CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY

Advanced ESL

Students learn about the sixteen Career Clusters and identify their Career Cluster.

Lesson objectives:

• Learn about Career Clusters

Warm up

• Before class: write the lesson objective on the board.

• Ask Ss if they have heard of Career Clusters. If so, ask what they know about the Career Clusters. Write Ss' answers on the board.

Presentation

• Explain to Ss that Career Clusters are groups of similar occupations and industries. The Career Cluster system was developed by the U.S Department of Education as a way to organize career planning.

• Explain that there are sixteen Career Clusters. Each of the sixteen Career Clusters has more than 70 Career Pathways (related occupations). Within the Career Pathways, there are over 1,800 Career Specialties.

• The purpose of identifying a Career Cluster of interest is to allow Ss to explore different Career Pathways and, eventually, Career Specialties.

• At the Career Cluster level, Ss get transferable skills they can combine with more specific skills at the Career Pathways and Career Specialties levels.

• Explain that each state has a slightly different Career Cluster system but most colleges, vocational and trade schools and even some high schools use the Career Cluster system to organize curriculum development.

• Give each S an Activity Worksheet.

• If your school has a computer lab, tell Ss they will use the Internet to take a Career Cluster assessment to identify their Career Cluster.

• Model how to take an assessment. Type *Career Cluster, assessment* into a search engine and find a Career Cluster assessment online. Fill out a few answers so Ss understand how to complete the assessment. Write the web address on the board. If your state has a state-specific Career Cluster online assessment, direct Ss there.

• Tell Ss to complete the online assessment. They should then answer the questions on the Activity Worksheet.

• Walk around and help Ss as needed.

• At the end of class, ask each S to share their Career Cluster of interest with the class.

• If your school does not have a computer lab, encourage Ss to complete the Career Cluster assessment online and fill out the Activity Worksheet on a computer at home or at the library.

Evaluation

• Ss add the completed Activity Worksheet 2F to their Career Portfolio.

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Name _____

The 16 Career Clusters

A. Take a Career Clusters online assessment. Check the box next to your Career Cluster below.

❏ **Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources**–Processing and distributing, food, natural resources, plant and animal products.

❏ **Architecture & Construction**–Designing, planning, managing and building things.

❏ **Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, Communications**–Writing, publishing, performing arts and making films.

❏ **Business, Management & Administration**–Planning and overseeing the operations necessary to manage a business.

❏ **Education & Training**–Planning, managing and providing education and training services.

❏ **Finance**–Managing financial and investment planning, banking and insurance.

❏ **Government & Public Administration**–Planning and performing government functions at the local, state and federal levels.

❏ **Health Science**–Managing and providing health services and biotechnology research and development.

❏ **Hospitality & Tourism**–Managing, marketing and operating restaurants, hotels and entertainment attractions.

❏ **Human Services**–Providing counseling and mental health, personal care and family services to the community.

❏ **Information Technology**–Building, developing and supporting hardware, software and systems integration services.

❏ **Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security**–Planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security services.

❏ **Manufacturing**–Planning and performing the processing, engineering or manufacturing of materials into products.

❏ **Marketing**–Planning, managing, and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives.

❏ **Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics**–Planning, managing, and providing scientific research, technical, laboratory and research and development services.

❏ **Transportation, Distribution & Logistics**–Planning and managing the moving of people, materials, and goods by road, air, rail and water.

B. What are five of Career Pathways associated with your Career Cluster?

C. Which Career Pathway do you think you would enjoy most?