

CAREER EXPLORATION

The 16 Career Clusters

	<p>The production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.</p>
	<p>Careers in designing, planning, managing, building and maintaining the built environment.</p>
	<p>Designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.</p>
	<p>Business Management and Administration careers encompass planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations. Business Management and Administration career opportunities are available in every sector of the economy.</p>
	<p>Planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services.</p>
	<p>Planning, services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management.</p>
	<p>Executing governmental functions to include Governance; National Security; Foreign Service; Planning; Revenue and Taxation; Regulation; and Management and Administration at the local, state, and federal levels.</p>
	<p>Planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.</p>
	<p>Hospitality & Tourism encompasses the management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other foodservices, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel related services.</p>
	<p>Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs.</p>
	<p>Building Linkages in IT Occupations Framework: For Entry Level, Technical, and Professional Careers Related to the Design, Development, Support and Management of Hardware, Software, Multimedia, and Systems Integration Services.</p>

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 <p>Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security</p>	<p>Planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.</p>
 <p>Manufacturing</p>	<p>Planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering.</p>
 <p>Marketing, Sales & Service</p>	<p>Planning, managing, and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives.</p>
 <p>Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics</p>	<p>Planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, engineering) including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.</p>
 <p>Transportation, Distribution & Logistics</p>	<p>Planning, management, and movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water and related professional and technical support services such as transportation infrastructure planning and management, logistics services, mobile equipment and facility maintenance.</p>

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Choosing a Career

While there are 16 Career Clusters, there are thousands and thousands of different jobs associated with these clusters. How do you pick one?

1. A good way to start would be to take some skill and interest assessments to help you narrow down those careers that may be a good fit for you based on your skills and interests. Here are some links to a couple career skill and interest assessments:

<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/careers/interest-assessment.aspx>

2. Once you have narrowed it down to a few career options that you find interesting, it is important to research those careers to learn about several things:
 - a. Work environment
 - b. Education needed to obtain that career
 - c. Pay/Salary
 - d. Job outlook in the area that you live (are there job openings?)
 - e. Skills and knowledge needed to do the job

Below are some links to some websites where you can research different occupations:

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/video-library.aspx> -Over 800 videos on different occupations.

Videos include career details such as tasks, work settings, education needed, and more

<https://www.onetonline.org/> - gives information on different careers such as skills and education needed as well as typical job duties of that occupation

