

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

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/ads in the *Career Outlook*. (Students may do this individually or in groups)

- Page 59, Job Service North Dakota
- Page 55, Why Choose a NDUS School and ND University System Admission Requirements
- Page 54, NDUS Distance Education Courses & ND Center for Distance Education
- Pages 56-57, North Dakota Army National Guard/military option
- Page 63, North Dakota Postsecondary Programs 2022-23 Estimated On-Campus Budgets
- 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 RUReady.ND.gov, and the North Dakota University System websites at www.ndus.edu.
- Go to **Insights.nd.gov** is the state's official source for information about public education across North Dakota. You can find more in-depth information on ND CTE Program Areas career pathways, ND public colleges and institutions, degree and program offerings, and ND occupations.
- Use Activity 15, My Career Plan, to assist them in further developing their plan.