

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.

ASCA Standard	National Career Development Goal	National Career Development Guidelines
<p>Career Development Standard B: Students will employ strategies to achieve future career goals with success and satisfaction.</p>	<p>Career Management Goal 2: Use a process of decision-making as one component of career development.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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 RUPrepare.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.