

Career Clusters

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Education and Training Cluster

Where do you start when choosing a career? With the number of career choices out there, it helps to organize your options. Career clusters are one way to group career choices. Careers with common features are in the same cluster. Clusters can be used during career exploration as a way to find your best career match. Career clusters are a way of organizing careers that provide:

- A tool for exploration
- Help in understanding the connection between school and future employment
- A grouping of occupations and broad industries based on commonalities.
- Skills and knowledge, both academic and technical, that all students within the Career Cluster should achieve.

Career pathways are small groups of occupations within a career cluster. Occupations within a pathway share common skills, knowledge, and interests.

A pathway has its own knowledge and skill requirements. Educational programs can be developed around each pathway, including a curriculum that helps learners prepare for a career. Programs of study are sequential and based on industry expectations and skill standards. Career pathways show which courses will give the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to pursue a career choice.

Education & Training Cluster

In this article, the focus will be upon

the Education and Training Cluster. The Education and Training Cluster contains three major pathways:

- Administration & Administrative Support
- Professional Support Services
- Teaching/ Training

Would you like to get paid to help others learn new things? Education and Training workers guide and train people. As a teacher, you could influence young lives, support the work of a classroom teacher as a counselor, librarian, or principal. You could coach sports activities or lead community classes.

This cluster also contains options for working with adults. For example, you could lead employee training in a business, or work as a university or college professor for undergraduate or graduate students.

There are many hobbies and activities you could explore to learn more about education and training. Try one or more of these activities:

- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- Future Teachers of America (FTA)
- Coach a sports team.
- Work as a library aid.
- Teach a community education class.
- Tutor a family member or neighbor.
- Coach a local sports team.
- Volunteer at a literacy program.
- Work as a teacher assistant in an el

ementary or high school.

- Become a part of organizations such as Teammates or Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Administration and Administrative Support

This pathway contains workers who provide direction, leadership, and day-to-day management and support of educational activities in schools, preschools, child care centers, colleges, universities, businesses and industries, correctional institutions, museums, job training, and community service organizations.

Individuals pursuing a career in the Administration and Administrative Support Pathway must ensure the smooth operation of any education or training institution through competent administration.

Professional Support Services

Occupations that assist people involved in education and training systems with personal and family needs, mental health assistance, educational goals, and career decision making are found in the professional support services pathway.

Individuals pursuing a career in the Professional Support Services Pathway represent a variety of highly specialized occupations that are critical to our education and training systems. Counselors, psychologists, social workers, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists assist people with personal and family

needs, mental health assistance, educational goals, and career decision making.

Teaching and Training

Occupations that lead or assist in the delivery of instructional materials or lessons in classrooms, workshops, or via online and distance technology are in the Teaching and Training pathway. This pathway includes individual and group instruction of children, adults, and professionals.

This diverse pathway prepares learners for careers in planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services. Millions of learners each year train for careers in education and training in a variety of settings that offer academic instruction, career and technical instruction, and other education and training services.

Individuals pursuing a career in the Teaching and Training Pathway, not only must be knowledgeable in their subject area, but teachers and trainers must also have the ability to communicate, inspire trust and confidence, and motivate learners, as well as, understand their educational and emotional needs. Teachers must be able to recognize and respond to individual differences in diverse learners and employ different teaching/training methods that will result in higher learner achievement.



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