

Post-Launch Lesson Plan

GRADE 4, PLANET E | BACHELOR'S DEGREES CHECKLIST



Objectives

- Students can explain how different kinds of career training and levels of education prepare people for different types of occupations.
- Students can describe a range of career training programs and education pathways.
- Students can name and describe six different kinds of training and education: apprenticeships, advanced degrees, associate's degrees, certificates and specialized career credentials, bachelor's degrees, and technical training.
- Students can identify the kinds of programs or institutions that offer particular types of training and education.

Preparation & Materials Needed

- Copies of the *Bachelor's Degree* worksheet for each student team.
- Chalkboard/whiteboard or chart paper with markers.

Lesson Plan

Total Time: 14-18 minutes

INTRODUCTION

5-7 Minutes

As you welcome students back from their Planet E excursion, ask the class about their visit:

- *What did you learn about four-year degrees on your journey?*
- *What is the name of a four-year degree?*
- *Do you remember what the difference is between 'general education classes' and 'focused major classes'?*
- *Do you remember the narrator talking about college majors? What is a college major?*
- *What college majors do those who like enterprising careers typically earn?*

Ask students if they can recall from their visit that they were told "Positive behaviors can have you looking like a pro. Negative behaviors are a no-go." Relay that those sentences are similar to the pre-launch lesson regarding *School Skills vs. College and Career Skills*.



ACTIVITY**8-10 Minutes**

Tell students that you will be giving them a *Bachelor's Degree Checklist* worksheet that is similar to the *Associate's Degree Checklist* that they completed in an earlier Level 4 lesson.

Explain that as in the earlier lesson, the worksheet has a list of high-paying and high-demand occupations on the left side and their task is to guess whether the occupation typically requires less than a bachelor's degree or usually requires a bachelor's degree or higher degree.

Explain that they will be working in teams and only have to make their best guess. Share that there is also one occupation that can require either less than a bachelor's degree or a bachelor's degree or higher degree.

Divide the class into small teams and distribute to each team a copy of the *Bachelor's Degree Checklist*. Tell students to read through the occupations on the left side of the worksheet and then mark one or both of the columns on the right side if they think the career "Requires Less Than a Bachelor's Degree" or "Requires a Bachelor's Degree or Higher." Encourage student teams to make their best guess even if they do not know what the occupation is.

Review the answers with the entire class. Ask students:

- *Were you surprised by the number of occupations that require a bachelor's degree or a higher degree?*
- *What occupations surprised you the most?*
- *Which of the occupations listed might you see on Planet E which features individuals who enjoy enterprising careers?*

CONCLUSION**1-2 Minutes**

Share with students that they are learning so much about degrees and other options after high school that they will be well-prepared when they are older students and ready to graduate.

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Bachelor's Degree Checklist

Team Members: _____

Occupation	Requires Less Than a Bachelor's Degree	Requires a Bachelor's Degree or Higher
1. Physical Therapist		
2. Air Traffic Controller		
3. Dentist		
4. Heart Surgeon		
5. Police Officer		
6. Architect		
7. Chemical Engineer		
8. Advertising and Marketing Manager		
9. Vet Tech		
10. Registered Nurse		
11. Geologist		
12. Elementary Teacher		
13. Lawyer		
14. Firefighter		
15. Chief Executive		

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ANSWER KEY

Bachelor's Degree Checklist

Occupation	Requires Less Than a Bachelor's Degree	Requires a Bachelor's Degree or Higher
1. Physical Therapist		X
2. Air Traffic Controller	X	
3. Dentist		X
4. Heart Surgeon		X
5. Police Officer	X	
6. Architect		X
7. Chemical Engineer		X
8. Advertising and Marketing Manager	X	X
9. Vet Tech	X	
10. Registered Nurse	X	X
11. Geologist		X
12. Elementary Teacher		X
13. Lawyer		X
14. Firefighter	X	
15. Chief Executive	X	X