

CTE Lesson 1: Teacher Guide

The objective of this lesson is for students to learn how to obtain additional training and education beyond high school, besides enrolling in a four-year college, such as pursuing on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and attending a community college or technical school. Then, students are encouraged to identify occupations that may be pursued through these alternatives.

Introduction to Assignment

As students plan for the future, many think they must go to work immediately after high school graduation or enroll in a four-year college. Yet, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, approximately 65 percent of jobs in the 21st century require some education beyond high school, but less than four years of college. The following questions will help students think about on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and community colleges or technical schools.

- Who knows what on-the-job-training is? What about an apprenticeship?
- Can you tell me the name of an occupation that can be entered through on-the-job training or an apprenticeship?
- What advantages might some students see in attending a local community college?
- How might a vocational-technical school differ from a community college?

Online Activity

Log in to Kuder Navigator® (<http://www.indianacareerexplorer.org>) and hand out the student worksheet(s). Your students should all have individual accounts. If they do not, you can obtain their login information from your Kuder Administrative Database Management System® or check with your site administrator (typically your career teachers or school counselors). Even if students only have their user names, they can still reset their passwords.

Although the worksheet is self-explanatory, you may want to walk through the assignment yourself prior to leading students through the activity in case they need assistance.

Post-Activity Discussion

After students have completed this activity, facilitate a discussion using the following questions:

- What were some of the available occupations through on-the-job training or an apprenticeship? Do those occupations pay well, and what is their job demand?
- What is the difference between on-the-job training and apprenticeships?
- What are the differences between attending a community college and a vocational-technical school?