



Career Clusters

Agriculture and Environmental Systems: People in these occupations raise plants and animals as sources for food and shelter. They also focus on selling and making products from plants and animals. They may provide advice and services that farmers and ranchers need to improve products. They may work to conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Arts and Communication: People in these occupations are performers and artists. They may work behind the scenes to make the performance or publication happen. They use creativity, talent and technical skills.

Business and Administrative Services: People in these occupations keep a business running. They direct the operations of a business. They may keep track of the expenses and income. Some make sure that a business has qualified employees who are trained to do their jobs. Others take care of daily tasks to meet customer needs and keep things organized.

Construction Technologies: People in these occupations are responsible for designing and constructing buildings and other structures such as highways and bridges. They may also take care of, repair and restore existing structures.

Education and Training: People in these occupations help others learn new knowledge and skills. They educate and instruct in many settings, most often in schools.

Engineering and Science Technologies: People in these occupations may do scientific research in laboratories or the field. They may help in the planning or design of products and systems. They may provide technical support to the scientists, mathematicians, and engineers.

Finance: People in these occupations watch over the finances of businesses and organizations. They may keep track of expenses and income. They may advise managers about hiring people and buying equipment.

Government and Public Administration: People in these occupations work in national, state, and local governments. Occupations from nearly every career cluster can be found within government; however, this cluster focuses on occupations that are unique to government responsibilities such as national defense and making laws.

Health Science: People in these occupations use medical knowledge and skills. They check the health of patients and correct problems with surgery, treatment or therapy. Some carry out treatments, therapies and tests approved by doctors. They may do record keeping and other support activities.

Hospitality and Tourism: People in these occupations work to satisfy the needs and wants of customers. They might take orders or prepare food in a restaurant. They might clean rooms in a hotel or supervise employees. They might guide students on a trip to another country.

Human Services: People in these occupations work with individuals and families to meet their personal needs. They might provide mental health care in hospitals, clinics, schools or private offices. They might care for people who are elderly or disabled. They might give manicures, pedicures, or scalp and facial treatments.

Information Technology: People in these occupations work with computer hardware, software, multimedia, and network systems. They might design new computer equipment or computer games. They might make sure that the software or networks are working correctly. They might make sure that people know how to use the technology.

Law and Public Safety: People in these occupations guard the public by enforcing the law. They might provide fire protection and security. They might give legal services to people who commit crimes or are victims of crimes.

Manufacturing: People in these occupations may design a new product or determine how the product will be made. They may make the product. They might install or repair the product once it has been purchased.

Marketing: People in these occupations help businesses sell products. They may identify customer needs. They help customers choose products or services. Some sales workers accept payments and package products.

Transportation Systems: People in these occupations move people and products by road, air, rail, or water. They may drive or pilot different means of transportation. They may repair and maintain the vehicles, trains, planes, and ships to keep people and products moving. They may work behind the scenes to make sure the products and people get to the right place on time.