sales associate, merchandising associate, e-commerce order fulfillment specialist or assistant, customer service representative, inventory specialist or assistant, promotional products assembler, display setup assistant, market research data assistant, social media assistant, print production assistant

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16. STEM and Engineering

Jobs in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) field are all about planning, managing, and doing scientific research. These jobs also involve providing professional and technical services like working in laboratories, doing tests, and developing new ideas.

Example jobs: industrial planner, chemist, lab technician, electronics assembler, quality control inspector, CAD assistant, laboratory technician assistant, production technician, machine operator, engineering office assistant, robotics technician helper, test technician, 3D printing technician assistant

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17. Transportation

Careers in the Transportation, Distribution & Logistics field are all about moving people and things from one place to another quickly, safely, and at a low cost. The transportation systems in this category include airplanes, trains, waterways, roads, and pipelines.

Example jobs: truck driver, aircraft cargo crew, logistics specialist or assistant, warehouse associate, shipping clerk, receiving clerk, package handler, delivery assistant, inventory technician, stockroom attendant, baggage handler, logistics assistant, fleet maintenance helper

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