

## Lesson 11: Exploring Careers through Advanced Searches

**Grades:** 8-12

### **Goals and Objectives:**

- Students will explore careers based on interests, priorities, work values, skills, and goals.
- Students will explore and consider multiple career options.

### **Content Standards and Objectives:**

**21C.S.5-8.1:** The student will access, analyze, manage, integrate, evaluate, and create information in a variety of forms using appropriate technology skills and communicate that information in an appropriate oral, written, or multimedia format.

**21C.S.5-8.2:** The student will demonstrate the ability to explore and develop new ideas, to intentionally apply sound reasoning processes and to frame, analyze and solve complex problems using appropriate technology tools.

**21C.S.5-8.3:** The student will exhibit leadership, ethical behavior, respect for others; accept responsibility for personal actions considering the impact on others; take the initiative to plan and execute tasks; and interact productively as a member of a group.

**21C.S.9-12.1:** The student will access, analyze, manage, integrate, evaluate, and create information in a variety of forms using appropriate technology skills and communicate that information in an appropriate oral, written, or multimedia format.

**21C.S.9-12.2:** The student will demonstrate the ability to explore and develop new ideas, to intentionally apply sound reasoning processes and to frame, analyze and solve complex problems using appropriate technology tools.

**21C.S.9-12.3:** The student will exhibit leadership, ethical behavior, respect for others; accept responsibility for personal actions considering the impact on others; take the initiative to plan and execute tasks; and interact productively as a member of a group.

**Standard 1: Advisor/Advisee – Academics – Contributing to Effective Learning (AA.S.1):** Acquiring the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that contribute to effective learning in school and across the lifespan is critical to the academic success of students at the high school level.

**Standard 2: Advisor/Advisee – Academics – Academic Rigor and Postsecondary Options (AA.S.2):** Developing and monitoring personal educational plans, transitioning between academic levels, and exploring postsecondary options have an impact on the completion of school prepared for future plans.

**Standard 3: Advisor/Advisee – Academics – Understanding the World of Work, Home, and Community (AA.S.3):** Understanding the work environment and the requirements necessary to prepare to enter the workforce has a significant influence on the decisions students make. Monitoring standardized test scores, report card grades, and educational plans leads to achieving individual goals. The skills learned in the school environment also apply to the home and community.

**Standard 4: Advisor/Advisee – Career – Exploration and Planning (AA.S.4):** Completing a career interest inventory, investigating the world of work including occupational employment outlook, and adjusting educational plans accordingly are all factors in the decision-making process.

**Standard 5: Advisor/Advisee – Career – Strategies for Future Career Goals (AA.S.5):** Knowing where to obtain information about the world of work and postsecondary training/education and developing skills will enhance a student's ability to achieve goals for the future. This includes developing a resume or portfolio, employ effective interview/communication skills, completing admission or employment applications, and identify resources for researching career choices.

**Standard 6: Advisor/Advisee – Career – Employment Readiness Skills (AA.S.6):** Understanding the relationship between personal qualities, education, and training are keys to success in the world of work. The focus of this standard is the employment of readiness skills for on-the-job success.

**Standard 7: Advisor/Advisee – Personal/Social Development – Respect for Self and Others (AA.S.7):** Acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, and interpersonal skill will help a student understand and respect self and others. This standard will address understanding self as an individual and member of diverse local and global communities and interact with others in ways that respect individual and group differences.

**Standard 8: Advisor/Advisee – Personal/Social Development – Decision-Making (AA.S.8):** Making decisions and setting goals are necessary to achieve goals. Young adults face many challenges and require the skills to make the right choices and understand the consequences of their decisions.

**Standard 9: Advisor/Advisee – Personal/Social Development – Personal Safety Skills (AA.S.):** Applying personal safety skills and coping strategies will assist with solving problems and making healthy choices. Young adults need to be able to identify at-risk behaviors and the common stressors that create conflict and impede achieving goals. Stress and anger management are important skills for survival.

### **Procedures:**

1. Students will log into CFWV.com.
2. Students will click on the Career Planning Tab.
3. Students will click on the subheading “Explore Careers.”
4. Students will notice that there are several options as to how one can explore a career. (Career Finder, Career Clusters, Results from surveys, Search Engine, specific characteristics).
5. Students will spend time exploring many careers available to them using each or any of the exploration options.
6. Students will save favored careers in their portfolio by clicking on the ‘save in portfolio’ link on the left hand side of any career information sheet.

### **Reflective Questions for Journal or Discussion:**

- Which search options did you use?
- Was one more helpful than the other?
- Compare and contrast careers within your survey results?
- Did you find a career that you previously didn’t know much about? Has your list grown or shrunk?