Activity 11: What Are My Career Options?

Target Audience: Grades 10-12

Objective:
The students will:
- Examine career possibilities that are available to them.
- Research agencies and organizations that provide decision making resources for career planning.

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<th>ASCA Standard</th>
<th>National Career Development Goal</th>
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<td>Career Development Standard B: Students will employ strategies to achieve future career goals with success and satisfaction.</td>
<td>Career Management Goal 2: Use a process of decision-making as one component of career development.</td>
<td>CM2.K4: Identify alternative options and potential consequences for a specific decision. CM2.A4: Show how exploring options affected a decision you made. CM2.R4: Assess how well you explore options when making decisions.</td>
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Resources and Materials:
- What Are My Career Options activity sheet
- Career Outlook

Leading Questions and/or Comments:
Say to the students:
- You each have many options available to you as you consider your career goal.
- We will look at a variety of options by reading articles in the Career Outlook. This will give you a better idea of what is available.

Activities:
Instruct students to do the following:
- Read each of the following articles in the Career Outlook. (Students may do this individually or in groups)
  - Page 9, Job Service North Dakota
  - Page 52, Why Choose a NDUS School?
  - Page 53, ND University System Admission Requirements
  - Page 54, NDUS Distance Education Courses & ND Center for Distance Education
  - Pages 58-59, North Dakota Army National Guard/military option
- Use the What Are My Options worksheet to record any positive or negative aspects that would affect your personal decisions as you read.

Making Connections for Students:
Say to the students:
- Choosing which option will work for you is a personal decision. Weighing the possibilities to see which option best suits your financial situation, time commitment to school and other personal preferences needs to be considered.

Optional Activities:
Have students:
- Explore their options further using additional resources such as RUPready.ND.gov, and the North Dakota University System websites at www.ndus.edu.
- Use Activity 15, My Career Plan, to assist them in further developing their plan.