

CTE Lesson 2: Teacher Guide

The objective of this lesson is to help students identify different career pathways around which they can build an education plan that aligns to one of the 16 National career clusters. Students will also conduct in-depth research on three of the occupations they identify during the career pathway portion of this lesson.

Introduction to Assignment

It is important for students to identify a career cluster around which they can plan their high school coursework and future education or training. The following instructions and questions are designed to help students think about occupations and how they relate to career clusters and pathways.

- Choose one of the 16 National career clusters that you intend to use as your career focus.
- Do you already have an occupation in mind that you'd like to research? Does this occupation fit into the cluster you've selected? If not, you may need to re-evaluate your cluster selection.
- Do you already know what kind of education or training you want to pursue after high school?

Online Activity

Log in to Kuder Navigator® (<http://navigator.kuder.com/>) or your custom website 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 cluster and education level did you choose? Which pathway was your favorite?
- Did you discover some occupations within pathways that surprised you?
- What did you learn about different education levels and the impact they had on the occupations from which you could choose?
- What are some ways you can learn more about specific occupations?