

Overview:

Experiencing the world of work is an important “Big Idea” in the Career Education curriculum. In Career Education 8/9, you will develop awareness of the world of work and its value and increase your ability to see work from a variety of perspectives. Experiencing workplaces, interacting with people in various occupations and reflecting on your own options is a key competency to develop and refine over your high school years.

In this learning activity, you can use your community experience to expand your knowledge about occupations and career clusters and begin planning your career journey. This work will also help you learn about useful career planning resources, assist you in making career choices and help support your planning for future education and/or training.

In this activity you will:

- a. Research occupations using WorkBC.ca.
- b. Explore occupations and careers.
- c. Collaborate to research career clusters.
- d. Create a product that represents your findings.
- e. Share information with classmates.
- f. Reflect on experiences and how they influence personal career choices.

Lesson Resources

[Explore Careers](#)

[High Opportunity Occupations](#)

[Regional Profiles](#)

[Career Trek](#)

Summary Recording Sheet for Mentor Occupations		
Exploring Occupations, Jobs, Career Clusters and Career Pathways		
Category	Mentor's occupation information	Additional comments based on interview
Occupational name		
Overview: Describe occupation and where people work. List related job titles.		
Earnings: Note annual median salary and hourly wage range. Access this information in WorkBC Career Profiles.		
Duties: List four or five duties.		
Work environment: Describe the working conditions.		
Workforce and employment statistics: Describe some of the workforce characteristics, which industries employ this occupation and three regions of B.C. where this occupation most likely exists.		
Job requirements: List the education, training and/or qualifications needed and applicable skills.		

Subject areas and training resources: Name some of the public institutions where training is offered, how long the training is and if co-operative education or apprenticeship is available.		
Career paths: Describe the options to advance or move laterally in this field.		
Employment outlook: What are the job prospects for this occupation? Is there high or low demand for this occupation?		
Industry insights: List trends and impacts on the occupation (if available).		
Other relevant information or additional resources?		

Interview Request Sheet

Learning about Occupations, Jobs, Careers and Career Clusters

Student name:	
Mentor name:	
Business name:	
Mentor occupation:	
Interview date and time:	
Interview location (in person, at worksite, via phone, etc.):	

Create 10 questions to ask your mentor relating to their occupation, job characteristics, career pathway and career cluster (related occupations).

Sample Interview Questions:

Note: Questions 1-4 should be asked.

1. Tell me about your typical day at work.
2. What do you do? What are the duties/functions/responsibilities of your job?
3. What are the duties, functions and responsibilities of your coworkers?
4. Why did this type of work interest you? How did you get started?
5. How did you get your job? What jobs and experiences have led you to your present position?
6. What is the best way to enter this occupation?
7. What are the educational requirements for this job? What other types of credentials or licenses are required?
8. How did you prepare for this work? If you were entering this career today, would you change your preparation in any way to facilitate entry?
9. Does your work relate to any experiences or studies you had in college?

10. What skills or talents are essential to being effective in your job?
11. What skills are most important for a position in this field?
12. How did you learn these skills? Did you enter this position through a formal training program?
13. How does a person progress in your field? What is a typical career path in this field or organization?
14. Which past jobs and/or life experiences have been most helpful in getting you to this point in your career?
15. What are the major qualifications for success in this occupation?
16. What abilities or personal qualities do you believe contribute most to success in this field/job?
17. What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you encourage someone pursuing a career in this field?
18. How is the economy affecting this industry?
19. What changes are occurring in your occupation? Are those changes impacted by global influences?
20. What can you tell me about the employment outlook in your occupational field? How much demand is there for people in this occupation? How rapidly is the field growing? Can you estimate future job openings?
21. What other jobs are related to your field of work?
22. What do you like most about working in this industry? What do you dislike most?
23. If you could do things over again, would you choose the same career path for yourself? Why?