

UNDERSTANDING THE CAREER CLUSTERS USING THE CAREER CLUSTER SURVEY: LESSON 5

Summary:

Students will complete the Career Cluster Survey and identify the Career Cluster that is the best match for their skills and abilities.

Lesson Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Identify a favorite Career Cluster
- Explain how their own skills, interests and abilities relate to their top Career Cluster.
- Identify their favorite Career Pathway

Time Needed: 45 minutes

Resources Needed:

- Access to your online site
- Copy of the **Using the Career Cluster Survey** worksheet

Computer Use: Yes

Description:

In this lesson, students will complete the Career Cluster Survey and identify their top two Career Cluster choices. Students will then complete a worksheet that asks them to reflect on how their top Career Clusters relate to their skills and interests. They will then select a Career Pathway preference and several career options from each of their favorite Career Clusters.

Preparation:

- Print the **Using the Career Cluster Survey** worksheet.

Warm up:

1. Tell students that they will be completing the **Career Cluster Survey** in CFWV.com. Explain that the **Career Cluster Survey** is a short quiz with three checklists – an activities checklist, a personal qualities checklist, and a school subject checklist. By answering all questions thoughtfully and honestly, the results can help them to narrow down their Career Cluster preferences.
2. Remind students that there are no right or wrong answers and that no two students will answer the survey in the same way.

Activity Part I:

1. Ask students to log into CFWV.com and navigate to the **Career Planning** tab and then click **Learn About Yourself** and then click the **Career Cluster Survey**.
2. Depending on your classroom setup, either you or your students can click the **camera icon** to play a short video describing the Career Clusters and the Career Cluster Survey.
3. Ask students to complete the **Career Cluster Survey**. This should take around 15 minutes. If students need help defining any words, it's ok to assist them.
4. When students are finished, review the results as a group. Explain that students might have one top cluster or several. Ask students to look at the bar graph to see how close their results are. This is especially beneficial if students are surprised or disappointed by their results. It may be that the second-best match was nearly a tie with their top match.
5. Show students how to click on the name of one of their top Career Cluster results to access the Career Cluster Profile. From the Career Cluster Profile, students can use the menu on the right-hand side to

review careers, programs and majors, recommended plans of study, and volunteering & recreation option that are related to the Career Cluster.

6. Give students 5-10 minutes to explore their top Career Cluster(s).

Activity Part II:

1. Distribute the **Using the Career Cluster Survey** worksheet.
2. Ask students to complete the worksheet by answering questions related to their top two Career Cluster preferences.

Wrap Up:

- Ask the students to reflect on their results as a class or in pairs.
- Give the class an opportunity to ask questions.



USING THE CAREER CLUSTER SURVEY WORKSHEET

After completing the Career Cluster Survey, answer the following questions about your favorite Career Clusters. If you need additional space to write, use the back of this sheet.

CAREER CLUSTER #1	
What is the name of this Career Cluster?	
Is this Career Cluster a good match for your interests, skills, and abilities? Why or why not?	
Which Career Pathway(s) within this Career Cluster look the most interesting to you?	
Which 3 careers within this Career Cluster would you like to explore further?	
Which programs or majors within this Career Cluster sound like a good fit for you?	
Which volunteering or recreation experiences within this Career Cluster would you enjoy?	
Career Cluster #2	
What is the name of this Career Cluster?	
Is this Career Cluster a good match for your interests, skills, and abilities? Why or why not?	
Which Career Pathway(s) within this Career Cluster look the most interesting to you?	
Which careers within this Career Cluster would you like to explore further?	
Do any programs or majors within this Career Cluster sound like a good fit for you?	
Which volunteering or recreation experiences within this Career Cluster would you enjoy?	