

Career Cluster and ND Program Area Match

Using the Program Area Section

Before making a career decision, it makes more sense to start with interests and matching career clusters first before choosing a career pathway.

- If you haven't already, take the **Career Clusters Interest Survey** on pages 6-7. The results of this assessment can help you identify Career Cluster(s) that match YOU and is a great resource for getting started with career exploration and planning your high school courses. Use your top cluster(s) to plan your high school courses!

My top career cluster(s): _____

A. Understand “career clusters” and “career pathways”

What is a Career Cluster? _____

1. How is a career pathway different from a career cluster? _____
2. _____

3. What is a CTSO*? _____

***CTSOs** put students in contact with others who share their career interests and develop citizenship, technical, leadership, and teamwork skills essential for students who are preparing for the workforce and further education. The experience is fun and can lead to lifetime relationships with future professional colleagues.

B. Using the chart of page 11 of the *Career Outlook*, find a program area that includes your top cluster. You may have more than one cluster that interests you, so doing research on more than one will increase your chances of finding the perfect career!

1. Program area(s) that match my top career cluster(s): _____

2. What CTSO(s) align with your top career cluster(s)? _____

C. Using pages 12-27 in the *Career Outlook*, find the program area that matches your career cluster(s). Look at the Career Cluster(s) and Pathways listed under the program area that interests you. Each pathway has several unique careers, so knowing your interests will help you choose a pathway.

1. Choose a ND CTE Program Area that includes your top career cluster(s): _____

2. Choose a career cluster under this program area: _____

3. Which career pathway interests you under this cluster? _____

4. Choose an occupation that interests you from the list of occupations listed under that career pathway:

5. What are some classes that you could consider under this career pathway? _____

