

## Pre-Launch Lesson Plan

### GRADE 4, PLANET S | LIFELONG LEARNING

#### Objectives

- Students understand how personal interests and abilities relate to lifelong learning, such as earning certificates and specialized credentials.
- Students 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.

#### Preparation & Materials Needed

- Copies of the *Lifelong Learning Certificate* sheet for each student.
- Chalkboard/whiteboard and markers plus crayons if desired.

#### Lesson Plan

Total Time: 10-15 minutes

##### INTRODUCTION

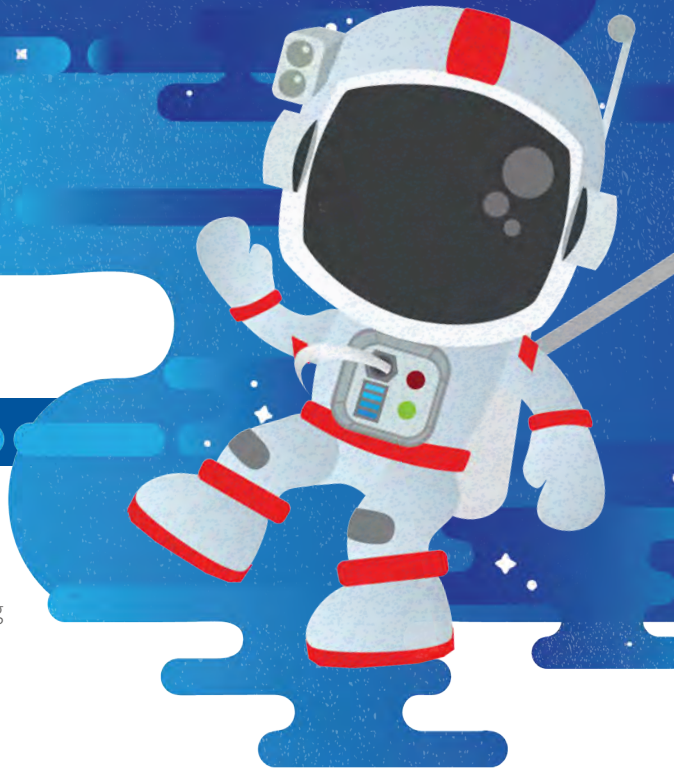
##### 3-5 Minutes

Tell students that today they will be taking another journey to Kuder Galaxy and landing this time on Planet S. Remind the class that Planet S is the environment of social occupations. Ask students if they can recall the characteristics of those who have good social skills. See if they can come up with any of the following:

- *Are good listeners.*
- *May like to teach.*
- *Often enjoy being around other people.*
- *Like to help others.*

Explain that during their visit today they will also learn about education and training options after high school that are short term and do not require much time to complete. Share that these programs may only be a few months long, shorter than the two-year associate's degrees that were discussed on Planet A.

Explain that instead of earning a degree, individuals enrolled in short-term programs often earn a credential. Write the word "credential" on the chalkboard/whiteboard or on chart paper. Explain that there are many types of credentials including certificates, licenses, and certifications. Write each of these words below the word "credential."



**INTRODUCTION**

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3-5 Minutes

Share that certificates, licenses and other credentials verify that an individual has learned something, such as new information or a new skill. Explain that an adult has a driver's license that verifies that they know the proper way of driving a car. X-ray technicians, auto mechanics, and food handlers have certificates that prove they know how to do their jobs well.

Explain that sometimes people just want to learn a new skill or a technique because they are interested in something, even if it does not relate to their career. This is called lifelong learning, a way to earn certificates and credentials in areas that an individual wants to explore further.

**ACTIVITY**

6-8 Minutes

Ask students what knowledge or specific skills they would like to learn about. This could include a set of knowledge or skills that they currently have and would like to improve. Use the chalkboard/whiteboard or chart paper to show students the following list to help them think about knowledge or skill possibilities:

- *Learn to play the piano or a musical instrument.*
- *Develop a new sports skill or improve an existing skill.*
- *Learn how to dance or sing.*
- *Develop a computer skill.*
- *Learn a new language.*

Ask students to write the knowledge or skill they would like to learn or improve on a piece of paper, then share this information with a student next to them.

Next, distribute a blank *Lifelong Learning Certificate* to each student and ask them to write in their name, the knowledge or skill they would like to learn or improve, and then sign the certificate. If desired, allow students time to use crayons and/or markers to add color or a design to their certificates.

Explain to the class that their *Lifelong Learning Certificate* is evidence that they plan to keep on learning, even after they graduate from high school.

For fun and if time allows, conduct a mock ceremony where pairs of students exchange certificates then present the certificate back to their partner saying, "I hereby award you [student name] this *Lifelong Learning Certificate* for [knowledge or skill] on this [day and date]."

**CONCLUSION**

1-2 Minutes

Inform students that they now have the skills and knowledge that will prepare them well as they embark on their journey to Planet S.

# Lifelong Learning Certificate

This paper certifies that

*My name*

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is interested in learning more about or developing a skill in

*The knowledge or skill I would like to learn or improve.*

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in order to be a lifelong learner!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

