

UNDERSTANDING THE CAREER CLUSTERS MEET THE CAREER PATHWAYS: LESSON 2

Summary:

Students learn how careers are organized into subcategories called pathways within the Career Cluster.

Lesson Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Define a Career Pathway
- Match careers to the correct Career Pathway
- Describe similarities between Career Pathways within a Cluster
- Complete a Career Cluster/Pathway diagram

Time Needed: 45 minutes

Resources Needed:

- Access to your online site
- Copy of **Meet the Career Pathways** worksheet
- A blank sheet of paper for each student

Computer Use: Yes

Description:

In this lesson, students will learn to define a Career Pathway. They will also develop an understanding of how Career Pathways are organized within the Career Clusters. As an introduction, students will learn the concept of categories and subcategories using popular movie genres. During the main activity, students will learn to define a Career Pathway. Students will then match careers to the correct Career Pathway within the Architecture and Construction Career Cluster. Next, students will compare careers from different pathways in the same Career Cluster and describe how they are similar. Last, students fill out their own Career Cluster/Career Pathway diagram.

Preparation:

- Print the **Meet the Career Pathways** worksheet.
- Before the lesson begins, write Comedy and Tragedy on your board or screen. Leave enough space to add additional categories.

Warm up:

- Explain to students that movies can be organized into two broad categories – comedy and drama.
- Ask students to work with a partner and create a list on a blank sheet of paper of as many comedies that they can think of and then as many dramas that they can think of.
- After 5 minutes, ask each pair of partners to share their list of comedies and write them on the board.
- Ask the class to think of any subcategories in that list. Examples might include superhero, romance, slapstick, dark comedy, mockumentary, parody, etc.
- Write the subcategories on your board along with the associated movies.
- Repeat this process with drama. If you experience a time constraint, be sure that there are at least three sub-categories under comedy and three sub-categories under drama so that students understand the concept of sub-categories. Examples of the subcategories of drama include: historical, psychological, legal, crime, procedural, etc.
- Once the students are demonstrating a general understanding of the concept of sub-categories, move on to the next activity.

Activity:

- Distribute the **Meet the Career Pathways** worksheet
- Ask students to log into CFWV.com and navigate to the **Career Planning** tab and then go to **Explore Careers**. Point out the Career Clusters on Explore Careers page. Students will reference the Career Clusters and the related Career Pathways as they complete their worksheet.
- Direct your students' attention to the **Meet the Career Pathways** worksheet.
- Tell the students that in today's lesson, you will be learning about the Career Pathways – which are subcategories of the Career Clusters.
- Ask students to read the definition of Career Pathways on the **Meet the Career Pathways** worksheet.
- Then ask students to click on the Architecture and Construction Career Cluster within CFWV.com. As a group, review the pathways within the Architecture and Construction Career Cluster. Discuss the similarities and differences between the pathways. Ask the students, which pathway has the most careers? Which pathway has careers that require the most education? And the least education? Which pathway has the highest paying job? Note – the filters on the pathway will allow students to sort the list to find the answers.
- Next, ask students to complete the Architecture & Construction Career Pathways activity on the worksheet by sorting the list of careers into the correct Career Pathway within the Architecture & Construction Career Cluster. They can use CFWV.com to confirm their answers. Review the correct answers with the class.
- Next, students will answer a question about the similarities and differences between the Architecture & Construction Career Pathways.
- Finally, ask students to move to the Build Your Own Career Cluster and Career Pathway Diagram activity on the worksheet. Ask the students to populate this blank Cluster template based on their own favorite Career Cluster.

Wrap Up:

- Ask students to share their favorite Career Cluster and the associated pathways as a group or with a partner.
- Ask them if they discovered anything that surprised them? Do they have a favorite Career Pathway?
- Answer any remaining questions.



MEET THE CAREER PATHWAYS

Career Pathways are small groups of occupation categories within each Career Cluster.

Build a Career Cluster and Career Pathway diagram by sorting the following list of careers into the appropriate Career Pathway within the Architecture & Construction Career Cluster. You can open the Career Cluster within CFWV.com to look up the answers or check your work.

Carpenter	Heating or Air Conditioning Mechanic	Civil Drafter
Architect	Electrician	Surveyor
Landscaper	Brickmason	Electrical Power-line Installer

CAREER CLUSTER	CAREER PATHWAYS	CAREERS (3 PER PATHWAY)
Architecture & Construction	Construction	
	Design/Pre-Construction	
	Maintenance/Operations	

How are the careers in each of the Architecture and Construction Pathways similar? How are they different? Write your answer in the box below.

Build your Own Career Cluster and Career Pathways Diagram:

Choose your favorite Career Cluster within CFWV.com. Write the name of the Career Cluster in the first column in the chart below, then write the name of every Career Pathway in that Cluster in the second column. Remember - every Career Cluster has a different number of Career Pathways within it, so you may not use all the rows. Write one career name from each Career Pathway in the last column.

CAREER CLUSTER	CAREER PATHWAYS	ONE CAREER NAME