

Kuder Activities Lesson 5: Teacher Guide

Grades 7-8

Many high schools now require students to build a four-year education plan around one of the 16 National career clusters of occupations. The objective of this lesson is to help students utilize their assessment results to create their education plan based on their top pathways and cluster(s) of interest.

(Note: Students must complete the Kuder Career Interests Assessment® in order to complete this activity.)

Introduction to Assignment

Having a career goal is an important factor in committing to and completing high school and making good decisions about education after high school. Use the following questions to help students think about career clusters and occupations that interest them.

- Did the results of your Kuder Career Interests Assessment® surprise you?
- Do you already know an occupation, pathway, or cluster that interests you? If yes, how did you become interested in this occupation, pathway, or cluster?
- Have you already made a choice about what option you are going to pursue after high school? If yes, how did you make that choice?

Online Activity

Log in to Kuder Navigator® (<http://www.indianacareerexplorer.org>) and hand out the student worksheet(s). Your students should all have individual accounts. If they do not, you can obtain their login information from your Kuder Administrative Database Management System® or check with your site administrator (typically your career teachers or school counselors). Even if students only have their user names, they can still reset their passwords.

Although the worksheet is self-explanatory, you may want to complete the assignment yourself prior to leading students through the activity in case they need assistance.

Post-Activity Discussion

After students have completed this activity, facilitate a discussion using the following questions:

- After reviewing your top five pathways, which one was your favorite? To which cluster does it belong?
- Did two or more of your top five career pathways fall in the same cluster? Which one?
- Which cluster will you choose to create your education plan?
- What else should you do to make sure this cluster is the best choice for you?

- What education level did you choose? Why?
- Did this activity change your thinking about your prior occupation and education goals? Why?